

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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

56/25

THOMPSON: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

57/25

BARRINGTON: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

58/25

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 17050-17072, direct deposits, and EFT payments for February and March 2025, all totaling \$57,379.07 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

59/25

HOFER: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2025 and Bank Reconciliation at February 28, 2025 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

60/25

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

CARRIED.

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61/25

Asset Management Plan Update

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the Asset Management Plan and updated values for assets as at March 10, 2025. Updates to take place yearly with a full plan review in five years.

CARRIED.

62/25

Pest Control Officer Appointment

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract Darren Bessette to be our Pest Control officer. Once he has completed the Sask Polytechnic Structural Applicator course and obtained his license, Council will pay \$3,000.00 per Spring and Fall Run plus mileage at \$0.60/km. The cost of his course and licensing will also be reimbursed.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: 9:30 A.M. Ryan Husband, Irrigation Saskatchewan, attended the Council Meeting to discuss irrigation in our area. There is no new information from Water Security regarding the Westside Irrigation Rehabilitation Project. Future pipeline road crossing agreements and our Pipeline Crossing Policy will need to be revisited. Mr. Husband left the Council Chambers at 10:15 a.m.

63/25

Seasonal Utility Operator

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 employ Christopher Buscholl as Utility Operator effective April 1, 2025. His starting wage will be \$25.00/hr.

CARRIED.

64/25

Seasonal Operator

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 hire Wendel Ottmann as Operator effective April 1, 2025. His starting wage will be \$29.00/hr.

CARRIED.

65/25

Coteau Hills Municipal Group Meeting

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send Bill Thompson, Barry Friesen, and Bob Silverthorn to the Coteau Hills Municipal Group Meeting on March 25, 2025 in Lucky Lake. The municipality to reimburse those attending for any travel expenses.

CARRIED.

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66/25 SaskTip Inc. Membership for 2025
MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership
With SaskTip Inc. for 2025 at a cost of \$100.00

CARRIED.

67/25 Seasonal Call Backs
INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide seasonal call
backs to the following: 1) Blaine Norris – April 1, 2025 and 2) Henry
Bachman – April 1, 2025.

CARRIED.

68/25 WaterWolf AGM/Forum
THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send the following
to the WaterWolf AGM/Forum on March 25, 2025 from 10:00 am to
3:00 pm in Outlook: 1) Lonnie Ingell; 2) Bill Thompson; 3) Bob
Silverthorn. Any travel costs to be reimbursed by the municipality.

CARRIED.

69/25 Celebrating Local Agriculture Advertisement
BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 place an
advertisement 'Celebrating Local Agriculture' in a special agricultural
supplement of THE OUTLOOK, April 3, 2025 at a cost of \$225.00
plus taxes.

CARRIED.

70/25 Budget Meeting Date
SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set a Budget
Meeting Date to be March 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

71/25 Hudson Bay Route Association Membership for 2025
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership
with Hudson Bay Route Association for 2025 at a cost of \$300.00.

CARRIED.

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72/25

DATA Safe ERP License and Opera Access

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our ERP License and Opera Access for April 2025 to March 2026 at a cost of \$1,575.00.

CARRIED.

73/25


Adjournment

MAUCH: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


S INGELL

Bill

CARRIED.



Reeve, Friesen



Administrator, Jones