

**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, JUNE 11, 2026.**

Present **Reeve:** Brian Graham
 Councillors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay – Absent
 Division 2 – Ben Graham
 Division 3 – Norman Wright
 Division 4 – Jason Paterson
 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 9:08 a.m.

Councilor Brian Nattress declared a conflict of interest regarding 8.4 Grounded Lithium haul request.

Councilor Roland Koch declared a conflict of interest regarding E Koch payable.

Minutes **26/108 WRIGHT:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

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

Carried

State-ment **26/109 NATTRESS:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for May 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

Carried

Councilor Roland Koch declared a conflict of interest regarding the payment to Erika Koch and left Council chambers at 9:20 am.

E Koch PMT **26/110 WRIGHT:** That the payment to Erika Koch for the reimbursement of the course fees and materials for the Pesticide Applicators Course in the amount of \$460.58 be approved.

FOR: B Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Roland Koch returned to Council chambers at 9:22 am.

Accounts **26/111 WRIGHT:** That the accounts to June 11, 2026 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23721 to 23754 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$237,321.21 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

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

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 6.1 Fallon Energy tax arrears.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest on Agenda item 8.1 Road Closure discussion - Kagan Sirett.

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 9:31 am.

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the council chambers at 9:36 am.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest on Agenda item 8.1 Road Closure discussion - Kagan Sirett and left the council chambers at 10:00 am.

Road Close 3255 **26/112 WRIGHT:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 proceed with the closure and sale of that portion of Range Road 3255 lying between the SE 6-47-25-W3M and SW 5-47-25-W3M with the road to be sold to the adjacent landowner, being Kagan Sirett and Amy Sirett, who own both quarter sections for \$1.00 with the purchasers to pay all associated costs with the surveying, closure and sale of the road allowance.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the council chambers at 10:10 am.

Delegate Colleen Digness, Village of Marsden CAO 10:15 – 10:35 am

In Camera **26/113 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council moves to an in-camera session to discuss third party information 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 10:15 am.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Attendees at the in-camera session: Reeve Brian Graham, Councilors Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, and Koch, Village CAO Colleen Digness, CAO Joanne Loy.

Out of Camera **26/114 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council rises from the in-camera discussion at 10:45 am.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Delegates Tom, Nathan, James with ACP and Magnum Cementing 10:53 – 11:55 am

Council recessed for lunch from 11:55 am – 1:17 pm

Correspondence **26/115 PATERSON:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – FLOOD SAFETY
- SARM – JUNE DIVISION MEETING
- SARM – STRYCHNINE
- SARM – PLANT HEALTH NETWORK
- SARM – BEETLES
- STARS –

- APAS UPDATE
- AG IN THE CLASSROOM
- FARMERS FOR FAIR DRAINAGE

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

Carried

Weed Plan **26/116 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake approve the Weed Management Plan 2026 as presented.

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

Carried

RM Domain Email **26/117 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 switch from SaskTel hosted email to an RM domain email with MR Websites to complete the setup for a \$95 one-time setup fee, email migration for three email accounts of \$75 per account, and an annual fee of \$492 per year plus applicable taxes.

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

Carried

Councilor Brian Nattress declared a conflict of interest regarding Grounded Lithium haul request and left Council chambers at 1:46 pm.

Grounded Haul **26/118 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake enter into a road maintenance agreement with Grounded Lithium Corp to haul primary weights during summer weight season, effective June 12, 2026, on RGE RD 3264 from 13-33-44-26-W3M to Highway 40.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Brian Nattress returned to Council chambers at 1:50 pm.

Approach Approval 21-44-27 **26/119 PATERSON:** That Hemisphere Energy’s request to utilize an existing approach into SW 21-44-27-W3M to access 2-21-44-27-W3M be approved providing that the approach is graveled and all other standards as set by Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation are followed.

Carried

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

Carried

Approach Approval 21-44-27 **26/120 PATERSON:** That Hemisphere Energy’s request to utilize an existing approach into SW 21-44-27-W3M to access 3-21-44-27-W3M be approved providing that the approach is graveled and all other standards as set by Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation are followed.

Carried

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

Carried

Road
16-10-47-25

26/121

KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake place a “No Through Road” sign on RGE RD 3253 north of TWP RD 471 as the road dead ends and that Cenovus is authorized to leave the gate or place a barricade where 3253 ends and becomes a private road.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Suffern
Donation
Donation

26/122

KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake donate \$1000 to Suffern Lake Regional Park for improvement efforts.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Tax
Abatement
Abatement

26/123

WRIGHT: That the RM of Manitou Lake abate the following municipal taxes:

Roll #	Owner	2026 Taxes	Abatement
528 300	Valor Energy	4935.45	2769.46
704 000	Tarin Ent	10813.98	5605.82
704 200	Tarin Ent	2805.32	1741.68
706 100	G Hegel	950.81	927.22
780 000	McIntosh	3214.81	1939.26
791 000	Hefra	2317.08	1911.50
878 000	D Scott	872.06	857.72
927 000	K Gray	2545.45	1616.30
1015 000	Herbert	1828.85	1702.10
1037 000	Rotation	14456.07	7363.12
1052 000	Peters	1883.97	1590.49
1279 100	Plains Tower	2726.57	2215.01
2379 000	Wright # Comp	17168.94	8672.06
2469 000	Ducherer	16861.82	8523.06

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Financial
Statement
Statement

26/124

KOCH: That the 2025 Audited Financial Statement for the RM of Manitou Lake No. 442 be accepted as presented.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

Subdiv'n
NW 35-45-26

26/125

NATTRESS: That the subdivision application by Fred Sirett and Zarin Schmidt to expand the existing Parcel A (4.644 ha/11.48 acres) to a proposed Parcel A (10.535 ha/26.03 acres), Residential, from the NW 35-45-2-W3M be approved with Community Planning to be advised that Council is unaware of any land uses that may be incompatible, a servicing agreement is not required, and that the RM does not have any facilities that would be affected nor does the RM have a Zoning Bylaw.

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

AGAINST:

Carried

**B Mitchell
1 Month Rev**

26/126 GRAHAM: That the RM of Manitou Lake No. 442 Council increase Barry Mitchell's hourly rate from \$33 per hour to \$34 per hour effective May 21, 2026.

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

Carried

**Gravel
Pasture**

26/127 WRIGHT: That the RM of Manitou Lake grade and gravel the trail on the hill in the pasture by 12-43-27 and the Ducks Unlimited dam located at SW 19-43-26-W3M.

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

Carried

Councilor Norman Wright left the meeting at 3:15 pm and did not return.

**Foreman
Report**

26/128 PATERSON: That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**CAO
Report**

26/129 GRAHAM: That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Day
Planners**

26/130 B GRAHAM: That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 order 100 day planners and 250 rain gauges.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adjourn

26/131 ROLAND: That this meeting does now adjourn at 3:56 pm this day.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adopted this 9th day of July 2026

Reeve

CAO