

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Rural Municipality of Whiska Creek No. 106
held in the municipal office at 1201 Dominion St. in Vanguard, SK on
Tuesday January 9, 2024

Attendance:

Reeve:	Kelly Williamson
Division One:	Albert Hapke
Division Two:	Randy Schultz
Division Four:	Doug Ostrander
Division Five:	Rene' Seemel
Division Six:	Blaine Friesen
Administrator:	Teresa Richards

Absent:	Division Three:	Tania Demencuik
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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Reeve Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

94/24

Bond

Ostrander: That council hereby accept the administrator's bond as presented.
CARRIED

95/24

Agenda

Schultz: That the agenda be hereby adopted as amended.
CARRIED

96/24

Minutes

Ostrander: That the minutes of the regular meeting of the council held December 12, 2023 be approved as read. CARRIED

97/24

Financial Statement

Seemel: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December be accepted as presented. CARRIED

98/24

Bank Reconciliation

Ostrander: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of December be approved as presented. CARRIED

Operator Report

Foreman Terry Dyck attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss municipal business with the council. Discussion took place on what council would like to see in his report. Reeve Williamson said that council could make up a template or that he could work on one and present it to the council for review. Discussion took place on how the job descriptions for employees would be. Terry stated that the outside crew had been reorganizing the tool room, had got the VPlow ready to go, that the operators had done some grading, mowing, put up some signs, and consolidated all the signs in the sea can.

Pambrun Water Operation

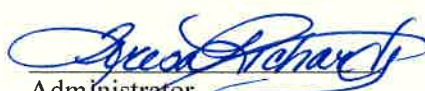
Contractor Richard Bueckert attended the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to discuss the Pambrun Water Operation with the council. Richard presented the December waterlog to the council. Richard stated that it had been a good year with lots of water and no major issues. Discussion took place on the replacement of the distribution pump. There was also discussion on the flow test that would be required for the well before seismic moved through if it came any closer than the current proposed testing.

99/24

Pambrun Water Log – December

Seemel: That the Pambrun Water Log for the month of December as presented by Water Operator Richard Bueckert be hereby accepted as reviewed. CARRIED

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Administrator


Reeve

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100/24

Recess Meeting

Williamson: That as it is 12:06 p.m. that we hereby recess for lunch.
CARRIED

101/24

Reconvene Meeting

Williamson: That as it is 12:38 p.m. that we hereby reconvene.
CARRIED

Delegation

Billy Hattum attended the meeting at 1 p.m. to discuss some points on the gravel Haul, the problem of overweight trucks and the possibility of them running a one stop shop ie: crush, haul etc. and charging the municipality a straight fee.

102/24

Transfer to Cemetery Fund

Seemel: That a one-hundred-dollar (\$100) transfer be hereby made to the Cemetery Fund to account for the 2023 plot sales.
CARRIED

103/24

Transfer to the Amortization Fund

Friesen: That a transfer of two hundred and three thousand and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-one cents (\$203,099.71) be hereby made to the Amortization Fund to account for the 2023 amortization.
CARRIED

Delegation

Greg Rieder attended the meeting at 1:30 pm to discuss the repairs required for the Bridge 311-11-08E and how they would do the repairs with the power lines being so close.

104/24

Accept Bridge Repair Quote

Schultz: That the quote received from Prairie Dog Rural Services in the amount of one hundred and thirty-eight thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$138,425) be hereby accepted.
CARRIED

105/24

Water Rates Approval

Seemel: That the approval of the water rate increase from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board be hereby acknowledged.
CARRIED

106/24

Municipal Revenue Sharing - December

Schultz: That the Municipal Revenue Sharing – December in the amount of fifty-six thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$56,756) be hereby acknowledged.
CARRIED

Delegation

Jeff Hornung attended the meeting at 2 p.m. to discuss the Vanguard Load Out and the Vanguard & District Fire Department. Jeff stated that the Vanguard & District Fire Department would be declaring themselves as defensive structural. Discussion took place in regard to having the provincial government and federal governments providing engineered drawings for fire hall builds so that they would be consistent and that the expense for the drawings would be taken care of already.

Delegation

Tasha Willshaw attended the meeting at 2:28 p.m. to discuss her 2024 wage with the council.

Delegation

Paul Martens attended the meeting at 3 p.m. to discuss certain matters. Discussion took place concerning the new foreman and his work ethic.

Delegation

Dion Hagen from Finning attended the meeting at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the purchase of the new CAT 150.

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Administrator


Reeve

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- 107/24 Purchase 2023 Caterpillar 150JOY-BR
Hapke: That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve have authorization to consider purchasing the 2023 Caterpillar 150JOY-BR Serial Number: EB400927 if the purchase price comes in around \$360,000 (three hundred and sixty thousand dollars) with the trade in of two machines and it can be financed by CSC Financing through Cat Financing.
CARRIED
- 108/24 Cash Payment on Purchase 2023 Caterpillar 150JOY-BR
Seemel: That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve may consider an additional \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollar) cash payment on the 2023 Caterpillar 150JOY-BR Serial Number: EB400927
CARRIED
- 109/24 2024 Water Allotment – Millar College
Ostrander: That for 2024 the municipality agrees to re-allocate their 10-acre feet water allocation to Millar College of the Bible. CARRIED
- 110/24 2025 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Allocation
Friesen: That this municipality's 2025 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant population be allocated in the following way: Vanguard/Pambrun – 290, Neville – 122, and Ponteix – 100. CARRIED
- 111/24 Map Royalties – Inside Outside Studios
Seemel: That the map royalties received from Inside Outside Studios in the amount of four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$439.69) be hereby acknowledged. CARRIED
- 112/24 Low Level Crossing at SE-08-11-10-W3M Transfer of Ownership
Hapke: That the municipality request the transfer of ownership of the low-level crossing at the SE-08-11-10-W3M from the Ministry of Agriculture, Crops and Irrigation Branch to the municipality. CARRIED
- 113/24 Accept Tractor Repair Quote
Ostrander: That the quote received from John's Service Centre to repair or replace the transmission on the 7330 John Deere up to the amount of twenty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars and thirty-two cents (\$29,452.32) be hereby accepted. CARRIED
- 114/24 Rescind Motion
Ostrander: That the previous motion 113/24 Accept Tractor Repair Quote be hereby rescinded. CARRIED
- 115/24 Administrators Spring Workshop
Ostrander: That Administrator Richards be hereby authorized to attend the Spring Administrators Workshop to be held April 2, 2024 in Swift Current. CARRIED
- 116/24 Crime Stoppers Request for Donation
Seemel: That a donation be made to the Crime Stoppers Association. DEFEATED
- 117/24 Mandatory Convention Lunch – RM of Happyland No. 231
Ostrander: That the R.M. of Whiska Creek No. 106 support the resolution brought forth by the R.M. of Happyland No. 231 in regard to Mandatory Convention Lunch. CARRIED
- 118/24 Records Retention
Friesen: That Administrator Richards may have Operator Willshaw help out in the office with records retention and will coordinate the required time with the foreman. CARRIED
- 119/24 Office Hours
Seemel: That the municipal office hours change to Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. closed noon to 1 p.m. effective immediately. CARRIED

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Administrator


Reeve

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Human Resources Meeting

Schultz: That council have a meeting on January 22, 2024 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the municipal office to finalize a draft of the employee job descriptions.
CARRIED

121/24

Seasonal Employee 2024

Hapke: That James Nelson be retained as a seasonal employee for the 2024 season at 30 – 40 hours per week at the hourly rate of forty-five dollars (\$45).
CARRIED

122/24

Correspondence

Friesen: That the correspondence as read and listed on the agenda be hereby filed.
CARRIED

123/24

Accounts Year End 2023

Hapke: That the List of Accounts for Approval with cheques and EFT's numbering 21527 to 21547 totaling seventy-seven thousand two hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$77,231.80) be hereby paid and attached hereto and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED

124/24

Accounts

Hapke: That the List of Accounts for Approval with cheques and EFT's numbering 21548 to 21562 totaling one hundred and forty-nine thousand one hundred and sixty-three dollars and seventy-one cents (\$149,163.71) be hereby paid and attached hereto and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED

Councillor Hapke left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

125/24

Reports

Schultz: That the verbal reports given on the affairs of radon levels in the office be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

126/24

Adjourn

Williamson: That this meeting be hereby adjourned. (Adjourned @ 5:45 p.m.)
CARRIED

Adopted this 13th Day of February 2024


Administrator


Reeve