

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF MANITOU LAKE NO. 442 HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
101 CENTRE STREET, MARSDEN, SASKATCHEWAN ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026.**

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 9:12 a.m.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 6.1 Oil Company Arrears with Fallon Energy.

Minutes **26/032 LINDSAY:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

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

Carried

State-ment **26/033 WRIGHT:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for January 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

Carried

Accounts **26/034 NATTRESS:** That the accounts to February 12, 2026 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23604 to 23634 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$171,875.56 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 6.1 Oil Company Tax Arrears – Fallon Energy and left the council chambers at 9:31 am.

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the council chambers at 9:40 am.

Voting Delegates **26/035 GRAHAM:** That Councillors Norman Wright and Roland Koch be appointed as voting delegates for the SARM Annual Convention March 10-12, 2026.

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

Carried

Cenovus Reclamation **26/036 PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the following Cenovus well leases as being reclaimed: A9-25-45-27-W3M, A13-14-46-25-W3M, A14-13-46-25-W3M, A13-30-44-27-W3M, and A14-14-46-25-W3M.

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

Carried

Wellsite Access **33-44-26** **26/037 B GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake Council hereby approves the Grounded Lithium Corp's request to utilize an existing approach off of RGE RD 3264 to construct a wellsite and access road to 13-33-44-26-W3M providing that no structures or objects are placed along the north boundary of the lease as to not obstruct the line of sight, the approach must be graveled at least 15 meters back from the RM road, and all standards as set by Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Transportation are followed.

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

Carried

Correspondence **26/038 KOCH:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – AGENDA & INFORMATION
- SARM – VOTING DELEGATES
- SARM – RESOLUTIONS – RM LANGENBURG, RM MERVIN
- SARM – NEWS RELEASE – LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY, BROADBAND
- STARS -
- MUNICIPAL HAIL – AGM – MARCH 10, 10 AM
- SAMA – AGM – APRIL 22 SASKATOON
- RCMP REPORTS
- GWP – PRODUCTS
- HUDSON BAY ROUTE ASSOCIATION
- ZONE 46 MEETING
- CENOVUS RECLAMATIONS – A9-25-45-27, A13-14-46-25, A14-13-46-25, A13-30-44-27, A14-14-46-25
- GROUNDED LITHIUM – WELLSITE – 33-44-26

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

Carried

Term Dep Renewal **26/039 GRAHAM:** That the Term Deposit of \$5,000,000 be renewed for one-year for 3.50% interest at Synergy Credit Union.

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

Carried

Neilburg School **26/040 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake donate \$250 to Neilburg Composite School towards the cost of Dwayne Peace, Life Synergy for Youth as a guest speaker.

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

Carried

County Haul **26/041 PATERSON:** That the Road Haul Agreement signed with People's Trucking Ltd. to haul aggregate from the County of Vermilion River pit located on 32-45-27-W3M north and west into the RM of Wilton be acknowledged.

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

Carried

Election Officials **26/042 GRAHAM:** That the following be appointed as Election Officials for the General Election:
Nomination Officers: Joanne Loy, Carrie McGladdery, Colleen Digness, Melissa Cannon
Returning Officer: Joanne Loy
Deputy Returning Officer: Carrie McGladdery
Poll Clerk: Melissa Cannon

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

Carried

Polling Place **24/043 WRIGHT:** That the Polling Place for the General Election for Divisions 2, 4, and 6 be the Marsden Community Hall and the Polling Place for the Advance Poll be the Municipal Office.

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

Carried

March Meeting **26/044 WRIGHT:** That the March Regular Council meeting be changed to 9 am MST March 13, 2026 in the Municipal Office at 101 Centre St Marsden, Saskatchewan.

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

Carried

Foreman James Czerniak entered Council Chambers at 10:43 am.

Seasonal Operator **26/045 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake advertise for a Seasonal Operator/Labourer for 2026.

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

Carried

Foreman Report **26/046 GRAHAM:** 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

Tax/Leg Workshop **26/047 LINDSAY:** That CAO Joanne Loy be authorized to attend the Tax and Legislation Workshop on March 24th in North Battleford at a cost of \$100.

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

Carried

**CAO
Report**

26/048 KOCH: That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

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

Carried

Adjourn

26/049 PATERSON: That this meeting does now adjourn at 11:12 am this day.

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

Carried

Adopted this 13th day of March 2026

Reeve

CAO