

THE MINUTES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON MARCH 8TH 2024 AT THE BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCATED AT 606 FIRST STREET NORTH, IN BIG RIVER, SASKATCHEWAN.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Clint Panter at 9:00 a.m.

DELEGATIONS 11:00 a.m. Coby Wilson

PRESENT

ATTENDEES		Attendance				
Name	Position	I	T	E	Arrival	Absent
Clint Panter	Reeve	✓				
Doug Panter	Division 1	✓				
Justin Sullivan	Division 2	✓				
Jeff Wiebe	Division 3					✓
*Maurice Denis	Division 4	✓				
Michael Yuzik	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)	✓				

*Deputy Reeve

Attendance: I – In person, T – Telephone, E – Electronic

Arrival time only entered if Member was not present when the meeting called to order.

24-03-001 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PANTER: That the March 8th, 2024, agenda be accepted for reference purposes.

CARRIED

24-03-002 AMEND MINUTES

DENIS: That Resolution 24-02-014 be amended by adding the following text “on the SW 30-56-06 W3” after “establish a campground” on the third line of the resolution.

CARRIED

24-03-003 MINUTES

DENIS: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 11th, 2024, be approved as amended.

CARRIED



24-03-004 REPEAL RESOLUTIONS

D PANTER: That resolution 23-08-016, being a resolution to create a bylaw to prohibit parking on municipal property and resolution 23-09-013 being a resolution to install a sign at the government dock prohibiting overnight parking and camping be repealed.

CARRIED

24-03-005 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

DENIS: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

24-03-006 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

D PANTER: That the list of accounts as per attached be approved as presented.

CARRIED

24-03-007 COUNCIL INDEMNITY & OTHER INVOICES

C PANTER: That the following accounts be approved for payment and added to the next list of accounts presented to Council:

Clint Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	576.20
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	899.45
Justin Sullivan	Council Indemnity/Mileage	282.60
Maurice Denis	Council Indemnity/Mileage	567.05
Receiver General	2023 Remittance Shortage	2,632.86
Konica Minolta	Copier Rental – Apr to Jun	313.02

CARRIED

24-03-008 RESIGNATION

C PANTER: That we acknowledge Councillor Jeff Wiebe has submitted his resignation to the CAO, effective March 8th, 2024.

CARRIED

24-03-009 DIVISION 3 BY-ELECTION

D PANTER: That pursuant to Section 15 of *The Local Government Election, 2015 Act*, Council will not proceed to fill the vacancy created by Jeff Wiebe's resignation until the next general election in November of 2024.

CARRIED

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24-03-010 NCTPC MEMBERSHIP

DENIS: That we pay \$600 for the annual membership to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee.

CARRIED

24-03-011 STARS AMBULANCE DONATION

D PANTER: That the RM of Big River No. 555 donate \$2,000 to Stars Ambulance.

CARRIED

24-03-012 BIG RIVER CEMETERY DONATION

C PANTER: That a donation request for \$3,250.00 from the Big River Cemetery Committee be tabled to our April meeting and that we invite Bruce Reed to attend our next meeting to provide some clarification.

CARRIED

24-03-013 DEREK HODGSON EMPLOYMENT

DENIS: That we hire Derek Hodgson as an Operator/Laborer from March 4th, 2024, to April 8th, 2024, as a salaried employee with pay equivalent to \$32/hour on a 40-hour work week, with short and long-term disability benefits and Municipal Employee Pension Plan benefits to assist with grader blading, and any other tasks as determined by Council, the Foreman, and/or the CAO.

CARRIED

24-03-014 BIG RIVER & DRISTRICK FIRE DEPT BYLAW REVIEW

C PANTER: That Administration schedules a meeting with the Council of the Town of Big River to discuss rewriting our Fire Department Bylaw.

CARRIED

24-03-015 PARCEL TIE REMOVAL – NW 03-55-07 W3

D PANTER: That Council has no objection to Wanda Carl and John Janzen making application to Community Planning to subdivide the parcel ties connecting surface parcel 1319731238 and surface parcel 203929960 in addition to parcel ties connecting surface parcel 203929960 and surface parcel 131973093, and offers the following comments to Community Planning regarding parcel tie removal:

1. The RM is not aware of any site conditions that would make the land unsuitable for the intended use; and
2. The RM does not have any facilities that could be affected by the proposed yard site; and
3. The removal of the parcel ties doesn't affect the current zoning district designation; and
4. Offsite fees to be deposited with the municipality in the amount of \$2,000.00.

CARRIED



24-03-016 LIFESTYLE BREAK 10:15 A.M.

C PANTER: That we take a 5-minute lifestyle break.

CARRIED

Reeve C Panter reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

24-03-017 AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT – MIKE BUDAY

C PANTER: That Administration advise Mike Buday his Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit application for dredging in front of Lot 03 Block 01 Plan 102061886 at Island View Shores Development has been denied as the Water Security Agency informed us, they would not approve his application because dredging the bed of water for the benefit of one person is not something Water Security Agency would permit.

CARRIED

24-03-018 AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT – ERIC VERT

DENIS: That Administration advise Water Security Agency that Council has no objections to Eric Vert's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit application related to preventing further shoreline erosion in front of Lot 18 Block 101 Plan 101926728 at Shores on Cowan.

CARRIED

24-03-019 VIOLENCE POLICY STATEMENT AND PREVENTION PLAN

D PANTER: That Administration be permitted to prepare a Violence Policy Statement and Prevention Plan as it is required under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

CARRIED

24-03-020 2024 LANDFILL BUDGET

C PANTER: That the 2024 Landfill budget be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

24-03-021 2024 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (EMO) BUDGET

C PANTER: That the 2024 EMO budget be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

24-03-022 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION & CULTURAL BOARD BUDGET

D PANTER: That the 2024 Big River and District Recreation & Cultural Board budget be accepted as presented.

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24-03-023 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT BUDGET

D PANTER: That the 2024 Big River and District Fire Department budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

24-03-024 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT RESCUE TRUCK

D PANTER: That the RM of Big River No. 555 agrees to cost share 50/50 with the Town of Big River on the purchase of a Fire Rescue Truck not to exceed \$150,000 and said purchase will require approval of the Big River and District Fire Committee. CARRIED

24-03-025 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT RATE INCREASE

D PANTER: That the RM of Big River No. 555 acknowledge the following rate increases for the Big River and District Fire Department.

Truck E721S & E722S	\$800.00/hr	(each)
Utility Van U721S	\$200.00	(Flat Rate)
Water Tanker Truck T721S	\$300.00/hr	
Rescue Unit R721S	\$1090.23/hr	(SGI 2024 Rate)
Firefighter Hourly Rate	\$30.00/hr	(each)
Practice Hourly Rate	\$20.00/hr	(each)
False Alarm Rate	\$700.00	(Flat Rate)
Personal Vehicle Rate	\$100.00/hr	

CARRIED

24-03-026 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE RESIGNATIONS

C PANTER: That we acknowledge the resignations of Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Meyers and Firefighter George Hildebrand from the Big River and District Fire Department. CARRIED

24-03-027 LANDFILL SECRETARY

D PANTER: That Shirley Arcand be appointed as the Secretary to the Landfill Committee. CARRIED

24-03-028 RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:01 p.m.

C PANTER: That we recess for lunch for one hour. CARRIED



Reeve C Panter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

24-03-029 REGIONAL EMO FUNDING

C PANTER: That we agree to commit \$3,000 towards the Regional EMO funding based on a per capita cost of \$2.96.

CARRIED

22-03-030 NCTPC ANNUAL MEETING

C PANTER: That Council Members be authorized to attend the North Central Transportation Planning Committee Annual General Meeting to be held April 18th, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Blaine Lake Citizen's Centre and that associated expenses be paid.

CARRIED

24-03-031 SHIRLEY ARCAND – CMO ACCOUNT

D PANTER: That Council authorizes Shirley Arcand to be enrolled in CIBC's Cash Management Online service (CMO).

CARRIED

24-03-032 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION & CULTURAL BOARD MEMBERS

C PANTER: That we acknowledge Michelle Swanson and Mark Bergen are no longer on the Big River & District Recreation & Cultural Board and that we appoint Shaun Petre as a member at large.

CARRIED

24-03-033 SKI TIMBER RIDGE BOARD MEMBERS

D PANTER: That we acknowledge Mila Pisz is no longer a Board Member of Ski Timber Ridge.

CARRIED

24-03-034 BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATION

DENIS: That the RM of Big River No. 555 has no objections to proposed renovations to the Community Centre bar and coat room as recommended by the Big River and District Recreation & Cultural Board with costs covered by the Big River Recreation Improvement Association.

CARRIED

24-03-035 NORTHERN WOODS & WATER HIGHWAY ASSOC

D PANTER: That the RM of Big River No. 555 decline the request for membership in Northern Woods & Water Highway Association.

CARRIED

24-03-036 NATIONAL POLICE FORCE

DENIS: That we table discussions regarding our support for requesting the Saskatchewan Government provide additional funding to hire more RCMP officers to our April regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Reeve C Panter declared a conflict of interest as he is an employee of Len's Trucking Ltd. and left the Council Chambers at 2:09 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Denis assumed the chair.

24-03-037 2024 GRAVEL HAUL

D PANTER: That we request a quote from Len's Trucking for the haul and loading of up to 5,000 yards of gravel from our gravel pit to be applied on municipal roads for 2024.

CARRIED

Reeve C Panter returned to the Council Chambers at 2:11 p.m. and resumed the chair.

24-03-038 TANNER PASLAWSKI – HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT

C PANTER: That we deny Tanner's Request to compensate him for 3 nights of lodging when carrying out pest control services in the RM.

CARRIED

24-03-039 WILD BOARS

C PANTER: That we acknowledge wild boars have been spotted on the loose along Park Valley Road and that Administration contact the RM of Canwood to advise them of this.

CARRIED

24-03-040 REPORTS

DENIS: That the maintenance and committee reports be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

24-03-041 CORRESPONDENCE

DENIS: That the list of correspondence attached hereto and forming part of the minutes be received as information.

CARRIED

24-03-042 ADJOURNMENT – 2:25 p.m.

C PANTER: That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Reeve – Clint Panter



CAO – Michael Yuzik