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, OCTOBER 8, 2026.

Present **Reeve**: Brian Graham
Councilors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay – Absent
Division 2 – Ben Graham – Absent
Division 3 – Norman Wright
Division 4 – Jason Paterson – Late
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 8:04 a.m.

Agenda **26/173** **B GRAHAM**: That the following be added as an addition to the Agenda: Item 8.6 Grounded Lithium Approach Approval 5-16-45-26.

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

Councilor Brian Nattress declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Items 8.3 and 8.6.

Minutes **26/174** **WRIGHT**: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

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

State-ment **26/175** **KOCH**: That the Statement of Financial Activities for September 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

Accounts **26/176** **NATTRESS:** That the accounts to October 8, 2026 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23838 to 23867 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling $417,734.15 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

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

Venture Completion **26/177** **KOCH:** That the Completion Certificate from BAR Engineering for Grid 675 and TWP 462 Improvements Venture Construction be acknowledged.

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

Delegate: **SGT Will Picard, Cut Knife RCMP 8:21 to 8:33 am**

Councilor Jason Paterson arrived at 9:00 am.

Corres-pondence **26/178** **NATTRESS:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – MIDTERM AGENDA
- SARM – FOUNDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP
- SARM – PLANT HEALTH NETWORK
- APAS
- WCMGC - MINUTES
- BUILDING STANDARDS UPDATES
- RCMP REPORTS

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

Carried

Voting Delegates **26/179** **B GRAHAM:** That Councilors Brian Nattress and Roland Koch be appointed as voting delegates for the SARM Midterm Convention November 18-19, 2026.

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

Carried

Rec Board Donation **26/180** **NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake donate $500 to the Light Up the Park Christmas Light Event sponsored by the Marsden Rec Board and Melissa Cannon to be held at the Friendship Park on November 28, 2026.

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

Carried

Councilor Brian Nattress declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Items 8.3 Grounded Lithium Wellsite Expansion and 8.6 Grounded Lithium Approach Approval Requests due to employer and left Council Chambers at 9:16 am.

Wellsite 13-33-44-26 **26/181** **KOCH:** That Grounded Lithium Corp's notification of a wellsite addition to the existing lease at 13-33-44-26 for a wellsite be approved providing that all prior conditions are met as previously provided in December 2025.

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

Carried

Approach 15-16-45-26 **26/182** **WRIGHT:** That Grounded Lithium Corp's request to construct an approach off of RGE RD 3264 into 5-16-45-26 for a wellsite be approved providing that the approach has a minimum of 10 meters of gravel, has a 15-meter top, a minimum 400mm culvert is installed, the IRUA is signed, and all other standards as set by Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Transportation are followed.

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

Carried

Councilor Brian Nattress re-entered Council Chambers at 9:21 am.

Councilor Roland Koch declared a conflict of interest in Foreman Report Item Cement Pad Scheduling due to employer and left Council Chambers at 9:30 am.

Cement Schedule **26/183** **NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake approve a time extension for Hegel Construction to place approximately 825 square feet of cement to July 1, 2027.

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

Carried

Councilor Roland Koch re-entered Council Chambers at 9:35 am.

Foreman Report **26/184** **KOCH:** 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

3271 Grant Application **26/185** **NATTRESS:** That the CAO start the application for the RIRG Grant for clay capping 6 miles, with a 10-meter top, on Range Road 3271 from Highway 40 to 3250 with BAR Engineering to provide the design and costs at the November 12th meeting.

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

Carried

CAO Report **26/186** **WRIGHT:** That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

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

Carried

Adjourn **26/187** **NATTRESS:** That this meeting does now adjourn at 10:09 am this day.

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

Carried

Adopted this 12th day of November 2026

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Reeve **CAO**