

THE MINUTES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON FEBRUARY 18TH 2025 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 9:05 a.m.

DELEGATIONS 10:00 a.m. Bruce Reed - Cemetery
 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	✓				
Terence Olsen	Division 3	✓				
Maurice Denis	Division 4	✓				
Dana Kennedy	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.

25-02-001 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SULLIVAN: That the February 18th, 2025, agenda be accepted as amended for reference purposes.

CARRIED

25-02-002 MINUTES

DENIS: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 20th, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

25-02-003 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

D PANTER: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

25-02-004 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

SULLIVAN: That the list of accounts in the amount of \$164,985.83 be approved as presented.

CARRIED



25-02-005 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	\$ 438.10
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 918.20
Justin Sullivan	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 540.75
Maurice Denis	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 562.23
Terence Olsen	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 383.00
Clifton	Construction Support	\$ 887.25
		CARRIED

25-02-006 2025 LANDFILL BUDGET

SULLIVAN: That the 2025 Landfill budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

25-02-007 2025 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (EMO) BUDGET

D PANTER: That the 2025 EMO budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

25-02-008 2025 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION & CULTURAL BOARD BUDGET

C PANTER: That the 2025 Big River and District Recreation & Cultural Board budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

25-02-009 2025 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT BUDGET

D PANTER: That the 2025 Big River and District Fire Department budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

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25-02-010 2024 BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT RATE INCREASE

SULLIVAN: 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)
Off-Road Rescue	\$300.00/hr	
Water Tanker Truck T721S	\$300.00/hr	
Rescue Unit R721S	\$300.00/hr	
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	
SGL 2025 Rate	\$1107.67/hr	

CARRIED

25-02-011 2025 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW

C PANTER: That the CAO make the suggested changes to the 2025 draft budget.

CARRIED

BRUCE REED – Cemetery Donation

Bruce Reed appeared before Council to present the 2025 Cemetery donation request. (10:13 a.m. to 10:16 a.m.)

25-02-012 LIFESTYLE BREAK 10:16 A.M.

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

CARRIED

Reeve Clint Panter reconvened the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

25-02-013 NCTPC MEMBERSHIP

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

DEFEATED

COBY WILSON – FOREMAN

Foreman C Wilson met with Council to discuss operations for the previous month at 10:49 a.m. and left at 11:57 a.m.



Clint Panter left Council Chambers at 11:23 a.m.
Clint Panter returned to Council Chamber at 11:25 a.m.

25-02-014 RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:04 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Reeve Clint Panter reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

25-02-015 STARS AMBULANCE DONATION

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

CARRIED

25-02-016 BIG RIVER CEMETERY DONATION

D PANTER: That Council approves a donation request for \$5,000 from the Big River Cemetery Committee.

CARRIED

25-02-017 BIG RIVER GOLF CLUB

C PANTER: That the CAO prepare a letter requesting the following information from the Big River Golf Course: the last three years financial statements, the financial plan for the proposed project, a detailed budget, and the anticipated completion date. This information should be forwarded to both the Town and RM Councils accordingly.

CARRIED

25-02-018 SASKATCHEWAN CIVIC ADDRESSING REGISTRY

C PANTER: That the Assistant Administrator submits the road naming system to the ministry of Highways, and completes the level 3 training and applies for the signage grant.

CARRIED

25-02-019 LOT CONSOLIDATION – LOT 8 & 9 BLK 5 PLAN 102004603 SUNSET COVE

OLSEN: That the Council of the RM of Big River has no objection to the current landowner making application to Information Services Corporation, within 90 days of this permission, to consolidate residential lots 8 & 9 block 5 plan 102004603 and the new lot created be 9A.

CARRIED

Maurice Denis left Council Chambers at 2:42 p.m.

25-02-020 DISCRETIONARY USE - SUBDIVISION – PT NE 14 56 08 W3 – WALL/MCKENZIE

D PANTER: That Council offers the following comments to Community Planning regarding proposed Parcel “B” in the PT NE 14 56 08 W3 and for the purpose 4 acre subdividing of a yard site from an agriculture site:

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 proposed site complies with the municipality’s Official Community Plan, Policy 3.6.2.3(a)(ii); and
4. A service agreement will be required which will include among other things an offsite fee of \$2,000.00.

CARRIED

Maurice Denis returned to Council Chamber at 2:46 p.m.

25-02-021 COMMUNITY CENTER FALL PROTECTION

DENIS: That the Rural Municipality of Big River contingent with the Town of Big River proceed with the installation of the Fall Protection system as quoted by Northern Strands.

CARRIED

25-02-022 PEST CONTROL OFFICER – COURSE

DENIS: That in recognition of Jason Klassen's completion of the Pest Control Course, we approve a payment of \$2,000 to Mr. Klassen as compensation for his time spent on the course.

CARRIED

25-02-023 RMAA BUILDING AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS PRESENTATION

C PANTER: That the Assistant Administrator Shirley Arcand attend the RMAA Building and Technical Standards Presentation April 3rd, 2025, and all associated expenses be paid.

CARRIED

Clint Panter left Council Chambers at 2:57 p.m.

Clint Panter returned to Council Chamber at 3:00 p.m.

25-02-024 RESTRUCTURE RECREATION BOARD

SULLIVAN: The Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River acknowledges the recommendation from the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board and is willing to engage in discussions with the Town of Big River to review and revise the current bylaw between the Town and RM of Big River No. 555 regarding the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board.

CARRIED

25-02-025 REPORTS

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

CARRIED

25-02-026 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CARRIED

25-02-027 ADJOURNMENT – 3:35 p.m.

SULLIVAN: That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Reeve – Clint Panter



CAO – Dana Kennedy