

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404  
Council REGULAR Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2026**

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, May 14, 2026

**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  
                  Administration Assistant: Pearl Bergen

**DELEGATES:**       None.

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

**AGENDA**

**076.May.26** **BERGEN:** That the agenda be accepted as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

**077.May.26** **FEHR:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2026 be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

**FINANCIALS**

**078.May.26** **L. WILLEMS:** That the Statement of Financials and Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented for the month of April and hereto attached to these minutes.  
**CARRIED.**

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

**079.May.26** **BOLDT:** That payment of accounts paid with cheque numbers 14827 to 14866 in the amount of \$41,021.45; on-line banking 2026-0069 to 2026-0092 in the amount of \$89,115.06 and Payroll in the amount of \$45,074.09 for a total of \$175,210.60 that has been accepted and is approved as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

**SUBD-006097-2026: PERMITTING & APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY USE**

**080.May.26** **LOEWEN:** That Council approves the discretionary use for the conversion of the existing accessory agricultural residence yard site to a principal country residence on a proposed country residential parcel, being the severance of an existing farmyard, located within proposed Parcel A within SE ¼ 09-42-05-W3M, related to CPB subdivision file SUBD-006097-2026. Upon review of the proposal, Council deemed it as satisfying the discretionary use evaluation criteria within 2.31 and 2.32, and Sch A 1.5A 4. of its Zoning Bylaw.  
**CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF SUBD-006097-2026**

**081.May.26** **EBACH:** That Council supports the approval of the proposed subdivision application known as CPB file # SUBD-006097-2026, for the creation of proposed Parcel A within SE ¼ 09-42-05-W3M as shown on a plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Dustin Dykstra, SLS, of Meridian Surveys Ltd. No servicing agreement or land dedication is required. Council has no further concerns or requirements.  
**CARRIED.**

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          Reeve

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**SUBD-006130-2026: PERMITTING & APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY USE**

**082.May.26 BERGEN:** That Council approves the discretionary use for the conversion of the existing accessory agricultural residence yard site to a principal country residence on a proposed country residential parcel, being the severance of an existing farmyard, located within proposed Parcel A within SW ¼ 03-43-05-W3M, related to CPB subdivision file SUBD-006130-2026. In written direction provided by the applicant, it has advised that the operation of the existing meat shop/butcher within the yard site is to cease as of June 30, 2026; as such, said use has not been granted approval and the application was reviewed excluding consideration of the meat shop/butcher. Upon review of the proposal, Council deemed it as satisfying the discretionary use evaluation criteria within 2.31 and 2.32, and Sch A 1.5A 4. of its Zoning Bylaw.  
**CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF SUBD-006130-2026**

**083.May.26 FEHR:** That Council supports the approval of the proposed subdivision application known as CPB file # SUBD-006130-2026, for the creation of proposed Parcel A within SW ¼ 03-43-05-W3M as shown on a plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Dustin Dykstra, SLS, of Meridian Surveys Ltd. No servicing agreement or land dedication is required. Council has no further concerns or requirements.  
**CARRIED.**

**Foreman Penner enters the meeting at 9:30am**

**RESCIND BYLAW 04-2025**

**084.May.26 FEHR:** That the Council agrees to rescind Bylaw 04-2025 that has not achieved Community Planning Branch approval.  
**CARRIED.**

**EDUCATION TAX MILL RATES FOR 2026**

**085.May.26 L. WILLEMS:** That we have received and reviewed the Education Property Mill Rates for 2026 as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.07 mills
Residential Property	4.27 mills
Commercial/Industrial Property	6.37 mills
Resource Property	7.49 mills

**CARRIED.**

Discussion on current Public Works concerns with Foreman Panner.

**Councilor Fehr leaves the meeting at 11:50am**

Break for lunch 11:50am – 12:30pm

Continued Public Works discussions.

**Foreman Penner leaves the meeting at 1:30pm**

**2026 HAIL INSURANCE WITHDRAWAL LIST**

**086.May.26 L. WILLEMS:** That the Council approves the withdrawal list, as provided by SMHI, for the 2026 season.  
**CARRIED.**

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Councilor Ebach declares a conflict of interest on the following item and leaves the meeting at 1:40pm

**BONUS FOR EMPLOYEE LORNE EBACH**

- 087.May.26 BERGEN:** That the Council approve a wage top-up bonus for public works employee Lorne Ebach in the amount of \$1000 after deductions.  
**CARRIED.**

Councilor Ebach returns to the meeting at 1:47pm

**MEMORIUM FOR FREIDA JANZEN**

- 088.May.26 L. WILLEMS:** That the Council approve a donation in the name of Freida Janzen to the Heart & Stroke Foundation in the amount of \$100.  
**CARRIED.**

**LIBRARY BOARD EXECUTIVE**

- 089.May.26 BOLDT:** That the Council acknowledges the appointment of Councilor Luise Willems to the Executive Board of the Wheatland Public Library Board.  
**CARRIED.**

**CANCEL FIRE BAN NOTICE**

- 090.May.26 BOLDT:** That the Council approves the cancelation of the fire ban notice for the municipality to happen immediately.  
**CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 091.May.26 BERGEN:** That the following correspondence has been addressed and now be filed:

**Correspondence SARM (FYI)**

- a. None

**Correspondence General (FYI)**

- a. Summer Student Grant Denial  
b. Bylaw Officer Services Offer  
c. Central Pole Work Notice  
d. Primary Engineering Fibre Optic Permit  
e. Water Security Agency Changes 26/27  
f. Water Security Drainage Guide  
g. Rooted In Community Ag Workshop

**New Training Opportunities**

- a. None

**CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- 092.May.26 BERGEN:** That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:10pm  
**CARRIED.**

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Reeve/Deputy Reeve

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Administrator

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