

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252 held in Council Chambers at the R.M. Office in Davidson, SK on Friday, September 15, 2023 commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Reeve Wayne Obrigewitsch and Councillors Blaine Smith, David Gregor, Brian Schmidt, Allan McNabb, Brian Vibert, Kris Williams and CAO Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsmann

249/23 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

250/23 Auth: Blaine Smith: That the Waiver Notice is signed by all councillors and is attached to and forms part of these minutes and council authorizes discussion of agenda items.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

251/23 Blaine Smith: That this meeting in all aspects is the September Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.

252/23 Agenda: David Gregor: That the agenda be accepted as amended:
Under Public Works Add: 12) Oil changes
13) SE 03-27-27-W2
14) Pavement into Co-op
Under Reeves Forum Add: 1) In-Camera
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

253/23 Minutes: Allan McNabb: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. be hereby accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Williams attended the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

254/23 Correspond: David Gregor: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
1. Palliser Regional Library - Davidson Branch
2. Govt of Saskatchewan - Minister of Agriculture
3. Covenant Construction
4. Davidson Primary Care Clinic
5. SARM – Rural Dart (Sept. 12)
6. RDK
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

255/23 Financials: Brian Schmidt: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of August 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

256/23 Bank Recs: Brian Vibert: That council approves the August 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

257/23 A/P: David Gregor: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of September 2023 be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

258/23 Auth: Blaine Smith: That council authorize the CAO to transfer funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 as available from tax revenue to reserves.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

259/23 Rd Repairs: David Gregor: That council defer discussion on road repairs along Twp Rd 262 and Range Road 2272 to October 2023 Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

260/23 Pressure Washer: Blaine Smith: That council authorize Saskatoon Pumps & Pressure to quote repair of R.M. Hotsy. Councillor Smith will arrange to obtain quote.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

261/23 Rd Closure: Allan McNabb: That RM252 authorizes temporary closure of Rge Rd 2280 between Twp Rd 260 and Twp Rd 262 for the purposes of cattle grazing. Proper signage is to be installed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

262/23 Railway: Blaine Smith: That council authorizes railway repair with Mobil Grain located

at marker MP84.84.

Further that the RM requests that all debris be removed from site on completion of the repair. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 263/23 Rd Maint:** **Daive Gregor:** That council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign Road Maintenance Agreement 03/2023. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 264/23 Signage:** **Brian Schmidt:** That council authorizes the placement of "Watch for Children" road signs at SW 19-27-28 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 265/23 Mowing:** **Brian Vibert:** That council acknowledges receipt of information from Button Custom Cutting Ltd. regarding mowing of back trails or unmaintained roads. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 266/23 Grass Seed:** **Allan McNabb:** That council authorizes maintenance personnel to purchase grass seed for RIRG project. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 267/23 Advertising** **Brian Schmidt:** That council acknowledges receipt of information from KalTire regarding placement of an advertising sign near Girvin. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 268/23 Mowing:** **Brian Vibert:** That R.M. authorizes maintenance personnel to level and mow property around gravel pit located at NW 10-27-28 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 269/23 Information:** **Brian Schmidt:** That council acknowledge receipt of the information from DionCo Sales. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 270/23 Oil changes:** **Blaine Smith:** That council directs maintenance staff to establish oil change intervals of 200-250 hours on current JD graders and 450-500 hours on CAT grader and further to be using CAT oil only for the CAT equipment. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 271/23 Pavement:** **Blaine Smith:** That Administration is directed to notify the Town of Davidson and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways that council is alarmed about the deteriorating roadway surface along Grid 653 from its intersection with Highway 11 northward to the intersection with Western Sales Laneway. As this section of roadway provides access to the CTP Corridor (Primary Weight Route) within the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252, council is apprehensive that the existing conditions are providing unsafe traffic conditions and may raise liability concerns. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 272/23 In-Camera:** **Allan McNabb:** That Council enters into an in-camera Session at 10:16 am to discuss long term planning and personnel management as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Part II Section 12 of Bylaw No. 05 Being A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- In Camera Session entered at 10:16 a.m.**
- In Camera Session exited at 11:03 a.m.**
- 273/23 Meeting:** **Kris Williams:** That Council exits the in-camera session and resumes the regular meeting at 11:03 a.m. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 274/23 Cemetery:** **Blaine Smith:** That RM252 authorizes the purchase of 0.28 acres land located at NE 22-25-29 W2 at 1.6 times 2023 assessment and authorize Administration to forward Agreement for Sale to land owners for review and signing. The purpose of this purchase is to increase the subdivision for the existing Girvin Cemetery. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 275/23 CTP:** **Allan McNabb:** That council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign CTP Statutory Declaration for 2023/24 year. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Smith left meeting at 11:07 a.m.**
- Councillor Smith reattended meeting at 11:11 a.m.**
- 276/23 Fire Brd:** **David Gregor:** That Rural Municipality of Arm River, No. 252 stipulates monies provided to Davidson Volunteer Fire Department for capital asset purchases, as are agreed to per Section 9 (d) of Highway 11 Emergency Response Area Agreement, are considered a grant as nothing in the aforementioned agreement stipulates participation in payment for capital asset purchases only for "annual cost of the ongoing expenses" nor is any percentage requirement stipulated in said agreement for such capital asset purchases. As a discretionary payment the R.M. deems it a grant to the Town of

Davidson and as such there is no recorded ownership by the R.M. and capital purchases thus made do not result in the asset being documented on the Rural Municipality of Arm River, No. 252's Tangible Capital Asset Listing.

Further, the revenue and operations expenditures are not recorded on the R.M.'s Financial Statements, rather the annual payment due per Section 8 of the Highway 11 Emergency Response Area Agreement is recorded as a grant to the Town of Davidson.

The Rural Municipality of Arm River, No. 252 fully supports utilizing funds from such asset dispositions for future Davidson Fire Board asset and small equipment purchases.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

277/23 Elevator: **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Gust family regarding donation of former Saskatchewan Wheat Pool elevator to the R.M. Further, the RM accepts participation in Elevator donation. **DEFEATED**

278/23 Appntment: **Kris Williams:** That Davidson Fire Chief, Cory Dean, be appointed as the Local Assistant for the RM of Arm River, No. 252. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

279/23 RMAA: **David Gregor:** That the RM Administrator and Assistant Administrator are authorized to attend the RMAA Division 5 Meeting in Saskatoon on Monday, September 25, 2023 with all associated costs to be reimbursed, provided RM253 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

280/23 Arrears: **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes those properties with less than one half of the previous year's levy be omitted from the List of Arrears. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

281/23 **Blaine Smith:** That council accepts the List of Arrears as presented by the Administrator: **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

282/23 SARM: **Blaine Smith:** That councillors will attend SARM Midterm Convention being held in Regina, SK on November 8 and 9, 2023 as available with all associated costs compensated. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

283/23 Adjourn: **Wayne Obrigewitsch:** That the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m. and the next regular meeting of council be scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the RM office in Davidson SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator