

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AT THE BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BIG RIVER, SASKATCHEWAN.

Douglas Panter subscribed to the declaration of elected official and deposited the same with the Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve John Teer at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT

Division 1 – Doug Panter  
Division 2 – Sharon Hodgson  
Reeve – John Teer  
Administrator - Donna Tymiak

Division 3 – Steve Raymond  
Division 4 – Robert Zinovich

MINUTES

138/13

ZINOVICH: That, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 22, 2013 be approved as presented.

Carried.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

139/13

PANTER: That, the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March be accepted as presented.

Carried.

*Rec'd by Sharon Hodgson  
18/04/13  
JTB*

LIST OF ACCOUNTS

140/13

RAYMOND: That, the List of Accounts as listed on the attached schedule, totaling \$ 85,909.52 reflecting cheques 7078 to 7114, be passed for payment with amendment being made to description on cheque 7082.

Carried.

*JTB*

COUNCIL INDEMNITY AND OTHER INVOICES

141/13

HODGSON: That, the following accounts be approved for payment at this meeting and added to the next list of accounts presented to council

Sharon Hodgson	Feb/March/Apr Council Indemnity	\$ 1,222.50
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity	\$ 225.50
Steve Raymond	Council Indemnity	\$ 400.00
John Teer	Council Indemnity	\$ 625.00
Robert Zinovich	Council Indemnity	\$ 225.00
CIBC Credit Card	Meals – Doctor Recruitment	\$ 41.06
Marine Master	OH Phillips Docks	\$12,252.50
Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP 2012 Audit		\$ 8,796.70
		Carried.

STARS HELICOPTER AIR AMBULANCE DONATION

142/13

ZINOVICH: That, Council make a contribution of \$1,760.00 to the STARS helicopter air ambulance program, based on \$2.00/capita and submit payment to SARM so one cheque on behalf of all rural municipalities in the province may be made to STARS at the SARM Midterm Convention.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

143/13

PANTER: That, a delegation of Administrator Donna Tymiak, Reeve John Teer and Councillor Sharon Hodgson attend the Municipal Infrastructure Conference to be held April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Humboldt Uniplex and that the \$129.00 registration fee per person and associated expenses be paid.

Carried.

RESCIND MOTION 133/13 - LABOUR UPDATE 2013

144/13

RAYMOND: That, motion 133/13 be rescinded.

Carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Council

145/13

HODGSON: That, the Revised List of Committee Members as attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved.

Carried.

DEPUTY REEVE

146/13

RAYMOND: That, Councillor Doug Panter be appointed as Deputy Reeve for the balance of 2013.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 6/13 FIRST READING – AR – Agriculture Resource District – Commercial Trade

147/13

HODGSON: That, Bylaw No. 6/13, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99, be read a first time.  
Carried.

ADVERTISE ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – Agriculture Resource District – Commercial Trade

148/13

ZINOVICH: That, the Administrator advertise Council’s intent to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99 with Bylaw 6/13 in the Shellbrook Chronicle.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 7/13 FIRST READING – Zoning Amendment SW-35-56-08-W3 – Wood

149/13

PANTER: That, Bylaw No. 7/13, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99, be read a first time.  
Carried.

ADVERTISE ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – Zoning Amendment SW-35-56-08-W3 – Wood

150/13

RAYMOND: That, the Administrator advertise Council’s intent to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99 with Bylaw 7/13 in the Shellbrook Chronicle.  
Carried.

SOUTH STONEY ROAD

151/13

RAYMOND: That, the RM provide the grader operators with the ability to hire a water truck and rent wobbly packers so they have the tools necessary so they may keep the South Stoney Road in good condition, in a timely manner.  
Carried.

WOBBLY PACKERS

152/13

ZINOVICH: That, if opportunity arises to purchase wobbly packers, that 2 – 13 wheel wobbly packers be purchased for up to \$4,000.00 each.  
Carried.



Delegation Grant Harty joined the Council meeting to present his concerns regarding a livestock operation neighboring his property 11:29 a.m. – 11:53 a.m.

LEGAL OPINION

153/13

PANTER: That, the Administrator request legal opinion regarding a livestock operation in the RM.  
Carried.

RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:10 PM

154/13

RAYMOND: That, council recess for lunch.  
Carried.

RECONVENE DELIBERATIONS – 1:19 PM

155/13

HODGSON: That, council reconvene its deliberations.  
Carried.

SOUTH STONEY ROAD FUTURE PLANS

156/13

ZINOVICH: That, with consideration being given to surfacing the South Stoney Road (8.9 km) and in doing so making preparations to be prepared for granting opportunities, the Administrator investigate a repayment plan for the municipality's portion of a project that would be cost shared equally by all three levels of government.

Carried.

GRADER REPLACEMENT

157/13

PANTER: That, the RM consider trading existing graders off in early 2014 and that Volvo, John Deere and Caterpillar be invited to provide demo models for the operators to try.

Carried.

Delegation Operator Jeff Harty joined the Council meeting to discuss roads and equipment 1:55 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Delegation Ratepayer Jeff Harty joined the Council meeting to raise concerns of a livestock operation in the RM 2:20 p.m. – 2:34 p.m.

Delegation Darrin and Charla Hodgson joined the Council meeting to discuss the previous decision of Council whereby denying their request to close West of NW-15-57-07-W3 to Delaronde Lake. They also discussed the letter of credit requirement for the Bronco Drive Extension forthcoming from CIBC. Darrin also retracted his request to close and lease the road allowance South of SW-04-57-07-W3 2:38 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

SUSPEND MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING – 3:00 PM – Zoning Amendments

158/13

PANTER: That, Council suspend meeting for public hearing.

Carried.

RECONVENE DELIBERATIONS 3:01 PM

159/13

RAYMOND: That, Council reconvene its deliberations.

Carried.

OPERATOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

160/13

HODGSON: That, operators Jeff Harty and George Hildebrand's truck allowance be increased, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, from \$100.00 per month to \$150.00 per month.

Carried.

2013 CALCIUM PROJECT

161/13

HODGSON: That, the municipality order 2 loads (approximately 18 tonnes/load) of Calcium Chloride Gold 35% from Tiger to be applied on municipal roads between mid June and July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

Councillor Robert Zinovich declared a pecuniary interest when the topic of Gravel Haul Tender came up on the agenda and left the Council Chambers 4:01 p.m.

GRAVEL HAUL TENDER

162/13

PANTER: That, the RM advertise on Sasktenders.ca, a tender to haul up to 10,000 cubic yards of gravel from the RM gravel stockpile, with an expected haul date of late May 2013 with additional gravel being hauled sporadically during the year, and that tenders be received by the RM Office until Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 4:00 PM CST, and that Council review tenders May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the Regular Meeting of Council, and that contractors be informed that a letter of good standing from WCB, proof of \$2,000,000.00 liability insurance and a list of equipment for the loading and hauling of gravel must accompany the tender submission.

Carried.

Councillor Robert Zinovich returned to the Council Chambers 4:05 p.m.

BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURAL BOARD BUDGET

163/13

RAYMOND: That, the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board 2013 Budget be accepted as presented.

Carried.

REC BOARD EMPLOYEE

164/13

HODGSON: That, Council support the recommendation of the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board Hiring Committee whereby Roxanne Carrillo be hired by the Town of Big River, for the position of building maintenance, janitorial and administration of the Big River Community Complex in accordance with the minutes of the said committee, dated March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

SKI TIMBER RIDGE DONATION

165/13

ZINOVICH: That, a request of Ski Timber Ridge for a donation to help cover costs of their recent audit, be denied.

Carried.

SPRING ROAD TOUR

166/13

PANTER: That, the RM rent a 15 passenger van from PA Northern Bus Lines for their annual spring road tour commencing at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

UPDATE RURAL CADASTRAL DATA

167/13

RAYMOND: That, Prairie Mapping be requested to update the RM Map with up to date rural cadastral data at an estimated cost of \$500.00.

Carried.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS – W½-06-57-06-W3

168/13

HODGSON: That, the Council of the RM of Big River refrain from making comments at this time regarding the sale of the W½-06-57-06-W3 until such time the Ministry of Agriculture and Food has had opportunity to discuss the circumstances with the family of the previous lease holder.

Carried.

2013 SCHOOL MILL RATES

169/13

ZINOVICH: That, the council of the RM of Big River, No. 555 acknowledge the following 2013 school mill rates be applied on a province wide basis to the taxable assessment of property as follows:

For all agricultural property 2.67 mills

For all residential property 5.03 mills

For all commercial/industrial 8.28 mills

For all resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) 11.04 mills.

Carried.

NESS CREEK ROAD - Addendum

170/13

PANTER: That, the addendum to the service agreement with the Town of Big River for the Ness Creek Road being constructed in E½-33-56-06-W3 be accepted as presented and that the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the same.

Carried.

NESS CREEK ROAD – Registration

171/13

RAYMOND: That, the Administrator be authorized to sign and submit the required documentation to Caltech Surveyors for the registration of the Ness Creek Road being constructed in E½-33-56-06-W3, under a service agreement with the Town of Big River.

Carried.

NORMAN THIBEAULT SUBDIVISION

172/13

HODGSON: That, Council offer the following comments to Community Planning regarding an application to remove parcel ties from SE-23-26-07-W3, whereby a 122.79 acre parcel lying east of Highway 922, being ISC parcel # 131171048 be severed from the 24.92 acre parcel lying west of Highway 922, being ISC parcel # 131112773:

1. Council has no objection to the parcels being untied as the application conforms with Sections 4.3 and 6.3.2 of Zoning Bylaw 6/99;
2. A service agreement will be required for offsite fees.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 1/13 SECOND READING – Zoning Amendment - JUST

173/13

ZINOVICH: That, Bylaw No. 1/13, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99, be read a second time.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 3/13 SECOND READING – Zoning Amendment – Park Model District  
174/13

PANTER: That, Bylaw No. 3/13, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6/99, be read a second time.  
Carried.

BYLAW 4/13 SECOND READING – Basic Planning Statement Amendment – Park Model District  
175/13

RAYMOND: That, Bylaw 4/13, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 6A/99, be read a second time.  
Carried.

MUTUAL AID MEETING  
176/13

HODGSON: That, a delegation of Councillors Doug Panter and Robert Zinovich represent the RM of Big River at the Mutual Aid meeting to be held in Canwood Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Canwood Council Chambers and that associated expenses paid.  
Carried.

DISTRICT 33 RAT ERADICATION MEETING  
177/13

ZINOVICH: That, Councillor Doug Panter be authorized to attend the District 33 Rat Eradication Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the RM of Spiritwood Council Chambers and that associated expenses be paid.  
Carried.

WAPITI REGIONAL LIBRARY – Annual General Meeting  
178/13

PANTER: That, Sharon Hodgson be authorized to attend the Wapiti Regional Library Annual Meeting to be held April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Prince Albert and that associated expenses paid.  
Carried.





PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PRAIRIE AND FOREST FIRES ACT, 1982

179/13

RAYMOND: Whereas the Ministry of the Environment is proposing a rewrite of “*The Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*” and the adoption of “*The Wildfire Act*” to replace it at the same time as the Ministry is indicating that the “potential threat of interface fires is increasing due to several factors including that climate change predictions indicating an increase in the frequency and potential severity of wildfires”, and “years of successful wildfire suppression leading to an increase in the amount and continuity of mature fuels, potentially leading to more intense fire behaviors”; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment published a news release on May 22, 2012, launching public consultations on the proposed new *Wildfire Act*, with consultations starting the following day, May 23, 2012. The press release indicated that “public meetings are not being scheduled during peak wildfire season” however short notice related to the consultations and shortsighted scheduling during “peak seeding and harvesting seasons” precluded the involvement of the Rural Municipal elected officials and ratepayers; showing distinct disregard for the input of these interested parties; and

Whereas the proposed changes in the *Wildfire Act* downloads from the Provincial Government to Rural Municipal Governments the responsibility for wildfire fighting within Rural Municipalities’ even though they do not possess the personnel, equipment and/or financial resources to take it on and may, in some cases, trigger either voiding or renegotiating of current fire services contracts with providers as not all rural municipalities have rural municipal fire fighters; and threatens mutual aid agreements with other municipalities; and

Whereas the proposed *Wildfire Act* treat wildfire disasters in a different fashion that it would treat other disasters such as floods, tornadoes and grass fires; and

Whereas the Government of Saskatchewan has committed to downsize the public service by 15% over four years and this will include moving the responsibility for wildfire fighting to Rural Municipal Governments with the Ministry offering the supports of the common wealth resources (equipment and trained personnel) of Provincial Government at a huge cost to the ratepayers;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the forest fringe rural municipalities will not be able to provide said services while managing a balanced budget as prescribed by law, managing other emergent situations including flooding that have presented themselves in the past number of years, and address the pressures of infrastructure required; and cannot provide the personnel, equipment and financial resources to respond to wildfires; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Minister of the Environment, Ken Cheveldayoff, be advised that this transfer of responsibility will present an undue hardship on the forest fringe rural municipalities and their ratepayers, potentially financially bankrupting the municipalities; and that as a result, SARM not support any moves to transfer responsibility for wildfire fighting as being proposed in the new *Wildfire Act* which will replace the existing *Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*.

Carried.



LETTER TO NADINE WILSON

180/13

HODGSON: That an invitation be sent to Nadine Wilson, MLA Saskatchewan Rivers to discuss concerns with the proposed new *Wildfire Act* which will replace the existing *Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*.

Carried.

AERODROME COMMITTEE

181/13

PANTER: That, Councillors Robert Zinovich and Steve Raymond represent Council on the Aerodrome Committee and in the event it is determined that upgrades or improvements are required, request the committee provide a budget for such upgrades or improvements to Councils for their respective approvals.

Carried.

FORSITE – FOREST MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS AND SAKÂW

182/13

RAYMOND: That, whereas Forsite Consultants Ltd has been contracted by Sakâw to assist with the preparation of the 20 year forest management plan and whereas the RM has been invited to be part of the Public Advisory Group in order to provide advice and input into the new Forest Management Plan and its implementation, that Reeve John Teer and Councillor Doug Panter represent the RM at meetings as required and be reimbursed for costs associated with the same.

Carried.

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

183/13

HODGSON: That discussions surrounding accessory buildings be tabled to the May 2013 meeting.

Carried.

WHMIS AND TDG

184/13

PANTER: That, operators Jeff Harty and George Hildebrand be authorized to attend the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) training being offered at the Big River Legion, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and that associated expenses paid.

Carried.



REPORTS

185/13

RAYMOND: That, the following reports be acknowledged and filed:

- Administrator's verbal report
- Maintenance
- Committee Reports and Financial Statements

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

186/13

HODGSON: That, the correspondence having been read now be filed and that a list of the correspondence having been read be added to and form part of these minutes.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:07 PM

187/13

ZINOVICH: That, this meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

  
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Reeve

  
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Administrator