## PRESENT

Reeve Ramona Dyck, Administrator Corie Dey, Assistant Administrator Jessica Joel, and the following Councillors:

William Neufeld - Division No. 1

Brian Hanel - Division No. 2

Donovan Campbell - Division No. 3

Jim Cadrain - Division No. 4

Ky Hastings - Division No. 5

Gale Nerada - Division No. 6

## CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Ramona Dyck called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

**#228-2024 ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

**CADRAIN:** That we add appointments Sheldon Guckert from Koncrete Construction and Lane Wilms owner of SW 25-16-13 W3 for 9:00 a.m. to the agenda.

**CARRIED.**

At 9:00 a.m., Sheldon Guckert & Lane Wilms attended the meeting to discuss the concerns and options with their development permit application to recommence an existing gravel pit on SW 25-16-13 W3.

At 9:11 a.m., Sheldon Guckert & Lane Wilms left the meeting.

**#229-2024 GRAVEL PIT RECOMMENCING – SW 25-16-13 W3M**

**CADRAIN:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 approve the development permit application from Lane, Laird, Darwyn & Darren Wilms to recommence an existing gravel pit located on SW 25-16-13 W3M subject to the following conditions:

1. Letter of approval from the Water Security Agency.
2. Operation hours for all aspects of pit activity shall be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
3. Testing of Luke & Saige Kallen’s water well located on SE 26-16-13 W3M.
4. A Heritage Resource Impact Assessment being completed before excavation and a copy submitted to R.M. of Swift Current No. 137.
5. All gravel shall be hauled East out of the gravel pit location.
6. The proposed gravel pit area shall be surveyed and marked to show boundaries of proposed development and all activity including overburden piles, stockpiles and crushing shall only take place within the boundaries.
7. All extraction, material storage and processing operations shall comply with the conditions outlined in Section 7.11 of Zoning Bylaw No. 7-2015.
8. A road haul agreement will be required for any aggregate hauled out of the pit.
9. Reclamation shall be done according to the Reclamation Guidelines for Sand and Gravel Operators (attached) with the exception of the section on Progressive Reclamation. Progressive reclamation will be mandatory. Reclamation shall advance at the same pace as excavation in (10) acre increments. When ten (10) acres has been excavated, the previous ten (10) acres must be in the process of advanced stages of reclamation. Reclamation must be completed before the excavation of 3rd ten (10) acres advances.
10. Any exploratory test holes must be filled in within 30days
11. It will be at Council’s discretion to shut down the crushing operation if the dust created is becoming an annoyance to neighboring land owners.
12. Before a crushing company begins a crushing project, there shall be a pre-crushing meeting held with the pit owner, the Division 4 Councillor, the Community Safety Officer and the crushing company.
13. Provide the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 with a performance bond, issued by a surety company acceptable to the municipality to guarantee adherence to the above noted agreements.

**#230-2024 MINUTES**

**NERADA:** That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 19th, 2024 as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**#231-2024 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**HASTINGS:** That the financial statement for the month of November, 2024 be accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

At 9:31 a.m. Chris Auger, Maintenance Foreman attended the meeting to discuss divisional works projects.

Discussion regarding divisional works, discussion included ratepayers pushing snow into the ditch, how can we prevent this hydrovac new speed limit signs, grader door replacement, sanding the service roads, gravel crushing progress, and get a drone to measure the gravel pile.

At 9:53 a.m., Maintenance Foreman Chris Auger left the meeting.

**#232-2024 DIVISIONAL WORK PROJECTS**

**CADRAIN:** That we approve divisional works projects as discussed by Council and Maintenance Foreman Chris Auger.

**CARRIED.**

At 10:00 a.m. Reeve Dyck closed the Council meeting and declared the public hearing open respecting proposed Bylaw No. 11-2024 text amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 7-2015, text amendment to Chapter 7 – Agricultural Resource District (AR).

At 10:15 a.m., the council meeting reconvened.

**#233-2024 TRANSFER FUNDS TO PSRCSO ACCOUNT**

**HANEL:** That we authorize the transfer of $10,000.00 in funds to the savings account for the Prairie Sky Regional Community Safety Officer Program.

**CARRIED.**

**#234-2024 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NEUFELD:** That we accept the committee reports as verbally presented.

**CARRIED.**

**#235-2024 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**NERADA:** That the accounts from cheque #19743 to #19789 be approved for payment and manual payment #210201 to #210207 be approved for payment and direct deposit register #02400256 to #02400266 and direct deposit register #20240169 to #20240183 be approved for payment, all in the amount of $213,552.01 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**#236-2024 BYLAW NO. 11-2024 – 2ND READING**

**HASTINGS:** That Bylaw No. 11-2024 be given second reading.

**CARRIED.**

**#237-2024 BYLAW NO 11-2024 THIRD READING & ADOPTION**

**CADRAIN:** That Bylaw No. 11-2024 being a bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 7-2015 to change the permitted maximum number of agricultural parcels in the Agricultural Resource District (AR) Section 7.9.1 be read a third time and be adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

**CARRIED.**

**#238-2024 MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING GRANT – DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

**CAMPBELL:** The Council of the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

* + - Submission of the 2023 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
    - The municipality does not run a Municipal Waterworks System
    - In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and the remittance of Education Property Taxes;
    - Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;
    - Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
    - All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and

That we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

**CARRIED.**

**#239-2024 SALARIES – 2025 – MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES/OFFICE STAFF**

**CAMPBELL:** That the Council for the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 hereby approve the salaries for the Maintenance Personnel and Office Staff for 2025 as per schedule attached to these minutes.

**CARRIED.**

At 11:15 a.m., Councillor Gale Nerada declared a conflict of interest with next order of business and left the council chambers.

**#240-2024 WASTE DISPOSAL SITE OPERATOR WAGES**

**HANEL:** That we set the wages for the Cantuar and Wymark Waste Disposal Site operators at $28.50/hr with $100.00/month paid in mileage to the Wymark Waste Disposal Site Operator and $80.00/month paid in mileage to the Cantuar Waste Disposal Site Operator.

**CARRIED.**

At 11:19 a.m. Councillor Gale Nerada returned to the meeting

**#241-2024 OFFICE CLOSURE – HOLIDAY HOURS**

**NEUFELD:** That we close the municipal office on December 24, 25, 26, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

**CARRIED.**

**#242-2024 FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT**

**NERADA:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 appoint Jean (Peter) L’Heureux as Fire Chief for the R.M. of Swift Current Fire Department who is Authority having Jurisdiction commencing on January 1, 2025.

**CARRIED.**

At 11:39 a.m., Reeve Dyck closed the Council meeting for Southwest Facility Foundation photo.

At 11:50 a.m., the council meeting reconvened.

**#243-2024 BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT**

**HASTINGS:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 appoint Professional Building Inspections, Inc. and the following building inspectors:

Bobby Baker

Virginia Shepley

Joshua Nitz

Amanda Kaufmann

Cristin Korchinski

David Kindred and

Charles Fiss

and enter into an Agreement for Building Inspection Services attached to these minutes.

**CARRIED.**

At 12:07 p.m., Reeve Dyck closed the Council meeting for lunch.

At 12:32 p.m., the council meeting reconvened.

At 12:33 p.m., Reeve Dyck declared a conflict of interest with next order of business and left the council chambers. Deputy Reeve Jim Cadrain assumed the chair.

**#244-2024 REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

**CAMPBELL:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 reimburse Brian Dyck his insurance deductible of $200.00 plus $96.69 G.S.T for a total of $296.69, to replace the windshield damaged by the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 graders.

**CARRIED.**

At 12:35 p.m., Reeve Dyck returned to the meeting and resumed chair.

**#245-2024 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT–NE 18-15-15 W3M BLK/PAR J PLAN 102398890**

**CAMPBELL:** That we notify the owners of NE 18-15-15 W3M, Blk/Par J Plan 102398890 Ext 0, that they require the proper development, and building permits to run a commercial business on their property.

**CARRIED.**

**#246-2024 PROPOSED NON-FARM RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION NE 34-15-14 W3M**

**HANEL:** That we approve the proposed 3.88-acre non-farm residential subdivision for Christine Tsougrianis on NE 34-15-14 W3M subject to signed service agreement.

**CARRIED.**

**#247-2024 PROPOSED NON-FARM RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION NE 19-13-13 W3M**

**NEUFELD:** That we approve the proposed 9.44-acre non-farm residential subdivision for Monette Farms from Blk/Par G Plan DG6151 Ext 0 on NE 19-13-13 W3M, waving the minimum side yard setback distance for the existing tree row and subject to Ministry of Government Relations approval of Bylaw 11-2024 and a signed service agreement.

**CARRIED.**

**#248-2024 ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENTS**

**NERADA:** That we authorize administration to pay invoices through electronic funds transfer and purchase the MuniSoft EFT extension for the accounts payable program.

**CARRIED.**

**#249-2024 MOVED BUILDING PERMIT – NE 06-14-13 W3M**

**HASTINGS:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 approve the moving permit applications from Darcy Zerr to move a garage and a barn onto the NE 06-14-13 W3M subject to the conditions as set by B & D Contracting Service and in accordance with original application.

**CARRIED.**

**#250-2024 COUNCIL TRAINING PROPOSAL**

**HASTINGS:** That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 book Matthewson & Co. for Council training.

**CARRIED.**

**#251-2024 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CADRAIN:** That the following correspondence having been dealt with now be filed:

* Swift Chamber – OMG Funspiel
* Swift Current Creek Watersheds Standards – November 2024
  + **CARRIED.**

**#252-2024 ADJOURN**

**CAMPBELL:** That we do now adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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