

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY
OF
WOOD RIVER NO. 74**

M-11 (a)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
January 20, 2026**

The Wood River Municipal Council convened its Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 35-2nd Ave. E., Lafleche, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 1:04 p.m. with Reeve Lee Tallon presiding.

Present:

Reeve: Lee Tallon
Councilor Division 1: Conrad Masse
Councilor Division 2: Duane Clermont
Councilor Division 3: Shaylor Layman
Councilor Division 4: Darcy Packet
Councilor Division 5: Tyler Sewell
Councilor Division 6: Ed Sewell
Administrator: Brekke Masse

Councilor Ed Sewell attended the meeting via electronic means.

Minutes

01-26 **Clermont** - That resolution 195-25 concerning the re-application to PDAP, be rescinded. **CARRIED**

02-26 **Masse** – That the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular meeting of Council, be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

Councilor Darcy Packet attended the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Statement of Financial Activities

03-26 **Layman**- That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December 2025 before accrual entries, and the Bank Reconciliation form, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Accounts for Approval

04-26 **Packet** – That the accounts for approval covering cheque #13874-13902, inclusive, online banking entries 2025113-119 and 2026001-007, and debit transactions 202601-05, totaling \$269,083.45; attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, be approved for payment and signed by the Reeve and Administrator. **CARRIED**

Closed Session

05-26 **Tallon**– That the meeting move in to a closed session at 1:46 p.m. to discuss employee performance. **CARRIED**

Administrator Brekke Masse was asked to leave the meeting at 1:46 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

06-26 **Tallon** – That the meeting move from a closed session to an open session, the time being 1:51 p.m. **CARRIED**



07-26

Correspondence

Clermont – That the correspondence has been reviewed by Council and the Administrator and is accepted as presented:

- a. APAS News Release – China Tariffs
- b. Assiniboia Landfill Rate Increase
- c. B&TS Setting the Standard – December 2025
- d. FSP Workshop
- e. GERS 2026
- f. GWP Newsletter, January 2026
- g. H25086 Highways Project Info Sheet
- h. iHunter 2025 Annual Report
- i. Munisoft Community Draw
- j. PBI Newsletter December 2025
- k. PCO Webinar Feb. 2026
- l. PHN Newsletter – Winter 2025
- m. RMAA Review Winter 2025
- n. SARM 2026 Membership
- o. SCMA Jan. 15/26 Agenda
- p. SCMA Jan. 15/26 Draft Minutes
- q. STARS Donation
- r. SWTPC Jan. 23/26 Agenda
- s. SWTPC Nov. 28/25 Minutes
- t. TLRP Nov. 17/25 Minutes
- u. W1 Webinar Feb. 2026
- v. WMA Funding Program
- w. WW Order 8-19
- x. Misc. advertising/Emails previously sent out:
 - December 23, 2025 – Bill C-233 Jenny Kwan MP
 - December 16, 2025 – SARM Rural Dart
 - December 17, 2025 – APAS Ag Matters
 - December 30, 2025 – SARM Rural Sheaf
 - January 6, 2026 – SARM Rural Dart
 - January 13, 2025 – SARM Rural Dart
 - January 15, 2025 – SARM News Release

CARRIED

08-26

Proposed Subdivision

T. Sewell – That the proposed residential subdivision, Parcel A out of the NE 20-09-05 W3 (13.72 acres), complies with the Zoning Bylaw and OCP, and is approved by Council.

CARRIED

09-26

Dudley & Company Audit Engagement

Packet – That the Audit Engagement letters from Dudley & Company dated November 21, 2025, be acknowledged and signed by Council.

CARRIED

10-26

Fidelity Bond

E. Sewell – That Council approves renewing the Fidelity Bond Policy #SARMBOND2026 for \$25,000 from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027, and Fidelity Bond Form A Policy #Z85001485-1 for \$500,000 with SGI Canada.

CARRIED

11-26

WCB Coverage

Clermont – That Council members be insured by Sask. Worker's Compensation Board in the amount of \$55,000 for the 2026 calendar year.

CARRIED

12-26

2026 Gravel Surfacing Tender

Masse – That invites to tender on the 2026 Gravel Haul & Surfacing be sent to Watteyne Trucking Co. Ltd., Adam Crooks, Crooks Enterprises Ltd., Boire Trucking Ltd., CoHo Aggregates Ltd., and Palliser Aggregates Ltd., and public invitation be displayed on sasktenders.ca. Tenders will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026. Tenders will be opened at the regular meeting on February 10, 2026 at approximately 1:15 p.m. *Tenders should include a start date of May 1st and completion date no later than July 31st.*

CARRIED

2026 Cemetery Maintenance

13-26

Layman - That Troy and Christine Cronan be contracted for the 2026 Cemetery Maintenance including a minimum of 5 cuts and up to a maximum 10 cuts at the Lafleche Municipal, Woodrow, Woodrow Menonite and Melaval cemeteries, for a total of \$6,500, payable over four months, starting in May 2026. **CARRIED**

14-26

E. Sewell – That up to \$3,000 be budgeted for grave yard block markers at the Lafleche Municipal Cemetery, and purchased from Wood River Iron Works, to be installed this spring/summer. **CARRIED**

2026 Fuel Supply

15-26

T. Sewell – That the 2026 fuel supply for clear diesel delivered to the municipal shop be provided by Grassroots Co-operative Association Ltd. and regular gasoline be provided by B & A Petroleum at Lafleche Tire & Service, picked up at the pump; the price per liter will be subject to industry costs at the time of delivery and pick-up. **CARRIED**

16-26

Pest Control Officer Appointment

Layman – That Eric Verbrugge be appointed as the municipality's Pest Control Officer for 2026 and be remunerated at \$25.00 per site inspection and \$0.60 per kilometer for spring inspections at all vacant and occupied sites in the municipality, and further follow ups as deemed necessary, as the appointed Pest Control Officer. **CARRIED**

Councillor Duane Clermont declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Weed Inspector Appointment

17-26

Packet – That Marcia Clermont be appointed as the municipality's Weed Inspector for 2026, and be remunerated at \$25.00 per hour and \$0.60 per km, plus a \$200 retainer fee. **CARRIED**

Duane returned to the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Building Inspection Services

18-26

Clermont – That *Professional Building Inspections Inc.* be contracted to provide Class 1, 2 & 3 building inspection and enforcement services effective January 1, 2026 through until December 31, 2026. All fees outlined in the fee calculator, as per Schedule A, will be paid accordingly. Further, that the following list of Licensed Building Officials, be appointed as required:

Virginia Shepley, Class 3 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL517;
Bobby Baker, Class 3 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL552;
David Kindred, Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL514;
Joshua Nitz, Class 3 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL785;
John Dulle, Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL789;
Cristin Korehinski, R-Class 2 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL784;
Charles Fiss, Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan, BOL836;
Chantel Terry, Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan, BOL860; and
Nathan Brodner, Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan, BOL880.

CARRIED**2026 Ratepayers' Supper & Meeting**

19-26

Layman – That a Ratepayers' supper followed by meeting be planned for October 30, 2026, located at the Wood River Memorial Hall with the hall board to cater supper, price to be determined. Further that Lesley Kelly of *High Heels & Camola Fields* be booked as the presenter for the meeting, at a cost of \$1,500 plus taxes and travel. **CARRIED**

Kirsch Construction – PST Owed

20-26 *T. Sewell* - That Kirsch Construction Ltd. be paid out \$1,008.00 for PST that should have been charged in 2024 on invoice #4968 for excavation. **CARRIED**

Support RM 45 Resolution to SARM

21-26 *Layman* – That Council supports the following resolution to be presented by RM #45 at the SARM Annual Convention:
Whereas the fines for violating the Farm Security Act are insufficient (\$10,000 per contravention); and
Whereas farmland has increased in value by over 13% from 2022 to 2025, and 300-500% since 2007 while input costs have increased exponentially and crop prices have fallen; and
Whereas the Farm Security Board and the farm land owners committee is under funded and under staffed for the responsibilities they are look after;
Be It Resolved that SARM lobby the provincial government to increase the penalties for foreign investment in Saskatchewan farms and farm land; and to exclude any entity from owning farm land that is in any part financed or owned by any non-Canadian;
Be It Further Resolved that SARM lobby the provincial government to extend the three person committee on farm land ownership; and that the provincial governments direct the Farm Security Board to audit the source of financing for corporations that own/buy farm land in Saskatchewan. **CARRIED**

Destroy Documents

22-26 *Packet* – That as per Bylaw No. 01-2017, the following documents be destroyed:
Accounts Payable Invoices/Vouchers 2014-2018;
SMHI Crop Reports 2010-2018. **CARRIED**

Administrator's Report

23-26 *Layman* - That the Administrator's report be accepted as presented, attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

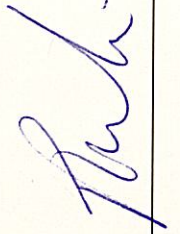
Contract Administration

24-26 *E. Sewell* – That a contract be drafted proposing the Administrator's time spent mentoring the Acting CAO for the Town of Lafleche for approximately 40 hours per month and invoiced at a rate of \$2,000 per month, with the term expiring on December 31, 2026. **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

25-26 *T. Sewell* - That this meeting be adjourned at 3:27 p.m. **CARRIED**


Reeve


Administrator