

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Council REGULAR Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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, March 20, 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
Office Manager: Pearl Bergen
Office Assistant: Brooke Janzen

DELEGATES: Jared Stephenson, Northbound Planning & Consulting
Riverbend Farms Delegation
Dan Codling, Meridian Surveys

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

AGENDA

030.Mar.25 BERGEN: That the agenda be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

031.Mar.25 L.WILLEMS: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 13, 2025 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

Councillor Boldt enters the meeting at 9:05a.m.

FINANCIALS

032.Mar.25 EBACH: That the Statement of Financials and Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented for the month of February and hereto attached to these minutes.
CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

033.Mar.25 FEHR: That payment of accounts paid with cheque numbers 14388 to 14419 in the amount of \$44,936.92; on-line banking 2025-0030 to 2025-0050 in the amount of \$53,909.94 and Payroll in the amount of \$34,810.04 for a total of \$133,656.90 that has been accepted and is approved as presented.
CARRIED.

Councilor L. Willems leaves the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Jared Stephenson (Northbound Planning) enters the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Riverbend Farms Delegation enters the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Dan Codling (Meridian Surveys) enters the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Discussion relating to new building development at Riverbend Hutterian Colony, no motions made.

Councilor L. Willems re-enters the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Riverbend Colony Delegation and Dan Codling leave the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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Jared Stephenson leaves the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

STONEY KNOLL FUND DONATION REQUEST

- 034.Mar.25** **S.WILLEMS:** That the RM donate \$500.00 to the Stoney Knoll Fund.
DEFEATED.
L.WILLEMS: That the RM donate \$1,500.00 to the Stoney Knoll Fund.
DEFEATED.
EBACH: That the RM donate \$1000.00 to the Stoney Knoll Fund.
CARRIED.

RM EMPLOYEE WAGE/PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

- 035.Mar.25** **S.WILLEMS:** That the employee wage/performance reviews be held at the RM office on Thursday, March 27, 2025.
CARRIED.

HEPBURN FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE MEETING

- 036.Mar.25** **BOLDT:** That we accept the meeting date of March 26, 2025 and time of 4:30pm presented by the Town of Hepburn regarding the purchase of a newer fire truck for grassland firefighting.
CARRIED.

SPRING ROAD BAN OPT-OUT

- 037.Mar.25** **BOLDT:** That the RM of Laird will opt-out of the spring 2025 road bans as per the Ministry of Highways of the Government of Saskatchewan.
CARRIED.

038.Mar.25 **NEWMAN/TOIVANEN WEDDING LIQUOR PERMIT**

BOLDT: That the RM approve the request for a liquor permit for the Newman/Toivanen Wedding at the Shekinah Retreat Centre (SW30 43 05 W3) on July 18 & 19, 2025.
CARRIED.

CIVIC ADDRESS ROAD NAMES

- 039.Mar.25** **FEHR:** That the RM approve and accept the road names list to be submitted to The Department of Highways for registration in the provincial Civic Address Registry (CAR).
CARRIED.

040.Mar.25 **OFFER TO PURCHASE RM OFFICE BUILDING**

L.WILLEMS: That the RM appoint Garry Bergen and Phil Loewen to negotiate the (half) building purchase from the Town of Waldheim along with the sale of the railbed.
CARRIED.

041.Mar.25 **EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT**

FEHR: That the RM reimburse public works employees \$30.00 annually and administration staff \$50.00 annually for cell phone use.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 042.Mar.25** **FEHR:** That the following correspondence has been addressed and now be filed:

Correspondence SARM (FYI)

- a. None

Correspondence General (FYI)

- a. Hudson Bay Route Association Newsletter
b. NCTPC Meeting
c. Premier's Tariff Letter
d. Updated Passing Lanes Information
e. Wheatland Library 2024 Stats

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New Training Opportunities

- a. RMAA – AGM May 12-15, 2025 Saskatoon
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

043.Mar.25 FEHR: That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:00pm
CARRIED.

(SEAL)

Reeve/Deputy Reeve

Administrator

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