

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF MANITOU LAKE NO. 442 HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
101 CENTRE STREET, MARSDEN, SASKATCHEWAN ON
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026.**

Present **Reeve:** Brian Graham
 Councillors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay
 Division 2 – Ben Graham
 Division 3 – Norman Wright
 Division 4 – Jason Paterson – Absent
 Division 5 – Brian Nattress
 Division 6 – Roland Koch
 CAO: Joanne Loy
 Foreman: James Czerniak

Call to Order Reeve Brian Graham called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 6.1 Fallon Energy tax arrears and regarding 6.1 Fallon Energy tax arrears as on the April 9, 2026 Agenda.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 8.3 Kagan Sirett Road request.

Councilor Roland Koch declared a conflict of interest regarding 6.2 E Koch application for Pest Control Officer.

Minutes **26/085 KOCH:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 9, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

State-ment **26/086 KOCH:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for April 2026 be accepted as presented.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Accounts **26/087 WRIGHT:** That the accounts to May 7, 2026 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23694 to 23720 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$274,848.23 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 6.1 Oil Company Tax Arrears – Fallon Energy and left the council chambers at 8:14 am.

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the council chambers at 8:19 am.

Councilor Roland Koch declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 6.2 E Koch Pest Control Officer and left the council chambers at 8:20 am.

Pest Cont Officer **26/088 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 contract Erika Koch as Pest Control Officer at a rate of \$30.00 per hour and \$1.00 per kilometre mileage with the RM to pay for the required training courses.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Roland Koch returned to the council chambers at 8:22 am.

Councilor Brian Nattress joined at the meeting at 8:25 am.

Strychnine Distribute **26/089 LINDSAY:** That the RM of Manitou Lake send a request to Ministry of Agriculture – Richardson Ground Squirrel Control to distribute the emergency use strychnine for 2026 and 2027.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Education Mill Rates **26/090 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the 2026 Mill Rates set for the School Divisions by the province as follows:
Agricultural: 1.07 mills
Residential: 4.27 mills
Commercial: 6.37 mills
Resource (oil, gas, pipelines): 7.49 mills

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Neilburg Fire MR **26/091 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the 2026 Mill Rate of 0.74 mills as set by the Neilburg Fire Board.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

SMHI Withdrawal **26/092 WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake Council hereby approves the withdrawal from Sask Municipal Hail Insurance for SE 5-46-25-W3, SW 5-46-25-W3M, SE 18-46-25-W3M, SW 18-46-25-W3M, NE 10-46-26-W3M, NE 13-46-26-W3M, NW 13-46-26-W3M, SE 13-46-26-W3M, NE 24-46-26-W3M, SE 24-46-26-W3M, and SW 24-46-26-W3M.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Correspondence

26/093 KOCH: That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – STRYCHNINE & REQUIRED TRAINING
- SARM – WEED CONTROL PROGRAM
- SARM – DIVISION MEETING – JUNE 16TH, DEKKER CENTRE, 9 AM
- GOV RELATIONS – EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX RATES
- NEILBURG FIRE BAORD – MILL RATE
- WATER SECURITY AGENCY – PROGRAMS
- RCMP REPORTS
- MUNICIPAL HAIL – WITHDRAWALS
- MLA JAMES THORSTEINSON – FUNDRAISING DINNER JUNE 18TH
- MLA KEITH JORGENSON – HEALTH SERVICES

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

TSS Application

26/094 NATTRESS: That the Rural Municipality of Manitou Lake No 442 apply for the Targeted Sector Support Initiative Cost Sharing Grant for the TCA and Amortization Transformation Project in collaboration with the Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No 440, the Rural Municipality of Eldon No 471, and the Rural Municipality of Mervin No 499.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Welltraxx Road Maint

26/095 KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 purchase the Road Maintenance Add-on for the Munitraxx program to track maintenance activities on the RM roads at an annual cost of \$1500 plus applicable taxes.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Borderlands Mutual Aid

26/096 B GRAHAM: That the RM of Manitou Lake renew the Borderlands Mutual Aid Agreement as attached with Reeve Brian Graham and CAO Joanne Loy authorized to sign the Agreement.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 8.3 Kagan Sirett Road request and left council chambers at 8:45 am.

Councilor Ben Graham returned to council chambers at 8:54 am.

Spray Rebate

26/097 WRIGHT: That the RM of Manitou Lake provide a 25% rebate of the cost of approved chemicals used to control Invasive Plants and a 25% rebate of the application of the approved chemicals used to control Invasive Plants to those private landowners within the RM of Manitou Lake who apply and are approved under the Invasive Plant Control Program for 2026.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch

AGAINST:

Carried

**2026
Budget**

26/098 WRIGHT: That the 2026 Budget for the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 be adopted as presented.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**2026
Mill Rate**

26/099 NATTRESS: That the Mill Rate for 2026 be set at 5.442 mills.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Janitorial
Contract**

26/100 NATTRESS: That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 contract Amanda Haslehurst for janitorial services at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**3261
½ Mile**

26/101 LINDSAY: That the RM of Manitou Lake accept the quote from Tarin Enterprises to build up ½ mile of 3261 north from 454 at a cost of \$120,000 plus applicable taxes.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Dust
Control**

26/102 LINDSAY: That the RM of Manitou Lake offer dust control to RM residents, being either MG-30 or sales oil, with the cost of the product being shared 50/50 and the RM to complete any preparation work, providing there are a sufficient number of requests.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Foreman
Report**

26/103 NATTRESS: That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**CAO
Report**

26/104 KOCH: That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

In Camera

26/105 KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council moves to an in-camera session to discuss human resources as authorized by the legislative authority of Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* including the exemptions in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 10:48 am.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Attendees at the in-camera session: Reeve Brian Graham, Councilors Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, and Koch, Foreman James Czerniak, CAO Joanne Loy.

**Out of
Camera**

26/106 KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council rises from the in-camera discussion at 11:00 am.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adjourn

26/107 LINDSAY: That this meeting does now adjourn at 11:04 am this day.

FOR: B Graham, Lindsay, Graham, Wright, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adopted this 11th day of June 2026

Reeve

CAO