

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MANITOU LAKE NO. 442 HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, MARSDEN, SASKATCHEWAN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021.

Present **Reeve:** Brian Graham
Councillors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay – Absent
 Division 2 – Ben Graham – Absent
 Division 3 – Norman Wright
 Division 4 – Jason Paterson
 Division 5 – Brian Nattress
 Division 6 – Roland Koch
CAO: Joanne Loy

Call to Order Reeve B Graham called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Council held a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Councilor Paterson declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 5.4 Lazy T Cattle

Minutes **21/166 NATTRESS:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 5, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

State-ment **21/167 PATERSON:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for August 2021 be accepted as presented.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Accounts **21/168 KOCH:** That the accounts to September 9, 2021 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 21818 to 21866 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$226,569.70 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

SAMA Audit Comp **21/169 WRIGHT:** That the letter from SAMA advising that the RM of Manitou Lake is Compliant under the 2021 Primary Audit Report be acknowledged.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Corres-
pondence****21/170 NATTRESS:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT IMPACTS
- SARM – DECLARING LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION
- SARM – MIDTERM RESOLUTION DEADLINE
- SARM – RIRG 2022-2023 APPLICATIONS OPEN
- AM-SK – FALL TRAINING
- LARS ROGERS – SPEED CURVES RIGHT OF WAY
- SUFFERN LAKE REGIONAL PARK

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch**AGAINST:****Carried****Tax
Enforcement
& TE List
Exemption****21/171 NATTRESS:** That Reeve Brian Graham authenticate the list of arrears as presented to this meeting, and that the Tax Enforcement List be advertised in the Meridian Source except those lands with arrears less than 50% of the previous year's levy, the lands with postdated payments left in the office or payment arrangements made with Council, oil and gas properties, and the cabins.**Carried****FOR:** B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch**AGAINST:****Carried****5-7-45-27****21/172 KOCH:** That Husky Oil be advised that the portion of the built road allowance to access 5-7-45-27-W3M remain in place.**FOR:** B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch**AGAINST:****Carried****Welltraxx
Services****21/173 WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 agrees to participate in the pilot project for abandonment notifications, tax roll forecasting, oil company communication, and mapping.**FOR:** B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch**AGAINST:****Carried****NWMA HR
Workshop****21/174 NATTRESS:** That the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Foreman, CAO, and Assistant Administrator attend the Human Resources Workshop at the RM of Paynton Office on October 28th.**FOR:** B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch**AGAINST:****Carried****Oil Tax
Arrears
SARM****21/175 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 agree to be a co-sponsor with the RM of Eye Hill No 382 for the following resolution for the SARM Mid-term Convention:

Whereas: With more and more Oil & Gas companies defaulting on their tax payment obligations for municipal and education purposes, thus forcing both governing bodies to lower the level of service to their ratepayers; and

Whereas: Oil & Gas companies use municipal infrastructure to access their oil & gas facilities that provide their revenue, and by defaulting on their tax obligations thus not providing necessary funds to municipalities for the upkeep/repair and upgrade(s) to the same municipal infrastructure they use to produce their revenue; and

Whereas: An increasing number of Oil & Gas companies having their assets sold through a court orders that, often contain vesting orders that not only protect the purchasers from paying both municipal and education tax arrears but also include direction from the courts to have these tax arrears written off; and

Whereas: The amount of Oil and Gas taxes that have been written off to date by the responding R.M.'s is \$XX,XXX,XXX.XX Municipal and \$XX,XXX,XXX.XX education; and

Whereas: The amount of outstanding arrears of Oil & Gas taxation of the responding R.M.'s is \$XX,XXX,XXX.XX Municipal and \$XX,XXX,XXX.XX Education; and

Whereas: Changes must be made to where these vesting orders are not given a chance to become "Case Law" or at the very least a "Loophole", as a way for Oil & Gas companies to avoid their tax obligations;

Therefore Be It Resolved That: That SARM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to legislate that municipalities have the opportunity to register a lien against oil and gas licenses and to provide for a procedure to realize on that lien.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

SAMA **21/176** **WRIGHT:** That the 2021 SAMA Confirmation Certificate be
Confirmation acknowledged.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

EFAP **21/177** **KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake agrees to pay a one third share of the cost of the premiums for the Volunteer Fire Fighter, Employee and Family Assistance Program through SUMA for the RM Manitou Fire & Rescue volunteers with the full annual cost being \$1071 plus fees and taxes; and
That the Village of Marsden contact the RM of Hillsdale for paying a share as the RM Manitou Fire & Rescue provide rescue services to part of the RM of Hillsdale.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

STARS **21/178** **WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou donate \$2 per capita totaling \$1094
Donation to STARS payable to SARM.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

E-transfers **21/179** **PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake accept e-transfers as a payment method.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

BBQ **21/180 WRIGHT:** That the RM host a Staff, Council, and spouse BBQ on October 8, 2021 at the North Shop with the RM to provide the meal.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Street Festival **21/181 KOCH:** That the Marsden Community Hall be permitted to use the RM picnic tables for the Street Festival on September 11th; and That the RM donate a snack basket as a door prize.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Promo Items **21/182 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake order 100 2022 day planners, 500 pens, 288 coffee mugs, and 150 pocket knives as RM promotional items at an estimated cost of \$3500 plus set up fees and applicable taxes.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Delegate: Foreman James Czerniak

Councilor Paterson declared a conflict during the discussion on Agenda Item 5.4 – Road Maintenance Agreement – Lazy T Cattle and left the meeting at 11:13 am.

3272 **21/183 WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake proceed with having the fences built on the edge of the RM's new right of way and complete grader work to improve the road and ditches this fall on RGE RD 3272 from TWP RD 440-441 and RGE RD 3271 from TWP 435-440 as the Section 35 Agreement has been approved by Indigenous Services Canada.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Paterson returned to the meeting at 11:25 am.

Foreman Report **21/184 WRIGHT:** That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

3262 **21/185 NATTRESS:** That Dean Walde be permitted to clear the brush on both sides of the fence line on the East side of 3-46-26-W3M; and That the RM will pay for the fence line survey.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

In Camera 21/185 **PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council moves to an in-camera session to discuss human resources and long-range planning as authorized by the legislative authority of Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* including the exemptions in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 11:34 am.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Out of Camera 21/186 **WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council rises from the in-camera discussion at 12:30 pm.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Seasonal Layoff 21/187 **KOCH:** That Seasonal Employee Duncan MacEachern be laid off effective September 30, 2021 without a set date of recall.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Seasonal 21/188 **PATERSON:** That Les Stourac and Mel Letkeman be laid off effective October 27, 2021 without a set date of recall.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Adjourn 21/189 **PATERSON:** That this meeting does now adjourn at 12:32 pm this day.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Adopted this 7th day of October 2021

Reeve

CAO