

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2024

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the Council Chambers, 316 Railway Avenue, in Conquest, Saskatchewan.

Present were:

Reeve: Barry Friesen

Councillors for

Div. 1: Lonnie Ingell

Div. 2: Bryce Mauch

Div. 3: Mike Z. Hofer

Div. 4: Bob Silverthorn

Div. 5: Craig Barrington

Div. 6: Bill Thompson

Administrator L. Jean Jones

Reeve Friesen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

01/24

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

02/24

MAUCH: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 13, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

03/24

HOFER: That cheques numbering 16461-16515 and direct deposits for December 2023 and January 2024, all totaling \$218,192.46 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

04/24

SILVERTHORN: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December 2023 and Bank Reconciliation at December 31, 2023 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Yearly Correspondence Resolution

05/24

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 dispense with the reading of correspondence received each month in the coming year and that a listing of correspondence received, be attached to the monthly minutes and dealt with if necessary.

CARRIED.

Barrington

06/24

Correspondence

THOMPSON: That the list of correspondence be acknowledged as attached to and forming a part of these minutes, now be filed.

CARRIED.

07/24

Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2024-2025 Membership

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2024-2025 at a cost of \$285.63.

CARRIED.

08/24

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Donation 2024

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 make a donation of \$200.00 to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers for 2024.

CARRIED.

09/24

WaterWolf Planning Inc. Membership 2024

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership with WaterWolf Planning Inc. for 2024 at a cost of \$1,890.00.

CARRIED.

10/24

RMAA Membership for 2024

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our Administrator's RMAA Membership for 2024 at a cost of \$425.00.

CARRIED.

11/24

Pest Control Officer Appointment for 2024

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint Dana Hansen as Pest Control Officer for 2024 and that he receive an honorarium of \$2,000.00 for each run (spring/fall) plus mileage at \$0.50/km.

CARRIED.

12/24

Fidelity Bond Resolution for 2024

THOMPSON: That the Fidelity Bond be accepted as presented. The bond fee for 2024 is \$238.50 and includes Fidelity Bond Insurance Coverage of \$100,000; Registered Mail coverage of \$50,000 and Money and Securities coverage of \$2,500.

CARRIED.

13/24 **Renewal of SARM Insurance Plans for 2024**
INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew the following SARM Insurance Plans for 2024: 1) SARM Membership fee \$3,892.25 2) SARM Benefits, LTD Benefits, EHD Benefits, Group Life Insurance, SARM Group Coverage \$27,561.75; Property Self- Insurance Plan \$13,662.15; Liability Self-Insurance Plan \$2,861.01; Excess Liability Coverage \$1,601.66; Total \$49,578.82.

CARRIED.

14/24 **2024 Council Meeting Dates**
MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set the regular meeting date for Council to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for 2024: January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.

CARRIED.

15/24 **Monthly Remittance Deadlines**
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 authorize the Administrator to meet the monthly remittance deadlines for collection of Education Property Tax and Saskatchewan Municipal Hail received each month.

CARRIED.

16/24 **Assessor Appointment for 2024**
SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint L. Jean Jones as our Assessor for 2024.

CARRIED.

17/24 **Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board Elected Officials Coverage**
BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set the amount of positional coverage for elected officials at \$40,382.00 for 2024, complying with Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board.

CARRIED.

18/24 **Stray Animals Act Administrator**
THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint L. Jean Jones as Administrator of The Stray Animals Act, for the year 2024.

CARRIED.



19/24

Schedules "A", "B", "C" Year 2024

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve Schedule "A" Year 2024 Committees of Council, Schedule "B" Year 2024 Appointments, and Schedule "C" Year 2024 RM Rates/Charges.

CARRIED.

20/24

Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Allocation

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 allocate the 2024 municipal population of 604 for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant allocation as follows: Dinsmore 200, Conquest 200 and Macrorie 204.

CARRIED.

21/24

Wheatland Regional Library Board Representative 2024

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 representative to the Wheatland Regional Library Board for 2024 be L. Jean Jones, Conquest Library Board Chairperson.

CARRIED.

22/24

SaskTenders Notice of Planned Procurement 2024

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 post our Notice of Planned Procurement on SaskTenders, of our participation with the SARM buying group, for two weeks for the year 2024.

CARRIED.

23/24

SARM Beaver Control Program Claim 2023-24

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 submit a claim for 18 beaver removed from February 16, 2023 to February 15, 2024 under the SARM Beaver Control Program.

CARRIED.

Administrator Jones declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m. Administrator Jones returned to the Council Chambers at 11:05 a.m.

24/24

2024 Salaries and Wages

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the following salaries/wages for 2024: Foreman Darren Jones – Annual \$93,571.40 plus benefits; Administrator L. Jean Jones – Annual \$76,379.00 plus benefits; Aaron Shaw \$32.85/hr plus benefits; Brent Silverthorn \$29.45/hr plus benefits; Bradley Jess \$29.70/hr plus benefits; Henry Bachman \$27.30/hr plus benefits.

CARRIED.

25/24

Fuel Tenders for 2024

THOMPSON: That fuel tenders be requested for the February 14, 2024 meeting of Council from the following: 1) Macrorie District Co-op; 2) The Rak; 3) Marsollier Petroleum DMM Energy; 4) Riverbend Co-op.

CARRIED.

26/24

RMAA Spring Workshop

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 register the Administrator for the RMAA Spring Workshop, April 2, 2024, in Swift Current. Registration cost is \$100. Any travel costs to be reimbursed.

CARRIED.

27/24

Emterra Environmental Additional Bins for Conquest Location

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 rent two (2) additional 4 yard front load recycle bins from Emterra Environmental for the Conquest location.

CARRIED.

28/24

WaterWolf Planning Inc. Budget for 2024

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the WaterWolf Planning Inc. Budget for 2024.

CARRIED.

29/24


Adjournment

BARRINGTON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

CARRIED.



Reeve, Friesen



Administrator, Jones