

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Council REGULAR Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025**

The Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of the Council of Municipality of
Laird No. 404, held in the Council Chambers of the RM Office,
3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK on Thursday, January 16, 2025

PRESENT: Reeve: Sheldon Willems
Division 1 Ron Boldt
Division 2 Phil Loewen
Division 3 Garry Bergen
Division 4 Ken Fehr
Division 5 Trent Ebach
Division 6 Luise Willems
Acting Administrator: Jason Dagenais
Administrative Consultant: Linda Boser
Office Manager: Pearl Bergen

DELEGATES: Jared Stephenson, Northbound Planning & Consulting

Reeve Willems called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

001.Jan.25 **BERGEN:** That the agenda be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

002.Jan.25 **BOLDT:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 12, 2024 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

FINANCIALS

003.Jan.25 **FEHR:** That the Statement of Financials and Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented for the month of December and hereto attached to these minutes.
CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

004.Jan.25 **EBACH:** That payment of accounts paid with cheque numbers 14304 to 14364 in the amount of \$150,865.01; on-line banking 2024-0252 to 2025-0007 in the amount of \$131,418.60 and Payroll in the amount of \$25,622.05 for a total of \$307,905.66 that has been accepted and is approved as presented.
CARRIED.

COUNCIL REMUNERATION 2025

005.Jan.25 **EBACH:** That the remuneration for 2025 remain the same as follows:

Councillors:

Mileage	\$0.60/km
Regular meetings/Conventions	\$260.00/mtg or/day
Committee meetings	\$130.00/mtg
Stipend	\$130.00/month
Supervision	\$25.00/hour

Deputy Reeve:

Mileage	\$0.60/km
Regular meetings/Conventions	\$290.00/mtg or/day
Committee meetings	\$130.00/mtg
Stipend	\$130.00/month
Supervision	\$25.00/hour

Reeve:

Mileage	\$0.60/km
Regular meetings/Conventions	\$315.00/mtg or/day

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Committee meetings	\$130.00/mtg
Stipend	\$130.00/month.
Supervision	\$25.00/hour

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WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT 2025

- 006.Jan.25** **FEHR:** That the RM hire (Andrew Reddekopp) Westgreen Agronomy of Warman, Saskatchewan as the weed inspector for 2025.
CARRIED.

SASK LOTTERIES GRANTS – POPULATION ALLOCATION

- 007.Jan.25** **FEHR:** That the population allocation destinations remain the same as last year, with the following exception: That 80 persons be moved from The Nordic Ski Club and be dispersed among the remaining communities for the 2026 application year. The plan being to add Sarilia as a community for future applications.

Jared Stephenson entered the meeting at 10:00am

DYCK SUBDIVISION APPLICATION (SUBD-003981-2024)(SA243622)

- 008.Jan.25** **FEHR:** That Council conditionally support the proposed subdivision of an existing farmstead, known as CPB file# SUBD-003981-2024, as it complies with the Official Community Plan (OCP) policies with respect to single parcel country residential and multi-parcel country residential development and density in 3.15, and as it complies with the use and site development regulations in Sch A 1.5 and 1.5A of the Zoning Bylaw. Council’s support is conditional upon the proposed parcel being redesigned such that it be a maximum of 4.05 ha (10 ac) in area as it has noted that there are lands within the subdivision that are not “essential” to the yard site included in the current proposed design (OCP Sch A 1.5A 3.). It is noted that the proposed parcel includes non-essential land to achieve minimum septic system setback distances. As such, Council is of the position that other lands could be removed from the proposed parcel such that it would comply with the maximum site size requirement. Provided minimum yard setbacks are achieved with any redesigned parcel, and the general layout of a redesigned proposed parcel is maintained (with exception of non-essential site area), supplementary review by Council is not warranted. Council is unaware of any history of hazards posed by surface water affecting existing buildings and development within the yard site. However, given previous advisement of historical imagery showing portions of the proposed parcel under water, the RM would support the registration of an informational development standards interest pursuant to clause 130(1)(b) of the PDA should CPB deem it appropriate as a condition of its approval. No servicing agreement is required. Council has no other requirements or concerns with the proposal.
CARRIED.

DYCK APPLICATION PERMIT FEE

- 009.Jan.25** **EBACH:** That we waive the fee for the application permit for the Dyck Subdivision, as per the letter of request sent by the applicant.
CARRIED.

KLASSEN SUBDIVISION APPLICATION (SUBD-004015-2024)(SA244119)

- 010.Jan.25** **L.WILLEMS:** That Council supports the proposed subdivision for agricultural access parcels, known as CPB file# SUBD-004015-2024, as it complies with the recently amended Official Community Plan (OCP) policies with respect to agricultural access parcels in 3.2.9 c), and as it complies with the use and site development regulations in Sch A 1.5 and 1.6 5. of the Zoning Bylaw (ZB). Support is given upon condition that proposed Parcel A is parcel-tied to surface parcels 147510301, 147510323, 147510345, 147510367, 147510389, and 147510402, all located within S ½ 32-42-06-3; and, that proposed Parcel B is parcel-tied to the residual balance of surface parcel 132744427, located within NW ¼ 28-42-06-3; to achieve compliance with the OCP and ZB as previously cited. The proponent would be solely responsible for making application, and any costs related to the development of any new road access approach in accordance with its road access policy. No servicing agreement is required. Council has no other requirements or concerns with the proposal.
CARRIED.

REVIEW OF SETBACKS ON AG ZONED LAND

- 011.Jan.25** **BOLDT:** That the distance prescribed for setbacks on AG Zoned land remain unchanged.
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012.Jan.25 **GUENTHER FARMS ANNUAL LIQUOR PERMIT**

BOLDT: That we issue an annual liquor permit to Guenther Farms for events occurring in 2025.
CARRIED.

MARCH MEETING DATE

013.Jan.25 **EBACH:** That the date of the council meeting in March be changed from the 13th to the 20th so as not to conflict with the SARM Annual Convention.
CARRIED.

014.Jan.25 **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

L.WILLEMS: That we approve Art Thiessen to attend the upcoming pest control workshops and approve Jason Dagenais to attend the upcoming RMAA workshop.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

015.Jan.25 **FEHR:** That the following correspondence has been addressed and now be filed:

Correspondence SARM (FYI)

- a. SARM Annual Convention
- b. SARM Legislative Review Update
- c. SARM HR Services Program

Correspondence General (FYI)

- a. Winter Weights Bulletin – Ministry of Highways
- b. (Rate payer) Arrears Agreement 2025

New Training Opportunities

- a. RMAA Spring Workshop
- b. Pest Control Workshops

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

016.Jan.25 **FEHR:** That the Council meeting be adjourned at 11:30am
CARRIED.

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Reeve/Deputy Reeve

Administrator

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