

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JULY 9, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, July 9, 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

126/25

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

127/25

MAUCH: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

128/25

HOFER: That cheques numbering 17163-17195, direct deposits, and online payments for June and July 2025, all totaling \$747,762.62 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

129/25

SILVERTHORN: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of June 2025 and Bank Reconciliation at June 30, 2025 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

130/25

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

CARRIED.

131/25

TAXervice Agreement for Payment of Tax Arrears

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 enter into an Agreement for Payment of Tax Arrears with Brian Honing, the owner of Lot 24-Blk/Par 2-Plan G84 Ext 0; Lot 22-Blk/Par 3-Plan G421 Ext 0; Lot 14-Blk/Par 2-Plan G84 Ext 0; Lot 25-Blk/Par 2-Plan G84 Ext 0; Lot 2-Blk/Par 3-Plan G84 Ext 0 dated June 19, 2025.

CARRIED.

132/25

Pest Control Officer Visit

INGELL: That let the minutes show that Darren Bessette was in the municipal office on July 3, 2025 to return the PCO course material and that he is letting the position of Pest Control Officer go.

CARRIED.

133/25

Pest Control Officer Advertisement

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 readvertise for a Pest Control Officer in: THE OUTLOOK and RM REVIEW with applications to be received by August 11, 2025.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: 9:30 A.M. WESTSIDE IRRIGATION REHABILITATION PROJECT – Brian Palm (Water Security Agency), Jamie Kunz and Chris Bec (Prairie Engineering Partners – PEP) attended the meeting and made a presentation to Council. The group discussed existing bridge and culvert crossings and whether or not all are being used. Culverts or concrete structures will likely replace the existing crossings. A preliminary road design was presented but it is still in the work in progress phase. There was discussion on roads and quarter sections that would no longer have access as well as the Fertile Valley Cemetery Road and plans for its access. The delegation left at 10:15 a.m.

134/25

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 acknowledge the 3 month probationary period that has been completed by Chris Buscholl (July 7, 2025); and will be completed by Wayne Sparks (July 21, 2025). That both employees be enrolled in SARM benefits. That their wages of \$27.00/hr be increased to \$29.00/hr effective on their anniversary.



CARRIED

135/25

Building Permit 01-2025

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue Building Permit Number 01-2025 to Brian and Caroline Lawless for a single family dwelling on Blk/Par A-Plan 102441945 Ext 0 dated July 9, 2025.

CARRIED.

136/25

Hillcrest Cemetery Maintenance Increase

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 increase the fee for Hillcrest Cemetery Maintenance from \$100.00/cut to \$150.00/cut effective July 1, 2025.

CARRIED.

137/25

Parcel Tie Removal Request for NW N 28-27-09 W3

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approves the request by Travis Haambuckers to support the removal of the parcel ties between the following parcels of land: Legal Subdivision 13 of Section 28, Township 27, Range 09, West of the Third Meridian, Extension 11 (LSD 13-28-27-09 W3 Ext 11); and Legal Subdivision 14 of Section 28, Township 27, Range 09, West of the Third Meridian, Extension 12 (LSD 14-28-27-09 W3 Ext 12), so that each parcel can be dealt with independently.

CARRIED.

138/25

Rescind 3rd Reading of Bylaw No. 05-2021

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 rescind the 3rd Reading of Bylaw No. 05-2021, the WaterWolf District Official Community Plan done at the December 13, 2021 meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

139/25

Rescind 2nd Ready of Bylaw No. 05-2021

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 rescind the 2nd Reading of Bylaw No. 05-2021, the WaterWolf District Official Community Plan done at the December 13, 2021 meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

Handwritten initials/signature

140/25 Public Hearing Date for WaterWolf District Official Community Plan
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set aside September 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. as a Public Hearing Date to hear any public comments regarding Bylaw No. 05-2021, the WaterWolf District Official Community Plan.

CARRIED.

141/25 Administrator Time Off Granted
SILVERTHORN: That the Administrator be granted time off July 16-17, 2025.

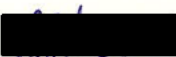
CARRIED.

142/25 Machinery and Equipment to Offer for Sale
BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 offer for sale the following: 2020 CAT140 AWD, Serial Number N9500362 and Bush Hog C4815FB 15' Cutter, Serial Number 4815-1HBKR1221670014.


CARRIED.

143/25 Adjournment
THOMPSON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED.



Reeve, Friesen



Administrator, Jones