

**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, APRIL 4, 2024.**

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

Call to Order Reeve Brian Graham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Delegate: SGT Will Picard, Cut Knife RCMP 9:04 am to 9:45 am

Minutes **24/064 GRAHAM:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 7, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

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

Carried

State-ment **24/065 NATTRESS:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for March 2024 be accepted as presented.

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

Carried

Accounts **24/066 KOCH:** That the accounts to April 4, 2024 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 22937 to 22965 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$145,621.85 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

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

Carried

Delegate: Allen Thor, Tregan Contracting Ltd. 10:00 am to 10:12 am

Weed Control **24/067 WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake contract Tregan Contracting LTD for weed control at a rate of \$90 per hour.

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

Carried

Weed Inspector **24/068 KOCH:** That Allen Thor be appointed as weed inspector for 2024.

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

Carried

Council recessed from 10:15 to 10:27 am.

- Violence Policy** **24/069 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 adopt the Violence Policy Statement and Prevention Plan 500-03 as presented.
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**
- Foreman Report** **24/070 PATERSON:** That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**
- School Mill Rates** **24/071 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the 2024 Mill Rates set for the School Divisions by the province as follows:
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| Agricultural: | 1.42 mills |
| Residential: | 4.54 mills |
| Commercial: | 6.86 mills |
| Resource (oil, gas, pipelines): | 9.88 mills |
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**
- Correspondence** **24/072 WRIGHT:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:
- SARM – MORE EDUCATION FOR COUNCILS
 - SARM – PROVINCIAL BUDGET
 - SARM – CONVENTION WRAP-UP
 - APAS – UPDATE
 - GOV'T RELATIONS – 2024 EDUCATION MILLRATES
 - CCBF PAYMENT - \$18,393.30
 - SGI – BUSINESS DISCOUNT – 15%
 - SMHI – AUDITED STATEMENT 2023
 - RCMP REPORTS
 - EVOLUTION TRAINING
 - CIBC – HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNTS
 - S LEONARD – SUFFERN LAKE REG PARK
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**
- Neilburg Legion** **24/073 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake donate \$500 to the Neilburg Branch – Royal Canadian legion for their Rolling Bones Motorcycle Rally on June 22, 2024.
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**
- Sask Power** **24/074 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledges the powerline abandonment in SW 17-46-26-W3M being completed by Sask Power.
- FOR:** B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:
- Carried**

Proximity Approval 10-47-25 **24/075 LINDSAY:** That West Lake Energy's request to construct an approach to 2-10-47-25-W3M and to drill within 75 meters of the road allowance be approved providing that the approach is graveled at minimum 100 meters back from the RM road, has a 15-meter top, a minimum 400mm culvert is installed, and all other standards as set by Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation are followed.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest in the discussion of Fallon Energy and left the council chambers at 11:47 am.

Garnish Fallon **24/076 PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake garnish the sales revenue of Fallon Energy as the agreed upon deadline of March 31st to have tax arrears paid in full was not met.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham returned to council chambers at 11:50am.

CAO Report **24/077 LINDSAY:** That CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report be acknowledged.

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

Carried

Councilor Jason Paterson left the council meeting at 12:00 pm and did not return.

Council recessed for lunch from 12:01 to 12:51 pm.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest in the discussion of Fallon Energy and left the council chambers at 12:53 pm.

Rescind 24/077 **24/078 KOCH:** That resolution 24/077 made today to garnish Fallon Energy sales revenue be rescinded.

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

Carried

Fallon Taxes **24/079 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake accept the Tax Arrears Payment Proposal, as emailed today at 12:29 pm, from Fallon Energy to pay \$20,000 per month for six months until the tax arrears, including accrued interest, are paid in full.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham returned to council chambers at 12:58 pm.

PSIP Appraisal **24/080 B GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake participate in the SARM Property Self Insurance Program Building Valuation Program.

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

Carried

**2024
Budget**

24/081 WRIGHT: That the 2024 Budget for the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 be adopted as presented.

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

Carried

**2024
Mill Rate**

24/082 GRAHAM: That the Mill Rate for 2024 be set at 5.875 mills.

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

Carried

**Base
Tax
Bylaw**

24/083 LINDSAY: That Bylaw No.1-2024 being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax be introduced and read a first time.

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

Carried

24/084 WRIGHT: That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be read a second time.

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

Carried

24/085 B GRAHAM: That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be given three readings at this meeting.

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

Carried Unanimously

24/086 GRAHAM: That Bylaw No. 1-2024 being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax be read a third time and finally adopted.

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

Carried

**RIRG
Funding**

24/087 KOCH: That the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Funding Agreement.

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

Carried

Adjourn

24/088 NATTRESS: That this meeting does now adjourn at 1:54 pm this day.

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

Carried

Adopted this 9th day of May 2024

Reeve

CAO