

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Willner, No. 253 held at the RM Office in Davidson, SK on Thursday, February 15, 2024 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Reeve Len Palmer, Councillors Neil Palmer, Ellen Symington, Martin Cammer, Steven Barlow, Rich Kowalski, CAO Yvonne Goodsman and Assistant Administrator Michelle Bublish
Regrets: Councillor Matt Arend

New Division 2 Councillor, Rich Kowalski, has signed his Oath of Office and completed his Annual Disclosure Form and reviewed Council Code of Ethics

- 33/24 Call to Order:** Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 34/24 Agenda:** Neil Palmer: That the agenda be adopted as amended to add:
Under 13. New Business
5. Retirement Notice
6. Janitorial Services
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- There is no conflict of interest declared at this time regarding agenda items.**
- 35/24 Minutes:** Martin Cammer: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 1:16 p.m. Ms. Chiara Traversa & Ms. Megan LePoudre presented to council on behalf of Davidson Child Care Inc.**
2:19 p.m. Ms. Traversa & Ms. LePoudre left the meeting
- 2:21 p.m. Mr. Wayne Obrigewitsch attended the meeting**
2:33 p.m. Mr. Obrigewitsch left the meeting
2:43 p.m. Mr. Obrigewitsch reattended the meeting
3:02 p.m. Mr. Obrigewitsch left the meeting
- 36/24 Purchase:** Steven Barlow: That RM253 purchase the NW/SW 05-28-28 W2 at \$3,312.50 per acre for approximately 320 acres of land at a total cost of \$1,060,000.00. Further, that RM253 agree to lease the land back to the Vendor for 2024 at a rental cost of \$5,000.00 per quarter (+GST) with the rental cost to be deducted from the cheque to the Vendor totaling \$1,049,500.00. Lease to include 'best current cattle grazing practices'. Possession date be February 23, 2024. 2024 taxes are to be paid by the Purchaser. Legal costs and charges to be paid 50/50.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 37/24 Corresp:** Ellen Symington: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.
1) Enbridge – 1st quarter update
2) SaskTip – membership request
3) SARM – Rural Date Feb. 6/2024
4) Davidson Library – Jan 16/24 Meeting Minutes
5) APAS – Jan 25/24 update
6) Gov't of SK – Request for culvert inventory data
7) Email – Education System – request for RM to write letter of support to MLA
8) Marksmen Vegetation – Mulching Info.
9) FCM – 2024 membership info (RM253 has never had membership)
10) IHunter – Landowner Map sales report for 2023
11) Davidson Library – Minutes of AGM held Feb. 6/2024
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 38/24 Financials:** Martin Cammer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, Employee Payroll Summary for the month of January 2024 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 39/24 A/P:** Ellen Symington: That Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-Weekly Payroll Summary for the month of February 2024 be approved for payment and attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 40/24 Bank Recs:** Neil Palmer: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2024 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 41/24 Audited F/S:** Len Palmer: That RM253 accepts the 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statement from Dudley & Company LLP as presented. Further, that council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign associated documents. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 42/24 Wages:** Neil Palmer: That council defer discussion on seasonal employee wages to the Regular March 2024 Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Palmer presented a report on the RCMP Consultative Meeting held Jan. 22, 2024**
- 43/24 Report:** Steven Barlow: That council accept the report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Barlow presented the report from the Fire Board meeting held Feb. 6, 2024**
- 44/24 Report:** Neil Palmer: That council accepts the report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 45/24 Fire Brd 2024 Budget:** Ellen Symington: That council acknowledges receipt of the Fire Board 2024 budget. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 46/24 Bylaw:** Neil Palmer: That Bylaw 01/2024 being a bylaw to Enter into a Fire Service Agreement with the Town of Davidson, the RM of Arm River No. 252 and the RM of Wood Creek No. 281 be read a first time at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 47/24 Lease:** Neil Palmer: That council authorize Reeve Palmer to contact Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways regarding the lease agreement with SK Highway for gravel stockpiling at NE 21-27-01 W3 and that discussion be deferred to the March 2024 Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 48/24 Budget:** Steven Barlow: That council defer discussion on the 2024 Budget until the March 2024 Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 49/24 SARM Conv:** Neil Palmer: That council authorize the full-time outside employees to attend the SARM convention in Regina, SK for one day with the option for hotel stay for one (1) night with expenses to be covered by the RM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 50/24 Council Ind:** Martin Cammer: That council acknowledges discussion on council indemnity. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 51/24 SARM:** Neil Palmer: That Ellen Symington will attend the 2024 Annual SARM Convention and be appointed the voting delegate for RM of Willner No. 253. That Administrator and Assistant Administrator will attend and be registered for one (1) day. Further that all associated costs for all employees and council shall be paid by the RM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 52/24 Retirement:** Ellen Symington: That council acknowledges receipt of the retirement notice from the CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 53/24 Meeting:** Steven Barlow: That council requests Administration to invite RM of Arm River No. 252 to a joint management/administration meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 54/24 Adjourn:** Len Palmer: That this meeting be adjourned at 5:44 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

 Reeve

 Administrator