



Excelsior

P.O. Box 180 310 3rd Avenue, Rush Lake, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular November 15, 2024 - 09:00 AM

PRESENT:

Reeve:	Harvey Schulz
Councillors:	Division 1 – Don Mathies
	Division 2 – Darren Steinley
	Division 3 – Danny Spent
	Division 4 – Jordan Miller
	Division 5 – Cole Peters
	Division 6 – Jim Feil
Administrator:	Dianne Hahn

1 Called To Order

The first meeting following the November 13, 2024 regular Election for the Council of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166 was held on the 15th day of November, 2024 at the RM Office at 310 3rd Avenue, Rush Lake, Saskatchewan at 9:00 am.

2 Oath of Office for Newly Elected

The Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials. being Reeve Harv Schulz, Councillor Don Mathies, Councillor Dan Spent and Councillor Cole Peters, were completed.

3 Adoption of Agenda
Resolution No: 24-195
Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT the agenda for the November 15, 2024 Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4 Conflict of Interest

A Conflict of Interest was declared by Darren Steinley regarding a payment for gopher rebate.

5 Minutes
Resolution No: 24-196
Moved By: Councillor Spent

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 9, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6 Statements of Financial Activities - To Be Distributed at Meeting
Resolution No: 24-197
Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October, 2024 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

7 Accounts
Resolution No: 24-198
Moved By: Councillor Feil

THAT the Accounts, as listed and attached to these minutes with the exception of the payment to Steinley Farms be approved and authorized for payment or ratification of payment.

CARRIED

8 Conflict of Interest - Leave Meeting

Councillor Steinley declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

9 Accounts
Resolution No: 24-199
Moved By: Councillor Feil

THAT the Accounts, as listed and attached to these minutes be approved and authorized for payment or ratification of payment.

CARRIED

10 Conflict of Interest - Return to Meeting

Councillor Steinley returned to the meeting.

11 Correspondence

11.1 Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation

Resolution No: 24-200
Moved By: Councillor Spent

THAT a donation in the amount of \$2,000 be given to the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation for the Radiothon for Healthcare.

CARRIED

11.2 Salaries

Resolution No: 24-201
Moved By: Councillor Spent

THAT a 3% salary increase be given to all employees effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED

11.3 Curling

Resolution No: 24-202
Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT the RM enter a curling team into the Division 3 Curling bonspiel being held in Kyle on January 17, 2025 with all expenses paid by the RM.

CARRIED

11.4 SaskPower

Resolution No: 24-203
Moved By: Councillor Steinley

THAT the new single phase take off and boring by SaskPower at NE35-16-11W3 be approved.

CARRIED

12 Correspondence

Resolution No: 24-204

THAT the correspondence as listed and attached to these minutes be accepted as presented by the Administrator and filed.

CARRIED

13 Delegation

14 Old Business

- Council Committee Reports
- Machine Committee Update
 - Personnel Committee
 - Exit Interviews update
 - Winter Projects
 - Other Committees
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15 Division Reports

Resolution No: 24-205

Moved By: Councillor Feil

THAT we authorize new roadwork as presented on Councillors' Project Request forms.

CARRIED

22 Update on Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw

Resolution No: 24-206

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT the regular Council meeting for December be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 8:00 am.

CARRIED

23 New Business

23.1 Election results

Resolution No: 24-207

Moved By: Councillor Steinley

THAT the 2024 regular general election results be received as information and filed.

CARRIED

23.3 Vacation leave

Resolution No: 24-208

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT vacation leave for Dianne Hahn for December 16 to 30, 2024 and vacation leave for Stacey Beisel for January 22 to February 4, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

23.4 Municipal Leadership Development Program

Resolution No: 24-209

Moved By: Councillor Miller

THAT approval be given for members of Council, the Administrator, Foreman and Assistant Foreman to attend the MLDP being held in Herbert on November 27, 2024 with expenses paid by the RM.

CARRIED

23.5 Weed Inspector's Annual Report

Resolution No: 24-210

Moved By: Councillor Miller

THAT the 2024 Weed Inspector Report be received as information and filed.

CARRIED

23.7 Civic Addressing

Resolution No: 24-211

Moved By: Councillor Steinley

THAT the road from the No. 1 Highway to Rush Lake be named 'Rush Lake Access Road'.

CARRIED

23.8 Public Disclosure Statements

Resolution No: 24-212

Moved By: Councillor Feil

THAT it be acknowledged that all Public Disclosure Statements have been completed/updated by Council members.

CARRIED

23.9 Remuneration for Council members

Resolution No: 24-213

Moved By: Councillor Miller

THAT the remuneration for Council members be increased to \$350 per day with the mileage reimbursement rate being increased to \$0.80 per km.

CARRIED

23.12 Remuneration for Chinook Regional Library representative

Resolution No: 24-214

Moved By: Councillor Steinley

THAT the remuneration for the Chinook Regional Library representative be \$200 per meeting and \$0.80 per kilometer for the term November 15, 2024 to November, 2025.

CARRIED

23.13 Workman's Compensation Rate

Resolution No: 24-215

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT we select Saskatchewan Workers Compensation Board personal coverage for all Council members at the maximum amount in 2024.

CARRIED

23.14 Appointment of Signing Authorities - documents/cheques

Resolution No: 24-216

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT the Reeve or Deputy Reeve and the Administrator be authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166, with Council's approval, for the term November 15, 2024 to November 2025 and that Councillor Steinley or Councillor Miller and the Administrator be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166.

CARRIED

23.15 Appointment of Deputy Reeve

Resolution No: 24-217

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT Darren Steinley be appointed as Deputy Reeve for the term November 15, 2024 to November, 2025.

CARRIED

23.16 Regular meeting days and time

Resolution No: 24-218

Moved By: Councillor Steinley

THAT the regular Council meetings for December, 2024 to November 2025 be held on the second Wednesday of every month, commencing at 9:00 am at the rural municipal office in Rush Lake, SK.

CARRIED

23.17 Committee & Board Appointments

Resolution No: 24-219

Moved By: Councillor Miller

THAT the following appointments be made for the term November 15, 2024 to November 2025 with the underlined name being Chairperson:

Assessor

Dianne Hahn

Pasture Supervisors

Councillor Steinley (North)

Councillor Peters(South)

Local EMO Committee

Council as a Whole

Poundkeepers:

Division 1: Charles Donnelly

Division 4: Niel Block

Division 2: Stuart Wall

Division 5: Cameron Laing

Division 3: Curt Chickoski

Division 6: Jordan Wittman

Weed Inspector

Suzanne Hogg

Pest Control Officer

Arnold Giesbrecht

Road Ban Committee

CouncillorsMathies, Feil, Steinley

Function: to issue weight restriction orders in accordance with the regulations and terms of Bylaw No. 2-98 of the R.M. of Excelsior No.166

Machine Committee

CouncillorsSpent, Mathies, Peters

Function: responsible to liaison with Road crew members as follows:

- authorize minor repairs on municipal equipment
- gather data for Council regarding equipment purchases, sales or repairs
- communicate with suppliers as needed to provide information re:

invoices, work orders, or any other equipment related issue.

Personnel Committee

CouncillorsFeil, Mathies, Miller

Function: responsible to liaison with all municipal employees as follows:

- authorize minor requests for time off (1 day or less)
- receive communication from employees regarding concerns, suggestions

or grievances on employment or personal issues

- report all employee issues or requests to Council at the next regular meeting for approval

- interview prospective employees, or meet with current employees to discuss any issues, only as directed by Council at a properly called meeting
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- Deal appropriately with emergency employee situations, only after consulting with all councillors, and receiving a majority opinion regarding course of action.

Asset Management Committee	Councillor Steinley
Rush Lake Recreation Board	Councillor Steinley
Herbert Recreation Board	Councillor Miller
Main Centre Recreation Board	Councillor Miller
Prairie Pioneer Independ.Housing	Councillor Feil
Mainline Mutual Aid Area	Councillor Miller
Chinook Library	Gladys Wozny-Siemens
Herbert Ferry Regional Park	Councillor Peters, Richard Crowe
South West Municipal Govt Committee	Councillor Miller
Swift Current Creek Watershed	Councillor Mathies
SW Transportation Planning	Councillor Miller
Rush Lake Irrigation District	Councillor Spenst (as required)
Farm & Food Care	Councillor Steinley

CARRIED

23.18 Snow removal authorizations

Resolution No: 24-220

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT we authorize the following snow removal operators for 2024/2025, providing they complete the required agreement, and that each be notified of the requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations:

R.M. of Excelsior Road Crew (Stacey Beisel, Brian Zilkowsky, Allen Fellingner, Chad Dirkson, Kevin Buller, Owen Wall, and Leroy Martens), Grant Miller, Michael Unger, Shane Castle, Darren Steinley, Glen Siemens, Main Centre Hutterian, Jordan Miller, Brent Klassen, Kelly Hogg, Martens Ranch, Cole Peters

CARRIED

23.20 Christmas Bonus

Resolution No: 24-221

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT each RM employee who was actively working in 2024 be given a \$200 Christmas bonus.

CARRIED

23.21 Council Member Farewell Gift

Resolution No: 24-222

Moved By: Councillor Mathies

THAT a farewell gift of a \$200 VISA gift card be given to Shane Castle for his years of service as a Councillor.

CARRIED

24 Adjournment

Resolution No: 24-223

Moved By: Councillor Miller

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR