
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROWNING NO. 34

Minutes - January 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Browning No. 34 was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, R.M. Office, 215 Main St., Lampman, Saskatchewan.

2024-1-1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Loustel called the meeting to order. The time being 8:03 a.m. The attendance being as follows:

Division # 1 - Richard Brokop
2 - Blake Fornwald
3 - Derek Fichter - Absent
4 - Murray Wheeler
5 - Brian Fornwald
6 - Calvin Christensen
Reeve - Pius Loustel
Administrative Consultant - Greg Wallin
Administrator - Jadon Carnduff

2024-1-2 MEETING RECESS

This meeting of Council will recess at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch break if the meeting is still in progress.

2024-1-3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brian Fornwald declared a conflict of interest on Item 13.6) Office Cleaner in Unfinished Business.

2024-1-4 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

4.1) Item 14.9

- Pius Loustel - That Item 14.9) RDARM Resolution be added to the Agenda under New Business.
Carried

2024-1-5 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Brian Fornwald - That the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented and attached to forming part of these minutes.

Carried

2024-1-6 MINUTES

- Calvin Christensen - That the minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting of Council be approved as read.

Carried

2024-1-7 BANK RECONCILIATION

- Brian Fornwald - That the November, 2023 bank reconciliation be hereby approved as presented.
Carried

2024-1-8 CASH STATEMENT

- Richard Brokop - That the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of December, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried



2024-1-9 CORRESPONDENCE

- Murray Wheeler - That the correspondence presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2024-1-10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS/INFORMATION/REPORTS/CONCERNS

- Brian Fornwald - That the committee meeting minutes, information, reports and concerns presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2024-1-11 ACCOUNTS

- Calvin Christensen - That the accounts covered by cheque no.'s 6500 to 6625 in the amount of \$471,260.75, the electronic funds transfers for the month of December, 2023 in the amount of \$218,177.36, and direct payroll payments no's 2686 to 2711 for the amount of \$70,968.95 be approved for payment.

Carried

2024-1-12 DELEGATIONS

8:30 a.m. - Jordan Kawecki - Chamney Crushing

Jordan Kawecki, Chamney Crushing Representative, met with Council to provide an update on the Elcott gravel pit, and discuss the gravel needs of the municipality.

2024-1-13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Richard Brokop requested a recorded vote on the following motion.

13.1) Joint Office Separation

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 agree to sign an agreement with the Town of Lampman to settle the Agreement of 2002 for joint offices with the R.M. of Browning No. 34 receiving Lots 8-9 Block 4 Plan AN2691 (215 Main Street) and the Town of Lampman receiving Lots 1-2 Block 5 Plan C2663 (302 Main Street) and a cash settlement of eighty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$87,500.00); and that the joint expenses of the offices be settled and terminate on June 9, 2023; and that both parties be responsible for their own legal fees; and that Trobert Gillis Law Firm be contracted to complete the title transfer with transfer fees be shared by both parties.

In Favour

Pius Loustel

Blake Fornwald

Murray Wheeler

Brian Fornwald

Calvin Christensen

Opposed

Richard Brokop

Carried

13.2) 102 Minard Road

- Pius Loustel - That the R.M. of Browning No.34 send a letter to the Town of Lampman declining their new proposal for fire services; and that the Lampman fire department can remain operating as it is in its current location.

Carried

13.3) Policy No. 300-3 - Annual Vacation

- Murray Wheeler - That Policy No. 300-3, being a Policy regarding annual vacation be amended as presented and attached to forming part of these minutes

Carried

13.4) Critical Mineral Infrastructure Fund

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 apply to the Critical Mineral Infrastructure Fund to reconstruct Range Road 2070 E of 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36-4-7 W2M, E of 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36-5-7 W2M, E of 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36-6-7 W2M as a primary route to develop the lithium and helium leases currently leased by LithiumBank Resources Corp., E3 Lithium Limited, and Global Helium Corp.

Carried

Councillor Brian Fornwald declared a conflict of interest on the matter of the office cleaner and left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

13.6) Office Cleaner

- Calvin Christensen - That Barb Fornwald be granted a raise to twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per hour to clean the office located at 215 Main Street.

Carried

Councillor Brian Fornwald returned to the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

2024-1-14 NEW BUSINESS

14.1) R.M. of Brock No. 64 - Road Maintenance Agreement

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 sign the Road Maintenance Agreement with the R.M. of Brock No. 64 for hauling gravel for 2024.

Carried

14.2) Crown Land Tax Arrears

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 submit the Crown Land Lease Request for Cancellation to the Ministry of Agriculture for SE 11-6-5 W2M as the property is in tax arrears.

Carried

14.3) Employee Bond

- Murray Wheeler - That the Council of the R.M. of Browning No. 34 acknowledge and accept the fidelity bond for Administration.

Carried



14.4) Hummingbird Energy Inc. - Return 2023 Road Bond

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 return the refundable portion of the Road Bond signed with Hummingbird Energy Inc. in the amount of forty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$47,500.00) for E of NE 20-4-6 W2M.

Carried

14.5) PG 605 Road Bonds

- Murray Wheeler - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 sign Road Bond Agreements with Hummingbird Energy Inc. and Surge Energy Inc. in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per mile with a five percent (5%) non-refundable holdback for the following locations:

1. one (1) mile of road at the following locations for Hummingbird Energy Inc.:
 - a. one half (½) mile of Primary Grid 605 E of NE 20-4-6 W2M;
 - b. one half (½) mile of Primary Grid 605 E of SE 29-4-6 W2M;
2. one (1) mile of road at the following locations for Surge Energy Inc.:
 - a. one half (½) mile of Primary Grid 605 E of SE 29-4-6 W2M;
 - b. one half (½) mile of Primary Grid 605 E of NE 20-4-6 W2M.

Carried

14.6) SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant

- Richard Brokop - That Administration apply to the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund to purchase LED flashing stop signs to be located at the intersections of Highway 361 and Primary Grid 604 and Primary Grid 605.

Carried

14.7) Creighton Lodge Fundraiser

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 purchase a table for the Creighton Lodge Fundraiser on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Estevan, Saskatchewan for in the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Carried

14.8) Bylaw No. 2024-1 - Tax Incentives and Penalties

14.8.1) First Reading

- Murray Wheeler - That Bylaw No. 2024-1, being a bylaw regarding tax incentives and penalties, be introduced and read for the first time.

Carried

14.8.2) Second Reading

- Brian Fornwald - That Bylaw No. 2024-1 be read for the second time.

Carried

14.8.3) Consent for Third Reading

- Calvin Christensen - That the third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2024-1 be permitted at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

14.8.4) Third Reading

- Richard Brokop - That Bylaw No. 2024-1, being a bylaw regarding tax incentives and penalties, be read for the third and final time, now be adopted, signed, and sealed as a bylaw of the R.M. of Browning No. 34.

Carried

14.9) RDARM Resolution

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 cosponsor the following resolution along with the R.M. of Tullymet No. 216 to the 2024 SARM Annual Convention:

WHEREAS CO2 is the building block of life and fuels, photosynthesis CO2 is not a pollutant, and to call it a pollutant is disingenuous;

WHEREAS any policies that are designed to punish the critical, natural CO2 cycle are not only illogical but dangerous to the balance of natural food production;

WHEREAS Saskatchewan's forests, grasslands and crop production zones rely on this critical CO2, but also sequesters more CO2 than any illogically created CO2 Reduction Strategy; and

WHEREAS policies that vilify CO2 are illogical and unpredictable that will undoubtedly create an uncertain amount of negative impact to our existing crop production systems and economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM will ensure that any policies that unduly target naturally occurring CO2 will be deemed as illogical and dangerous. We move that Saskatchewan remove itself from any national or international agreements such as net zero.

Carried

2024-1-15 FOREMAN ITEMS TO DISCUSS

There were no Foreman Items discussed at this meeting.

2024-1-16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Carried

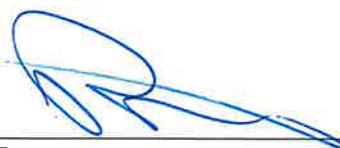
2024-1-17 ADJOURN

- Pius Loustel - That this meeting now be adjourned. The time being 11:44 a.m.

Carried



Administrator



Reeve