

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Tuesday August 13th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve:
Councillors:

Wayne Anderson
Ken Prociw (Ward 1)
Dale Edbom (Ward 2)
David Beaudry (Ward 3)
Mark Bernard (Ward 4)

Recording Secretary: Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer

The Reeve took the chair at 7:00 P.M. and called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Amended Agenda
Resolution No. 180
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Resolution 180

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the regular meeting amended agenda. Carried

2. Minutes Approval
a) Amended Minutes of the Special Meeting on July 3rd, 2024
b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 9th, 2024
c) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 7th, 2024
d) Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 7th, 2024

Resolution 181
Resolution 182

Resolution 183
Resolution 184

Resolution No. 181
Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on July 3rd, 2024 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 182
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 9th, 2024 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 183
Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 7th, 2024 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 184
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting at August 7th, 2024 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments
Resolution No. 185
Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Resolution 185/186

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending August 13, 2024 have been found to be in order;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's. 2024086 to 2024151 amounting to \$257,849.48 be approved for payment. Carried

Resolution No. 186

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending August 13, 2024 have been found to be in order;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments from July 10th, 2024 to August 13th, 2024 amounting to \$120,263.25 be approved for payment.

Carried

5. Council Indemnities: July 2024

Resolution 187

Resolution No. 187

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council's Indemnities submitted during the Regular Meeting be paid as presented.

Carried

6. CAO Attendance Report for the month of July 2024

Resolution 188

Resolution No. 188

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approve as submitted the Chief Administrative Officer's attendance report for the period of July 2024.

Carried

7. Financial Statement:

a) May 31st, 2024 Financial Statement

Resolution 189

b) June 30th, 2024 Financial Statement

Resolution 190

Resolution No. 189

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending May 31st, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 190

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor David Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending June 30th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. By-Law & Policies: N/A

9. Unfinished Business: N/A

10. General Business:

a) Turnout Gear Addition

Resolution 191

b) Badger Community Association Reallocation of 2024
Recreation Grant Funds

Resolution 192

Resolution No. 191

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry

Seconded by Counillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the RM of Piney council approved the purchase of new turnout gear for the RM of Piney Fire Service with the price not to exceed \$42,000.00, excluding applicable taxes;

WHEREAS the RM of Piney Fire Service requires 12 pairs of gloves totaling \$133.40 in addition to the \$42,000.00 already approved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney council approves the additional cost for new turnout gear for the RM of Piney Fire Service at the price of \$133.40, excluding applicable taxes;

Carried

Resolution No. 192

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor David Beaudry

WHEREAS Badger Community Association received \$2,850.00 for the 2024 Recreation Grant by Resolution 300 on November 14th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS these funds were to be used for Badger Park accessories;

AND WHEREAS Badger Community Association is requesting that a portion of the funds received, as requested in the information provided, be allocated towards the purchase of new windows for their picnic shelter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approve that a portion of the Recreation Grant funds issued to Badger Community Association that were to be used on Badger Park accessories, can be allocated towards the purchase of new windows for their picnic shelter as requested.

Carried

11. Correspondence:

- a) AMBM Contribution Agreement for the Services of an Economic Development Officer

Resolution 193

- b) AMM Municipal Board Review

Resolution 194

Resolution No. 193

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Piney enter into a Contribution Agreement with AMBM for the Enhancement of the Responsibilities and the Optimization of the Role of the Economic Development Officer (EDO), and further the C.A.O. is authorized to sign the said agreement.

Carried

Resolution No. 194

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor David Beaudry

WHEREAS the Municipal Board Act, the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, and other legislation sets out the mandate, role, function, and general practices of the Municipal Board;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes municipalities as a mature order of government;

WHEREAS Municipalities are experiencing significant and costly delays as a result of outdated, bureaucratic, paternalistic, and wasteful processes in their interactions with the Municipal Board as prescribed in legislation and regulation;

WHEREAS these delays and processes generate valueless workloads for municipal administration and wasted tax dollars due to redundant work, higher interest rates on borrowing, unnecessary legal fees, and delayed procurement;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its interest in reducing red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities by creating the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program which provides financial support to complete value-for-money service delivery reviews of programs and services to improve service delivery, streamline functions, and find cost efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review of the mandate, role, and function of the Municipal Board to evaluate its relevance and actual value in today's municipal sector;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba complete a third-party value-for-money service delivery review of the Municipal Board processes and undertake process improvements to streamline functions, reduce red tape, and reduce municipal costs;

FURTHER BE IT SOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM and MMA to participate as key stakeholders in the preparation of terms of reference for these efforts and any steering or oversight body for this work.

Carried

12. Correspondence for Information only:

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| a) MB Public Service Commission Public Interest Disclosure Act | Noted |
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13. General Discussion :

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| a) Bins at Menisino Transfer Station | Noted |
| b) Community Grants Policy Public Meeting Tuesday, September 17 th , 2024 | Noted |
| c) Piney Piney Creek Border Airport Update in Newsletter | Noted |
| d) Border Closures | Noted |
| e) Valley Fiber Survey | Noted |
| f) Animal Control By-Law | Noted |

14. In Camera:

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| a) Legal Matters | Resolution 195-196 |
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Resolution No. 195

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry	Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Piney meet in Camera during a Regular Meeting to discuss Legal Matters, time 8:20 P.M. and further all matters are held in confidence as per section 18.9 of Procedure By-Law No. 129/2018. Carried

Resolution No. 196

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard	Seconded by Councillor David Beaudry
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council return from the in Camera session and the meeting resume, time 8:53 P.M.

15. Next Regular Council Meeting

Resolution No. 197

Moved by Councillor David Beaudry	Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney next Regular Meeting be held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Vassar, Manitoba. Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution 173b

Resolution No. 198

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard	Seconded by Councillor David Beaudry
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, time 8:55 pm. Carried

Head of Council

Chief Administrative Officer
(Subject to errors and omissions)