

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

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

Recording Secretary: Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer

Reeve Wayne Anderson took the chair at 10:00 A.M. and called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Amended Agenda Resolution 656
Resolution No. 656
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

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

2. Minutes Approval
a) Minutes of the Special Meeting on October 14th, 2025 Resolution 657
b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 15th, 2025 Resolution 658

Resolution No. 657
Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on October 14th, 2025 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 658
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 15th, 2025 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments Resolution 659
Resolution No. 659
Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending October 28, 2025 have been found to be in order;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's. 20250489 to 20250511 amounting to \$95,792.08 be approved for payment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments amounting to \$6,859.14 be approved for payment. Carried

5. Council Indemnities: N/A

6.. Financial Statement: N/A

7. By-Law & Policies:
a) Radon Gas Program Policy Resolution 660
b) Roadside Memorial Monuments Policy Resolution 661

Resolution No. 660
Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney adopt the Radon Gas Program Policy as presented. Carried

Resolution No. 661

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney adopt the Roadside Memorial Monuments Policy as amended. Carried

8. Unfinished Business: N/A

9. General Business:

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| a) Reinstating 2% Credit Card Service Charge for November 2025 | Resolution 662 |
| b) 2026 Audit Proposal | Resolution 663 |

Resolution No. 662

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney Council approve to re-instate the 2% Credit Card Service Fee on all credit card payments processed at the RM of Piney for all transactions starting November 1st, 2025. Carried

Resolution No. 663

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the proposal by Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. for auditing services for 2026, as stated in the proposal dated October 17th, 2025. Carried

10. Correspondence:

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| a) RM of Hanover Meet & Greet | Resolution 664 |
| b) Winnipeg River Watershed District Formation Proposal | Resolution 665 |
| c) Alert Ready Advocacy | Resolution 666 |

Resolution No. 664

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney authorize Mark Bernard, David Beaudry, and Dale Edbom to attend the Rural Municipality of Hanover Festive Meet and Greet to be held at the Mitchell Community Centre in Mitchell, Manitoba on Thursday, December 4th, 2025;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend. Carried

Resolution No. 665

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

WHEREAS Manitoba has prepared a formation proposal for the Winnipeg River Watershed District that supports watershed-based management in Manitoba and outlines the details of municipal participation in the Winnipeg River Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Piney has met with Manitoba regarding the formation proposal for the Winnipeg River Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS council of the RM of Piney understands that the amendment to the Watershed Districts Regulation will include the final details of participation in the Winnipeg River Watershed District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Piney supports the formation of the Winnipeg River Watershed District and the RM of Piney's participation in the Watershed Districts Program. Carried

Resolution No. 666

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of all Manitobans and visitors to the province is of paramount importance; and

AND WHEREAS the many municipalities experienced a significant wildland fire event earlier in 2025, which posed an imminent threat to human life and property;

AND WHEREAS Alert Ready is a national emergency alert system capable of delivering push notifications directly to all cell phones within a defined geographical area, regardless of subscription status or mobile carrier;

AND WHEREAS such push notifications are critical in reaching individuals who may not be subscribed to municipal alert systems, including the travelling public and temporary residents;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of Alert Ready push notifications during emergencies such as wildland fires would enhance public safety by ensuring timely and widespread dissemination of life-saving information;

AND WHEREAS this service would support a collective effort among municipalities, emergency services, and the Province to protect lives and reduce harm during critical incidents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Piney advocate to the Province of Manitoba for the establishment of a protocol that enables municipalities to request the activation of Alert Ready push notifications in situations where there is an imminent threat to human life, including but not limited to wildland fires, ensuring that all individuals within the affected geographical area receive timely and critical emergency alerts;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee for consideration and support. Carried

11. Correspondence for Information only:

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| a) 2025 Groundwater Monitoring Program | Noted |
| b) 2025 Fall Convention & Trade Show | Resolution 667 |
| c) Municipal and Northern Relations Portioned Assessment Rates Response | Noted |
| d) Woodridge Community Club Grant Update | Noted |
| e) CN Meeting Request | Noted |

Resolution No. 667

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the RM of Piney authorize council to attend the AMM Annual Convention to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in November, 2025;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend.
Carried

12. General Discussion:

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| a) Eastman Tourism | Noted |
| b) Derelict Buildings | Noted |
| c) AED Signage | Noted |
| d) Homeowner Insurance | Noted |
| e) Nuisance Noise | Noted |
| f) Woodridge Dump Road | Noted |

13. In Camera:

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| a) Preliminary Matters | Resolution 668 & 669 |
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Resolution No. 668

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Piney meet in Camera during a Regular Meeting to discuss Preliminary Matters, time 11:50 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. 669

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council return from the in Camera session and the meeting resume,
time 12:26 p.m. Carried

Resolution No. 670

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Carried

Resolution No. 671

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

Carried

Head of Council

Chief Administrative Officer
(Subject to errors and omissions)