

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MANITOU LAKE NO. 442 HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, MARSDEN, SASKATCHEWAN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025.

Present **Reeve:** Brian Graham
Councillors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay – Absent
 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 9:04 a.m.

Appoint Administrator **25/001 KOCH:** That Joanne Loy be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for 2025.

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

Carried

Admin Bond **25/002 B GRAHAM:** That the SARM Fidelity Bond Self Insurance Plan with coverage of \$50,000.00, registered mail coverage of \$50,000.00, and money and securities coverage of \$2,500.00 be acknowledged as being inspected by Council.

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

Carried

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Minutes **25/003 GRAHAM:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 5, 2024 be adopted as amended by correcting Resolution 24/235 showing Paterson and Koch being opposed to the resolution.

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

Carried

State-ment **25/004 NATTRESS:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for December 2024 be accepted as presented.

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

Carried

Accounts **25/005 PATERSON:** That the accounts to January 9, 2025 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23197 to 23245 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$428,072.40 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

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

Carried

Delegate: Allen Thor Weed Inspector, 9:49 am to 10:02 am.

Weed Insp **25/006 PATERSON:** That Allen Thor, operating as Tegan Enterprises, be appointed as Weed Inspector for 2025.

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

Carried

G Graham Road **25/007 GRAHAM:** That Gary Graham be advised that the RM of Manitou Lake is not obligated to close and transfer the road allowance and the RM is not permitted to be on or plowing oil field lease roads.

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

Carried

Cenovus Reclamation **25/008 PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the following Cenovus well leases as being reclaimed: A4-4-46-27-W3M, A9, A10, A11, A12-35-44-28-W3M, B5-24-46-25-W3M, and C12-36-44-28-W3M.

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

Carried

Correspondence **25/009 PATERSON:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – 2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES
- SARM – 2025 ELECTIONS: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, DIV 2, 4, 6
- SARM – PHN
- MUNICIPAL HAIL – 2024 STATS
- APAS – UPDATE
- SAMA – 2025 REVALUATION
- RCMP REPORTS
- GWP – PRODUCTS
- NCTPC – WORKSHOPS FEB 25 OR FEB 27
- MINISTRY OF ENERGY & RESOURCES – REVITALIZE ORPHAN WELLS
- CENOVUS RECLAMATIONS – A4-4-46-27, A9, A10, A11, A12-35-44-28, B5-24-46-25, C12-36-44-28

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

Carried

SARM Buying Group **25/010 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 intends to participate in one or more procurements offered through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities' relationships with various buying groups between January 1 to December 31, 2025 with further information and access to Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities' Request for Proposal (RFP) notices available on the Government of Saskatchewan website at www.sasktenders.ca/content/public/Search.aspx

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

Carried

Population Allocation **25/011 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake allocate the \$7.95 per capita grant from the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program for 2026 to the Village of Marsden being $505 \times 7.95 = \$4,014.75$.

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

Carried

Regular Meetings **25/012 WRIGHT:** That the regular meetings for 2025 be held in the Municipal Office Marsden, SK. on the Thursday following the first Tuesday of each month with all meetings to commence at 9:00 am MST.

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

Carried

Hillside Well **25/013 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 has no objection to Hillside Energy acquiring the well located at 16-28-44-26-W3M from the Orphan Well Fund.

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

Carried

Gravel Tender Opening at 11:00 am.

CAO Joanne Loy opened one gravel tender: McIntosh Construction
Ashley McIntosh was in attendance. (11:00 am to 11:03 am)

McIntosh Construction:

Type 105-7/8" gravel: \$18/yd loading included

1 1/4" gravel: \$20/yd loading included

2" gravel: \$20/yd loading included

Gravel Tender **25/014 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake accept the tendered Gravel Prices, Type 105-7/8" gravel: \$18/yd loading included, 1 1/4" gravel: 16/yd loading included, 2" gravel: \$20/yd loading included from McIntosh Construction and enter into a contract, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027 for the supply and placement of gravel as per the tender documents.

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

Carried

R Graham Road **25/015 PATERSON:** That the roads West of 20 and SW 28-45-27-W3M be snow plowed as reasonably as possible, depending on the snowfall received, with the understanding to the users of said road must still use caution as this road are not built up to municipal standards which affects the ability to keep the road plowed open throughout the winter.

FOR: Paterson

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

Defeated

Approach Approval 14-46-27 **25/016 KOCH:** That Evergo Resources Ltd's request to construct an approach SE 14-46-24-W3M be approved providing that the approach has a minimum 15-meter top, is graveled a minimum of 100 meters, a minimum 400mm culvert is installed, and all other standards as set by Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Transportation are followed.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest in the following discussion of Fallon Energy tax arrears as included on the CAO's report and left Council Chambers at 11:42 am.

Oil Comp Tax Arrears **25/017 KOCH:** That R.M. of Manitou Lake authorize Robertson Stromberg to begin proceedings pursuant to Section 317 *Collection from Oil or Gas Well, The Municipalities Act*, on Fallon Energy Inc. due to unpaid taxes.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the meeting at 11:45 am.

CAO Report **25/018 PATERSON:** That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

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

Carried

Spreader Prices **25/019 WRIGHT:** That Foreman James Czerniak obtain prices on a box spreader for the tandem truck for fall 2025.

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

Carried

Foreman Report **25/020 PATERSON:** That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.

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

Carried

Adjourn **25/021 GRAHAM:** That this meeting does now adjourn at 11:58 am this day.

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

Carried

Adopted this 6th day of February 2025

Reeve

CAO