

The Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Municipal Office - Lajord, Saskatchewan

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Armond Gervais, Reeve
Martin Bechard, Councillor, Division #1
Scott Moyse, Councillor, Division #2
Todd Lewis, Councillor, Division #3
Lacey Selinger, Councillor, Division #4
Kris Boesch, Councillor, Division #6
Mason Resch, Councillor, Division #7

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Leippi, Councillor, Division #5

STAFF:

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer

ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Armond Gervais at 9:01am.

The Public Works Department attended the meeting from 9:01am to 9:30am to provide a public works update.

DELEGATION – ELEMENTAL ENERGY

Liam Wolfe and Jessica Nixon with Elemental Energy attended the meeting from 9:31am to 10:32am to discuss a solar project being submitted to SaskPower in March 2024 as a RFP.

DELEGATION – SEDLEY DAYCARE

Luanne and Paul Ferner with The Prairie Playhouse ELC Inc. Attended the meeting from 10:38am to 10:48am to discuss a daycare opening in the Village of Sedley and requesting support from the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL 1/24

LEWIS:

THAT the list of Accounts of Approval as presented by cheques #18568 to #18651, and other payments totaling an amount of \$725,404.82, be approved for payment.

Carried

RM SHOP DOORS 2/24

RESCH:

THAT the RM shop is to remain open at all times during working hours, while staff are working.

AND FURTHER THAT the door locks are to be changed by January 31, 2024.

Carried

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MINUTES
3/24

SELINGER:
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
4/24

MOYSE:
THAT the statement of financial activities for the period ending December 31, 2023, be recorded as circulated to Council.

Carried

2024
APPOINTMENTS
5/24

BOESCH:
THAT the 2024 Appointments list be approved.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy be attached to and form a part of these minutes.

Carried

BOARD OF
REVISION
APPOINTMENTS
6/24

LEWIS:
THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoint the following members of the Board of Revision Board for 2024, as follows:

Board of Revision
Jeff Hutton, Chair
Barry Braitman
Jocelin Martin
Dave Gurnsey
Wayne Adams
Mike Walbaum
Wayne Joyce

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoint Aileen Swenson as the secretary for the Board of Revision for 2024.

Carried

DEVELOPMENT
APPEALS BOARD
APPOINTMENTS
7/24

RESCH:
THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoint the following members of the Development Appeals Board for 2024, as follows:

Development Appeals Board (DAB)
Aimee Bryck, Chair
Andrea McNeil-Wilson
Barry Braitman
Alton Tangedal
Jocelin Martin
Dave Gurnsey
Wayne Adams
Mike Walbaum

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AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoint Aileen Swenson as the secretary for the Development Appeals Board for 2024.

Carried

SNOW PLOW
OPERATORS
8/24

SELINGER:

THAT the following be appointed snow plow operators and be authorized to remove snow on public municipal roads provided they are certified, and their equipment is legally outfitted and they have obtained permission from the applicable Councillor prior to any snow removal.

- Bechard, Beau
- Bechard, Come
- Bechard, Martin
- Boesch, Kris
- Brunas, Todd
- Frei, Randi
- Gervais, Armond
- Gooding, Bruce
- Gooding, Riley
- Hendry, Gerald
- Lekivetz, David
- Lekivetz, Joe
- Lekivetz, Michael
- Lewis, Rod
- Lewis, Todd
- Lowndes, Brendan
- Lynch, Dennis
- Moats, Lee
- Moon, Stephen
- Moyse, Scott
- Potetz, Clifford
- Sharp, Dane
- Sharp, Gordon
- Shoemaker, Neil
- Shoemaker, Norm
- Waldner, Adam

Carried

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SNOW PLOW
RATES
9/24

BECHARD:
THAT the 2024 rates which the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 will pay for snow plow, tractor and operator shall be as follows:

7 feet - \$150/Hour
8 feet - \$160/Hour
9 feet - \$170/Hour

Carried

WCB RATES
10/24

BOESCH:
THAT Council set the annual amount of coverage for Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation Board at the actual amount of the salary for the employees and at the minimum amount for Members of Council and Hamlet Board Members for the fiscal year of 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT each member of the Riceton Volunteer Fire Department and Kronau and District Emergency Response be covered as per the guidelines.

Carried

BYLAW 2024-01
FIRST READING
11/24

RESCH:
THAT Bylaw 2024-01 being a bylaw to establish fees payable to the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 for municipal services rendered under the Authority of *The Municipalities Act* and the bylaws of the RM, be read a first time.

Carried

BYLAW 2024-01
SECOND READING
12/24

LEWIS:
THAT Bylaw 2024-01 being a bylaw to establish fees payable to the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 for municipal services rendered under the Authority of *The Municipalities Act* and the bylaws of the RM, be read a second time.

Carried

BYLAW 2024-01
THIRD READING
13/24

SELINGER:
THAT Bylaw 2024-01 being a bylaw to establish fees payable to the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 for municipal services rendered under the Authority of *The Municipalities Act* and the bylaws of the RM, be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried

BYLAW 2024-01
FINAL APPROVAL
14/24

MOYSE:
THAT Bylaw 2024-01 being a bylaw to establish fees payable to the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 for municipal services rendered under the Authority of *The Municipalities Act* and the bylaws of the RM, having been given three separate readings, now be adopted, signed and sealed.

Carried

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PEST CONTROL
OFFICER – CLUB
ROOT
15/24

MOYSE:
THAT the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoints the following Plant Health Officers as the Pest Control Officers for Clubroot for 2024:

- Katey Makohoniuk
- Lynne Roszell
- Joanne Kwasnicki
- Chelsea Neuberger
- Betty Johnson
- Colleen Fenning

Carried

AUDITOR LETTER
16/24

RESCH:
THAT the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128, authorize the Reeve and Council to sign the engagement letter with Dudley & Company LLP, to provide auditing services for 2024.

Carried

RMAA ELECTION
WORKSHOP
17/24

LEWIS:
THAT the CAO be given approval to attend the RMAA spring election workshop on March 26, 2024 in Weyburn, with all expenses paid.

Carried

RDARM
RESOLUTION
18/24

BECHARD:
THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 wishes to co-sponsor the resolution on carbon policy brought forward at the Regina District Association of Rural Municipalities on January 5, 2024.

Carried

CANCEL AND
REISSUE CHEQUES
19/24

MOYSE:
THAT cheque #18287 issued to Jaryd Sych be cancelled and reissued for \$260.00.
THAT cheque #18546 issued to Mazenc Fuels Ltd. be cancelled and reissued for \$29,474.20.

Carried

Councillor Lacey Selinger and Councillor Scott Moyse declared a conflict of interest over the equipment tender and stepped out of the meeting at 11:52am.

Councillor Lacey Selinger and Councillor Scott Moyse came back into the meeting at 11:54am.

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EQUIPMENT
TENDERS
20/24

BOESCH:
THAT the equipment tenders received for the following be accepted.

- JD Disk Mower - \$100
- JD Fenders - \$75
- 3pt Hitch Grass Seeder - \$476
- Sakundiak Grain Auger and Motor - \$250
- JS61 Lawnmower - \$100
- Sandblaster - \$20
- Grease Pump - \$20
- Garage Door & Opener - \$51
- Bi-fold Door - \$200

Carried

SUBDIVISION
NW 10-15-17 W2
21/24

RESCH:
THAT the subdivision application received from Government Relations for NW 10-15-17 W2, the Council for the RM of Lajord No. 128 have reviewed and recommend approval providing that the sewage system is updated as per the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Carried

COUNCIL
COMMITTEES
22/24

LEWIS:
THAT the Potash Committee name be updated to Development Committee.

Carried

INVENERGY
23/24

BECHARD:
THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 support the Invenergy request for approval for wind and solar projects being submitted to SaskPower.

AND FURTHER THAT approval be given to the Reeve and CAO to sign the community engagement checklist.

Carried

LUNCH
24/24

BECHARD:
THAT the time being 12:05pm, we break for lunch.

Carried

RECONVENE
25/24

LEWIS:
THAT the time being 12:31pm, we reconvene.

Carried

JD ADAPTER
26/24

BOESCH:
THAT direction be given to the Manager of Public Works to purchase an adapter plate from Brandt for \$3,500 for the new JD Grader.

Carried

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KRONAU GRID 27/24	RESCH: THAT we contract Core Geomatics to complete a survey plan on Grid 622 near SE & SW 32-15-17 W2 in order to widen the road easement to 42 metres, for \$2,750 plus additional costs.	Carried
RM SHOP CRANES 28/24	LEWIS: THAT as of January 16, 2024 the cranes in the RM shop are to be removed and no longer used.	Carried
DELEGATION – GILCHUK DESIGN AND DRAFTING LTD.	Jason Gilchuk with Gilchuk Design and Drafting Ltd. attended the meeting from 12:53pm to 2:03pm. to discuss plans for a new RM shop.	
CLOSED IN CAMERA SESSION 29/24	LEWIS: THAT we recess and continue deliberations <i>In Camera as a Committee of the Whole</i> at 2:13pm, as per section 120(2) of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> and 16(1)(b) of <i>The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> to discuss human resource matters.	Carried
	Councillor Lacey Selinger declared a conflict of interest regarding the public works discussion and stepped out of the meeting at 2:14pm.	
	Manager of Public Works Darcy Ziegler attended the meeting from 2:57pm to 3:32pm. for a discussion on public works.	
	Councillor Lacey Selinger came back into the meeting at 3:33pm.	
RECONVENE 30/24	RESCH: THAT the time being 3:33pm, we reconvene.	Carried
RESCIND MOTION 31/24	BECHARD: THAT we rescind motion 338/23.	Carried

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EMPLOYEES HOURS OF WORK – 2024 32/24	LEWIS: THAT all RM Public Works Employees are to work full time hours of 10 hours per day in summer and 8 hours per day in winter. AND FURTHER THAT the RM is not able to accommodate the 60% part-time request due to the needs of the RM during the summer months. AND FURTHER THAT all employees start at the same set time each day, which will be determined by the Manager of Public Works.	Carried
TEAMSTERS GRIEVANCES 33/24	BOESCH: THAT the three (3) Teamsters Local Union No. 395 grievance withdrawals be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
EMPLOYEE #5 MEETING NOTES 34/24	LEWIS: THAT all employee notes pertaining to the past meetings with Employee #5 during 2023 will not be shared.	Carried
OUT OF SCOPE EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE POLICY 35/24	BOESCH: THAT the Employee Sick Leave policy be updated to only include out of scope employees and then approved.	Carried
HAMLET OF KRONAU AGM MINUTES 36/24	RESCH: THAT the Hamlet of Kronau AGM minutes from March 20, 2023, be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
HAMLET OF KRONAU MINUTES 37/24	SELINGER: THAT the Hamlet of Kronau Board meeting minutes from November 6, 2023, be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
HAMLET OF KRONAU MINUTES 38/24	LEWIS: THAT the Hamlet of Kronau Board meeting minutes from December 11, 2023, be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried

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HAMLET OF GRAY MOYSE:
AGM MINUTES THAT the Hamlet of Gray AGM minutes from March 1, 2023, be recognized as
39/24 to receipt and filed.
Carried

ORGANIZED BOESCH:
HAMLET THAT the information bulletin – summary of *the municipalities (organized*
INFORMATION *hamlet) amendment regulations, 2023*, be recognized as to receipt and filed.
BULLETIN AND FURTHER THAT the CAO be directed to send a copy to each hamlet board.
40/24 Carried

WSA PERMIT TO RESCH:
OPERATE THAT the permit to operate waterworks in the Hamlet of Gray received from
WATERWORKS - the Water Security Agency, be recognized as to receipt and filed.
GRAY Carried
41/24

CORRESPONDENCE BECHARD:
42/24 THAT we acknowledge the correspondence placed on the table for Council
perusal and that the following list of correspondence from the January agenda
and miscellaneous correspondence be filed and/or disposed of in the usual
manner:

- APAS – Accountability & Performance Review 2023, Farmers and Food
Prices 2023, and AGM Resolutions
- APAS – Updates
- Highline Manufacturing – RCH 415 Hydraulic Drive Mower
- Ministry of Highways – Project Information Sheet – Gravel Crush – Stockpiles
- Plant Health Network Newsletter
- SARM – Legal Fees – 2024
- The Agricultural Health and Safety Network Winter 2023 Edition

Carried

ADJOURNMENT LEWIS:
43/24 THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:49pm.
Carried

Originally Signed By

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Armond Gervais, Reeve

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer