

**M.D. of Ranchland No. 66**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

The meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ron Davis, Reeve  
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve  
Cameron Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, CAO  
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison  
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk  
Greg Brkich, Accountant

Darren Davidson, Regional Director, Transportation  
and Economic Corridors  
John Barlow, Member of Parliament  
Carrie Penner, Chief of Staff, Office of John Barlow

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/087** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of items:

6.E.iii – Title Consolidation of Section 29

6.E.iv – RMA Convention Update

and In-Camera items:

7.B – Letter of Support

7.C – Development Application for a Garage

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/088** MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the minutes of the March 12th, 2024, meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/089** 5.F.iii. – Letter from Minister – Assessment Model Review  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to direct administration to follow up regarding the particulars of the AMR Steering Committee.

CARRIED

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5.F.i. – Alberta SW Bulletin  
5.F. ii. –Letter from Minister – PERC Extension  
5.F.iii. – Letter from Minister – Assessment Model Review  
**Motion No. 24/03/26/090** MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the External  
Correspondence items 5.F.i, and 5.F.ii, and 5.F.iii, for information.  
CARRIED

Rick Niwa Joined the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

**BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/091** 6.C.i – 2022 Ford F150 Weed Inspector Truck  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council authorizes staff to  
secure a new, suitable vehicle for the agriculture department,  
funded by the fleet reserve, and, once the replacement vehicle has  
been delivered, to sell the existing 2022 F150.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/092** 6.C.ii - Agricultural Pest and Nuisance Policy  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that Council adopt the revised  
Agricultural Pest and Nuisance Policy, as presented.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/093** 6.C.iii - Animal Health Act Policy  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council adopt the Animal  
Health Act Policy as presented.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/094** 6.C.iv - Soil Conservation Act Policy  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that Council adopt the Soil  
Conservation Act Policy as presented.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/095** 6.C.v - Weed Control Policy  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council adopt the Weed  
Control Policy as presented.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/096** 6.C.vi - Rescinding Policy - Policy titled 'Herbicide, Pesticide,  
Insecticide and Fungicide.  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that Council rescind the Policy  
titled 'Herbicide, Pesticide, Insecticide and Fungicide.'  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/097** 6.C.vii - Rescinding Policy – 2016- Rental Equipment  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council rescind Policy  
2016-1- Rental Equipment.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/098** 6.C.vii - Rescinding Policy - Minimum Charges for Herbicide Use  
MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council rescind Policy 'Minimum  
Charges for Herbicide Use'.  
CARRIED

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**Motion No. 24/03/26/099**      6.C.viii - Rescinding Policy - Travel Time for Weed Control  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council rescind policy  
'Travel Time for Weed Control.'

CARRIED

Rick Niwa left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.  
Darren Davidson joined the meeting at 11:39 a.m.  
Rick Lawson joined the meeting at 11:39 a.m.  
Darren Davidson left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.  
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Rick Lawson left the meeting at 1:07 p.m.  
John Barlow joined the meeting at 1:07 p.m.  
Carrie Penner joined the meeting at 1:07 p.m.  
John Barlow left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.  
Carrie Penner left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 2:08 p.m.  
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/03/26/100**      6.A.i – Action List  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the Action List for  
information.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/101**      6.A.ii – February 2024 Bank Rec and Cheque Register  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the February 2024 Bank  
Rec and Cheque register for information.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/102**      6.B.i – Delegation: Darren Davidson, Regional Director, Alberta  
Transportation and Economic Corridors  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the presentation from  
Darren Davidson, Regional Director of Alberta Transportation and  
Economic Corridors.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/103**      6.E.i – Delegation: MP Barlow  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the delegation from  
Member of Parliament, John Barlow, for information.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/104**      6.E.ii – Bylaw 2024-02 – Municipal Development Plan Bylaw  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to give first reading to Bylaw 2024-02, a  
Bylaw which amends the existing Municipal Development Plan  
Bylaw 2003-02.

CARRIED

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**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/105** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 2:58 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/106** MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/107** 6.E.iii – Title Consolidation of Section 29  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to authorize up to \$7,000 for bailiff and legal costs to make an application to Provincial Court to have a Judge accept the proposed plan of survey of the left and right banks of the Oldman River, as it flows through Section 29-10-2-W5m, to be funded by general reserves.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/108** 6.E.iii – Title Consolidation of Section 29  
MOVED by Reeve Davis that council direct administration to advise Mr. Horaci of the procedures that the M.D. of Ranchland is forced to follow in order to effect the Title consolidation on Section 29-10-2-W5.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/109** MOVED by Councillor Gardner Council ratify the submission of Municipal Legal Counsel, Carscallen LLP, to launch an Administrative Appeal under the Responsible Environment Development Act (REDA) on the matter of Northback Holding Corporation application for Deep Drilling and Coal Exploration Permit to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) on February 22, 2024 and that the AER revoke their decision to grant the permits.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/110** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to direct Legal Counsel, Wilson Laycraft to launch a Regulatory Appeal under the Responsible Energy Development Act (REDA) Section 38 and Section 30 of the Alberta Regulator Rules of Practice (Rules) pertaining to the suspension of exploration permits granted to Montem Resources Alberta Operations, Cabin Ridge Projects Limited and Elan Coal Limited and the conditions pertaining to continuation of exploration and reclamation for the work they had undertaken under the authority of the permits granted by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

CARRIED

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7.A – L.O Report to Council  
7.B – Letter of Support  
7.C – Development Permit Application for a Garage  
**Motion No. 24/03/26/111** MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept In-Camera Items 7.A, 7.B, 7.C, for information.

CARRIED

6.E.iv – RMA Spring Convention Update  
**Motion No. 24/03/26/112** MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the RMA Convention update, provided by Deputy Reeve Streeter and CAO Strauss, for information.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/03/26/113** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 4:47 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/03/26/114** MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 4:55 p.m.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS**

6.F.i – Chain Lakes Park Concession Discussion  
**Motion No. 24/03/26/115** MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the MD of Ranchland approve the purchase of the ice cream freezer, as presented, for the Chain Lakes Park Concession building, contingent upon a commitment by the concession operators to operate the concession during the 2024 season.


CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

These minutes approved this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2024.

  
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Ron Davis, Reeve

  
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Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer