

**M.D. of Ranchland No. 66**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 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, June 4, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Robert Strauss, CAO  
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison  
Greg Brkich, Accountant  
Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman  
Rick Lawson, Public Works Manager

Richard Harrison, Legal Counsel, Wilson Laycraft Barristers & Solicitors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Motion No. 24/06/04/179**      MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of external correspondence item:

5.A.i – Letter from Minister of Transportation and  
Economic Corridors – May 28, 2024.

6.A.iv – NQLF Discussion

7.D. - Update of organizational matters (IN-CAMERA)

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion No. 24/06/04/180**      MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE**

5.A.i. - Letter from Minister of Transportation and Economic  
Corridors – May 28, 2024.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/181**      MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept external correspondence item 5.A.i, for information.

CARRIED

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**BUSINESS**

Rick Niwa joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/182**      6.C.i – Agriculture Department Update  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the Agriculture and Environmental Department Update as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/183**      6.C.ii - Integrated Weed Management Plan  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve the proposed revisions to the Integrated Weed Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/184**      6.C.iii - Producer Weed Assistance Budget  
MOVED by Reeve Davis that the MD of Ranchland create a contingency fund, whereby unused Producer Weed Assistance Program budget funds accumulate up to a maximum of 2.5 times the annual budget under the program in order to mitigate any future program budget overruns.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/185**      6.C.iv - Producer Weed Assistance Program  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approve the proposed 2024 Schedule of Producer Weed Assistance Programs as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/186**      6.C.v - Riparian Assistance Program  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve the 2024 Riparian Assistance Programs application as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/187**      6.C.vi – Schedule of ASB Rates and Fees  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approve the proposed 2024 Schedule of ASB Rates and Fees as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/188**      6.C.vii – Appointment of Inspectors and Officers  
Moved by Reeve Davis to appoint Erika Holowath, Ty Hubka and Olivia Tomcala; each as an Inspector under the Alberta Weed Control Act, an Inspector under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act and an Officer under the Alberta Soil Conservation Act until the termination of employment with the MD of Ranchland or until amended by resolution of Council.

CARRIED

Rick Niwa left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/189**      6.A.iv – NQLF Discussion  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to bring back discussion concerning the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation annual Requisition, to the June 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

CARRIED



**Motion No. 24/06/04/190**      6.A.i – Action List  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the Action List for information as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/191**      6.A.ii – 2024 Budget Report  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the 2024 Budget Report as of April 30, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/192**      6.A.iii - Changes to Financial Reserves Categories  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approve the concept of expanding and reallocating the MD of Ranchland Financial Reserve Categories with actual monetary reserve amounts to be brought to a future Council meeting for approval.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/193**      6.A.iv – Admin Building Modernization Update  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the M.D. of Ranchland secure the services of an engineer to assist with assessment and completion of the group of remaining large items on the presented Administration Building Modernization Schedule.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 2:43 p.m.  
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m.  
Rick Lawson joined the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/194**      6.B.i. – Public Works Department Update  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the Public Works Department update for information, as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/195**      6.B.ii – Public Works Equipment – pending sales analysis  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 3:10p.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. 24/06/04/196**      MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/197**      6.B.i. – Public Works Equipment – Excavator purchase  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the public works department plan to purchase a new Excavator as presented and as previously budgeted for.

CARRIED



Rick Lawson left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/06/04/198**      MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 3:39 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

Richard Harrison joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Streeter left the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Streeter rejoined the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Richard Harrison left the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/199**      MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 5:23 p.m.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/06/04/200**      7.A – L.O Report to Council

MOVED by Councillor Gardner That Council direct administration to inform their Legal Advisor Mr. R Harrison to prepare an application to the Alberta Appeal Court (ABCA) to Seek Leave to Appeal as well as an application to the Alberta Court of Kings Bench (ABKB) for a Judicial Review for the decisions of the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) to not address the issues of Reclamation of the Coal Company's Exploration activities that were under taken in 2020 to 2024 by Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd, Elan Coal Ltd and Cabin Ridge Projects Ltd.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/06/04/201**      MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the Liaison Officer's report for information.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

Sheldon Steinke left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Greg Brkich left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/06/04/202**      7.D - Organizational Matters

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 5:27 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




**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

These minutes approved this 4th day of June 2024.

  
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Ron Davis, Reeve

  
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Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer