

**R.M. OF MANKOTA No. 45
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
201 1st AVE IN MANKOTA, SK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025**

PRESENT

Reeve Greg Zerr, Administrator Tammi Baldock and the following Councillors:

Daryl Eklund	- Division 1	Kevin Gillespie	- Division 4
Barry Hanson	- Division 2	Justin Brisebois	- Division 5
Richard Rieder	- Division 3	Kelley Emms	- Division 6

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Reeve Zerr called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declaration of conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2025-118 BRISEBOIS – That Council approves the adoption of the Agenda, with the additions of 13.t. Development Permit #DP2025-004 – File Helium 109 and 13.u. Sponsorship Request – Mankota 4-H Achievement Day. **CARRIED**

MINUTES

2025-119 GILLESPIE – That Council approves the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read. **CARRIED**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATIONS

2025-120 EKLUND – That Council accepts the Monthly Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation and Balance Control Logs for the month of April 2025, as presented. **CARRIED**

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

2025-121 RIEDER – That Council accepts the Accounts Receivable total of \$27,744.12, as presented. **CARRIED**

LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL & PAYROLL

2025-122 HANSON – That Council approves the following, as attached:

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>		<u>Payroll:</u>	
Cheques 3161-3176	\$ 125,735.36	Mar 24-Apr 6, 2025	\$ 10,168.94
Online Banking 9878-9934	70,198.00	Apr 7-20, 2025	12,658.11
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 195,933.36</u>	Mar 1-31, 2025	2,306.79
		Total Payroll	<u>\$ 25,133.84</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 221,067.20</u>		CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2025-123 EMMS – That Council accepts the List of Correspondence presented at the meeting, as attached. **CARRIED**

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CLAYTEN WENAAS & VANCE BLYDO FROM NORTH AMERICAN HELIUM JOINED THE MEETING AT 9:48AM.

DELEGATIONS

2025-124 EMMS - That Council acknowledges Clayten Wenaas and Vance Blydo from North American Helium as delegates. Clayten and Vance spoke to Council regarding the new plant build on the SE 02-04-09 W3 and the need to build up the 3 miles of east/west road allowance along the N ½ of 31-03-08 W3 & N ½ 35, 36-03-09 W3. Council will look into the cost for building the road and send a cost estimate to Mr. Wenaas once finalized. **CARRIED**

CLAYTEN WENAAS & VANCE BLYDO FROM NORTH AMERICAN HELIUM LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:39AM.

FOREMAN RAY PARADON AND OPERATOR DAVE SMITH JOINED THE MEETING AT 10:51AM TO DISCUSS THE TWP RD 40 ROAD BUILD.

FOREMAN RAY PARADON AND OPERATOR DAVE SMITH LEFT THE MEETING AT 11:31AM.

MONTHLY WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORTS

2025-125 BRISEBOIS – That Council acknowledges the Ferland water treatment reports for the months of March and April, 2025 and McCord water treatment report for the month of April 2025, as presented by the Administrator. **CARRIED**

REPORTS

2025-126 EMMS - That Council accepts the Division Reports from each of the Councillors, and Administrators report as verbally presented. **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

TAX ENFORCEMENT – AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF TAX ARREARS

2025-127 EKLUIIND – That Council agrees to enter into an Agreement for Payment of Tax Arrears for Roll No. 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 183, 185, 714, 2299, 2466, 2467, 2468, and 2469; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Reeve and Administrator to sign the agreements. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

2024 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2025-128 RIEDER – That Council accepts the draft 2024 Financial Statements for the R.M. of Mankota No. 45 as prepared by Stark & Marsh CPA LLP as presented by the Administrator, as attached. **CARRIED**

2025 BUDGET

2025-129 ZERR – That Council adopts the 2025 Operating and Capital budget as presented by the Administrator, as attached. **CARRIED**

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BYLAW No. 02-2025 – McCORD WATER & SEWER RATES

- 2025-130 EMMS – That Bylaw No. 02-2025, a Bylaw for the Hamlet of McCord to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use and Consumption of Water & Sewer, be given a first reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-131 RIEDER – That Bylaw No. 02-2025, a Bylaw for the Hamlet of McCord to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use and Consumption of Water & Sewer, be given a second reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-132 GILLESPIE – That Bylaw No. 02-2025, a Bylaw for the Hamlet of McCord to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use and Consumption of Water & Sewer, be given permission for a third reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-133 BRISEBOIS – That Bylaw No. 02-2025, a Bylaw for the Hamlet of McCord to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use and Consumption of Water & Sewer, be given a third reading, and be signed, sealed and adopted. **CARRIED**

2025 MILL RATE & MILL RATE FACTORS

- 2025-134 ZERR – That Council sets the mill rate for the 2025 tax year at 7.75 mills with the following mill rate factors:
- 0.725% on Agriculture
 - 1% on Residential
 - 1.8% on Commercial/Industrial. **CARRIED**

BYLAW No. 03-2025 – ESTABLISH MILL RATE FACTORS

- 2025-135 EKLUND – That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors, be given a first reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-136 HANSON – That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors, be given a second reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-137 BRISEBOIS – That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors, be given permission for a third reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-138 RIEDER – That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors, be given a third reading, and be signed, sealed and adopted. **CARRIED**

BYLAW No. 04-2025 – FIXED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (B&J BLAKE)

- 2025-139 ZERR – That Bylaw No. 04-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a first reading. **CARRIED**
- 2025-140 EKLUND – That Bylaw No. 04-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a second reading. **CARRIED**

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2025-141 EMMS – That Bylaw No. 04-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given permission for a third reading. **CARRIED**

2025-142 RIEDER – That Bylaw No. 04-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a third reading, and be signed, sealed and adopted. **CARRIED**

BYLAW No. 05-2025 – FIXED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (D. EKLUND)

2025-143 GILLESPIE – That Bylaw No. 05-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a first reading. **CARRIED**

2025-144 BRISEBOIS – That Bylaw No. 05-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a second reading. **CARRIED**

2025-145 HANSON – That Bylaw No. 05-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given permission for a third reading. **CARRIED**

2025-146 EKLUND – That Bylaw No. 05-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a third reading, and be signed, sealed and adopted. **CARRIED**

BYLAW No. 06-2025 – FIXED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (W. HILTZ)

2025-147 EMMS – That Bylaw No. 06-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a first reading. **CARRIED**

2025-148 HANSON – That Bylaw No. 06-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a second reading. **CARRIED**

2025-149 BRISEBOIS – That Bylaw No. 06-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given permission for a third reading. **CARRIED**

2025-150 RIEDER – That Bylaw No. 06-2025, a Bylaw to Provide for Entering into a Fixed Assessment Agreement, be given a third reading, and be signed, sealed and adopted. **CARRIED**

OPEN SARM HISA ACCOUNT

2025-151 ZERR – That Council tables the discussion of opening a SARM High Interest Savings Account (HISA) until after the Administrator has contacted the Innovation Credit Union. **CARRIED**

LOAN AGREEMENT – VILLAGE OF MANKOTA

2025-152 GILLESPIE – That Council agrees to enter into an agreement with the Village of Mankota for a loan in the amount of \$147,420.00 to be paid back in increments of \$10,000.00 per year until one final payment on November 30, 2039 of \$7,420.00, as attached. Payments

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to the Village will be made as invoices are received from the contractor for work completed; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Reeve and Administrator to sign the agreement. **CARRIED**

WSA WATERWORKS COMPLIANCE INSPECTION – FERLAND WTP

2025-153 EMMS – That Council acknowledges the 2025 waterworks compliance inspection for the water treatment plant in Ferland, as presented. **CARRIED**

RMA2025-04 – BRIGHTSAND GRAVEL & AGGREGATE LTD.

2025-154 EMMS – That Council ratifies the actions of the Administrator for signing the Road Maintenance Agreement #RMA2025-004 with Brightsand Gravel & Aggregate Ltd, as attached. **CARRIED**

SMHI – LIST OF LANDS WITHDRAWN

2025-155 EKLUND – That Council approves the request from Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance to withdraw #45-1457 & #45-1458, as attached. **CARRIED**

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT #DP2025-003 – FILE HELIUM 108

2025-156 HANSON – That Council acknowledges development permit #DP2025-003 for Helium Evolution to upgrade an existing approach, construct and operate an access road and wellsite for the drilling of one helium well on the SE 31-02-08 W3, as per subsection 5.1(4) of Bylaw No. 03/99 - Zoning Bylaw, as presented. **CARRIED**

SARM DIVISION 3 ELECTIONS – APPOINT 2 VOTING DELEGATES

2025-157 RIEDER – That Council appoints Reeve Zerr and Deputy Reeve Hanson as voting delegates in the SARM division 3 election that will be held virtually on May 21, 2025. **CARRIED**

PURCHASE POST HOLE AUGER

2025-158 ZERR – That Council tables the discussion of purchasing a post hole auger. **CARRIED**

CLEANUP DAY IN FERLAND & McCORD

2025-159 BRISEBOIS – That Council agrees to host a cleanup day in the Hamlets of Ferland & McCord on Thursday June 26, 2025 for any organic material. No household or commercial/industrial waste will be accepted that day. **CARRIED**

SYMPATHY ARRANGEMENT FOR S. WALLACE

2025-160 EKLUND – That Council ratifies the actions of the Administrator for purchasing a sympathy arrangement for the funeral of Mrs. Shirley Wallace. The price of the arrangement was approximately \$100.00. **CARRIED**

