

THE MINUTES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON MAY 4, 2026 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 9:03 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS**      10:00 a.m.      Clayton – Con-Aid Soil Stabilizer 10-10:21  
                          10:15 a.m.      Jacqueline & Brian Carleton – Bylaw Enforcement 10:22-10:36  
                          11:00 a.m.      Coby Wilson – Foreman Report

**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.

**26-05-001 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

OLSEN: That the May 4, 2026 agenda be accepted for reference purposes.

CARRIED

**26-05-002 MINUTES**

DENIS: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 13, 2026 & the special meeting of Council April 27, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**26-05-003 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

SULLIVAN: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of April 2026 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**26-05-004 LIST OF ACCOUNTS**

OLSEN: That the list of accounts totaling \$59,048.98 as per attached be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**26-05-005 COUNCIL INDEMNITY & OTHER INVOICES**

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

Clint Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$664.80
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 893.60
Justin Sullivan	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$1,326.00
Maurice Denis	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$647.20
Terry Olsen	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 808.00
The Source	Deposit on Office Furniture	\$7,450.37
		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 9:21 a.m.

Deputy Justin Sullivan assumed the chair.

**26-05-006 LEN’S TRUCKING**

OLSEN: That the invoices from Len’s Trucking Ltd. totaling \$2,021.25 be approved as presented. CARRIED

Reeve C Panter returned to the Council Chambers at 9:22 a.m. and resumed the chair.

**26-05-007 CBC ANALYZER PURCHASE – BIG RIVER HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

D PANTER: That Council approve the recommendation from the Big River Health Improvement Committee to proceed with the purchase of a CBC analyzer for the Big River Medical Clinic Laboratory, with funding allocated from the Health Care Fund GIC.

CARRIED

**26-05-008 TAX ENFORCEMENT – PROVINCIAL MEDIATION BOARD 6 MONTH NOTICE**

C PANTER: That in accordance with Section 22(1) of the *Tax Enforcement Act*, the CAO be given authorization to proceed to request title, on parcels of which the arrears of taxes have not been paid in full and the tax lien has not been withdrawn or the arrears outstanding do not exceed the 2024 levy.

CARRIED

DK

**26-05-009 PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FLOODING MUNICIPAL**

SULLIVAN: That the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by spring flooding on the dates of April 28 – May 4, 2026.

CARRIED

**26-05-010 PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FLOODING PRIVATE**

DENIS: That the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by spring flooding on the dates of April 28 – May 4, 2026.

CARRIED

**26-05-011 PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – LIVESTOCK**

C PANTER: That the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by heavy snowfall events occurring on April 7-8, 2026.

CARRIED

**26-05-012 USE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER – TOWN BRIDGE**

D PANTER: That the RM of Big River No. 555 designate WSP Engineering as the Owner’s Engineer for the Town Bridge Project and authorize the Reeve and Administrator to execute the required agreements and documentation related to engineering, design, and project administration services for the project, in accordance with the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Program requirements.

CARRIED

**26-05-013 PICKLEBALL LEASE**

SULLIVAN: that the RM of Big River No. 555 approve the 2026 Pickleball Lease Agreement between the Municipalities of the Town of Big River and the R.M. of Big River No. 555, operating as the Big River & District Recreation and Cultural Board, and the Big River Pickleball Club for the lease and use of the Rink Arena Dry Ice Surface located within the Big River Community Centre for the period of May 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026, at a rate of \$285.71 plus GST per month, and further that the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

**26-05-014 SERVICE AGREEMENT - NW 02-57-08 W3 DALEY**

OLSEN: That the RM of Big River No. 555 approve the Servicing Agreement between the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 and Daniel and Carmen Daley respecting the proposed subdivision of Parcel B, Plan 102208328, located in the N.W. ¼ Section 02-57-08-W3, pursuant to Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, and further that the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

**26-05-015 SERVICE AGREEMENT – PT NW 32-57-08 W3 SCHAUER**

DENIS: That the RM of Big River No. 555 approve the Servicing Agreement between the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 and Matthew Schauer respecting the proposed subdivision of Parcel B, located in Part N.W. ¼ Section 32-57-08-W3 Ext 49, pursuant to Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, and further that the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

**26-05-016 APPROACH REQUEST – L28A B102 SHORES ON COWAN**

C PANTER: That Council table the approach request till after an inspection of the existing driveway during the road tour.

CARRIED

**26-05-017 SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT – COUNTRY AT THE CREEK**

SULLIVAN: That Council approve a Special Occasion Permit to Country at the Creek Music Festival to be held at the Ness Site SE 33 56 05 W3 on the following days:

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

CARRIED

**26-05-018 SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT – OH PHILLIPS GROVE LUCIUK**

D PANTER: That Council approve a Special Occasion Permit to Brigitte Luciuk to be held at the Organized Hamlet of Phillips Grove Club House on the following day:

May 17, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

CARRIED

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**26-05-019 ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT**

SULLIVAN: That the Rural Municipality of Big River host the 2026 Electronic Waste Event.

CARRIED

**26-05-020 SASK POWER PERMIT**

DENIS: That we acknowledge the CAO, granted SaskPower approval to install power & poles along SW 21-57-08 W3 into Parcel A Plan 101811529.

CARRIED

**26-05-021 SUBDIVISION SIGNS AT ENTRANCES**

C PANTER: That administration find costs for subdivision entrance signs and determine how many signs are required for each entrance.

CARRIED

**26-05-022 SUMMER STUDENTS**

DENIS: That administration reach out to Emry Price and Zackery Lasante to inform them that they are at the top of the list to be hired as summer students. Confirmation of hire will be communicated after May 29, 2026, the closing date for applications.

CARRIED

**Con-Aid Soil Stabilizer**

Clayton from Con-Aid Soil Stabilizer appeared before council virtually to discuss their road stabilization product. (10:00 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.)

**Jacqueline & Brian Carleton – Bylaw Enforcement 10:22-10:36**

Jacqueline & Brian Carleton appeared before council to discuss bylaw enforcement. (10:22 a.m. to 10:36 a.m.)

**26-05-023 DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

OLSEN: That the flooding conditions began within the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 on May 1, 2026, resulting in actual or potential danger to life, property, infrastructure, and the environment, and WHEREAS Council is satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist within the municipality requiring immediate action to prevent or limit serious harm or damage, therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Section 20 of *The Emergency Planning Act*, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 hereby declares a Local State of Emergency within the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 effective this 4 day of May, 2026, at 11:42 a.m., and that the declaration shall remain in effect for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days unless terminated or renewed in accordance with *The Emergency Planning Act*.

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DK

CARRIED

**26-05-024 PARK - AIS & PERMITS FOR WEST SIDE OF PARK - PARK FISHING LICENSE**

C PANTER: That the RM office distribute park boat permits and issue park fishing licenses for the west side of the park.

CARRIED

**26-05-025 CEMETERY ROADS**

C PANTER: That the Rural Municipality of Big River donate 6 loads of gravel from shop yard to cemetery.

CARRIED

**26-05-026 RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:00 p.m.**

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

CARRIED

Reeve C Panter reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**26-05-027 REPORTS**

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

CARRIED

**26-05-028 CORRESPONDENCE**

OLSEN: That, the following correspondence be received and filed.

1. 20260410 WSA Program Update 2026-27
2. CCRC Wild Fire Service
3. Eastwood Products
4. Hino gravel ad
5. Inquiry for a mechanical planter
6. Keith Jorgenson Petition
7. SARA Amendment
8. Saskatchewan health authority
9. Tree for Life Sale

CARRIED

26-05-029 ADJOURNMENT – 2:31 p.m.

SULLIVAN: That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Reeve – Clint Panter



CAO – Dana Kennedy

