

**The regular meeting of the Council for the
R.M. of Ponass Lake was held in the R.M. Office
130 Centre Street Rose Valley
on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.**

	PRESENT:	REEVE: Allan Nelson COUNCILLORS: David Zagrodney, Tyrell Sunderland, Marlon Olynick, Robin Rustad and Rick Sunderland ADMINISTRATOR: Loretta Prevost
	ABSENT:	COUNCILLOR: Dennis Martinson
	CALL TO ORDER	8:00 AM a quorum being present, Reeve Nelson called the meeting to order.
58/24	MINUTES	RUSTAD: THAT the minutes of the February 2, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council held in the RM Office in Rose Valley be approved as read. Carried
59/24	STMT OF FIN. ACT.	ZAGRODNEY: THAT the detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2024, be accepted as presented. Carried
60/23	REPORTS	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the following reports be accepted as presented: RCMP CTSS District Commander Update Carried
61/24	RESCUE BOUNDRY ALTER	RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 forwarded a copy of the map outlining the proposed Rescue Boundary alteration and resolution and supporting statements from all parties involved in the alteration to Wayne Rodger, Fire Marshal with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency for review; AND THAT the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency advised that they are working through details on a transition from hard boundaries, to, during a 911 call, determining which qualified Fire Department is closest to the accident scene. Carried
	8:55 AM	Jason Neufeld and Ashtin Bourgonje, Conservation Programs Specialists with Ducks Unlimited Canada attended the meeting to update council on the programs available and to answer any question they may have.
	9:45 AM	Mr. Neufeld and Ms. Bourgonje left the meeting.
62/24	ADMIN ASSIST POSITION	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT after consulting with the hiring committee on the interview conducted for the Seasonal Maintenance/Administrative Assistant Position, the council for the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367 offer the administrative assistant position with possible outside duties, to Julia Rustad with employment commencing on June 3, 2024. Carried
	10:00 AM	Katey Makohoniuk, SARM Division 4 Plant Health Technical Advisor, attended the meeting to introduce herself, provide council with an overview of her role with respect to weed and pest control and the collection of crop data for the Ministry of Agriculture’s insect and disease surveys and provide council with an update on club root.
	10:10 AM	Ms. Makohoniuk left the meeting.
63/24	UNION NEGOTIATE	OLYNICK: THAT discussion pertaining to a counter-proposal for the Collective Agreement between the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Hoisting, Portable, and Stationary, Local 870 be postponed until the next meeting of council. Carried
64/24	DONATION REQUEST	RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 commit to a total contribution of \$2,500.00 for the capital project at the Fosston Curling Rink; AND THAT these funds be released once the project has commenced. Carried

65/24		<p>RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 donate \$2,500.00 to the St. Front Curling Club for their capital project.</p> <p>Carried</p>
66/24		<p>RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 donate \$500.00 to the Rose Valley Library to assist with operating costs.</p> <p>Carried</p>
67/24	GRAVEL HAUL & SPREAD	<p>RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 contract Chupa Trucking and Excavating of Tisdale, Saskatchewan to perform the 2024 gravel haul and spread.</p> <p>Carried</p>
68/24	2024 BUDGET	<p>ZAGRODNEY: THAT discussion pertaining to the 2024 Budget and the 2024 Capital Budget be continued at the next regular meeting.</p> <p>Carried</p>
69/24	TRUCK/ TRAILER	<p>RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 take the 2013 Mack truck and the 2008 Decap Trailer to Redhead Equipment in Melfort, Saskatchewan for the 2024 truck/trailer safety and the required repairs.</p> <p>Carried</p>
70/24	SEASONAL MAINT.	<p>R. SUNDERLAND: THAT Trent and Justin Wilton’s date of recall be Tuesday April 2, 2024.</p> <p>Carried</p>
71/24	CULVERT QUOTES	<p>T. SUNDERLAND: THAT the administrator obtain quotes for corrugated steel and plastic culverts for 2024 to be reviewed at the next regular meeting of council.</p> <p>Carried</p>
72/24	GPS WIRING	<p>R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the administrator arrange to have the GPS hardware wired directly into the graders and tractors once all equipment is back from being repaired.</p> <p>Carried</p>
73/24	TLE TRUST FUND	<p>RUSTAD: THAT the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367’s percentage factor used to calculate the annual payment in the Rural Municipal Tax Loss Compensation Trust Fund be increased to 90% for 2024.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	11:10 AM	<p>Councillor R. Sunderland declared a pecuniary interest in the next item of business and abstained from voting.</p>
74/24	TTP TENDERS	<p>T. SUNDERLAND: THAT council award the sale of the Tax Title Property identified as Lot 4 Blk/Par 1 Plan BE2415 ISC Parcel #152583835 and Lot 6 Blk/Par 1 Plan BE3023 ISC Parcel #113702206 to Laura Denise Moffatt and Michael David Shumate; THAT the property is sold as is and receipt of full payment of the tendered amount must be received within 30 days of notification of the award; AND THAT the purchaser is responsible for all cost of the transfer.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	11:15 AM	<p>Councillor R. Sunderland returned to the meeting.</p>
75/24	SPRING ROAD RESTRICT.	<p>R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367 notify Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure that this rural municipality will be opting out of the spring road restriction program.</p> <p>Carried</p>
76/24	ASSESS. ROLL OPEN	<p>ZAGRODNEY: THAT council acknowledges that the 2024 Assessment Roll has been prepared and is open to inspection from March 1, 2024 to April 1, 2024.</p> <p>Carried</p>
77/24	FIRE EQUIP POLICY	<p>RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 adopt Policy No. 300-2 being the Equipment Use Policy for the Rose Valley and District Volunteer Fire Department, attached to and forming part of these minutes.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
78/24	SK ENERGY CONSTR.	<p>ZAGRODNEY: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 has no objection to SaskEnergy’s proposed gas line improvement project crossing road allowances on the SW 27-37-13 W2, SW 35-37-13 W2, SE 02-37-13 W2 and SW 01-38-13 W2.</p> <p>Carried</p>

79/24	DONATION	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 donate \$1,000.00 to STARS. Carried
80/24	NEW HORIZON PROGRAM	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT council acknowledge receiving written notification from the New Horizons for Seniors Program advising that the municipality’s request for funding for improvements to the Rose Valley Senior Drop In Centre has been approved. Carried
81/24	ORGANIC PRODUCER	ZAGRODNEY: THAT the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367 acknowledge receiving written notification from Rustad Organic Farms stating that the following lands are Certified organic: SW 03-38-13 W2, SW 12-38-13 W2, NE 35-37-13 W2, SE 35-37-13 W2, E ½ SW 10-38-13 W2, NE 26-37-13 W2, NW 10-38-13 W2, NW 25-37-13 W2, NW 12-38-13 W2 and NE 25-37-13 W2. Carried
82/24	NUT LAKE WATERSHD LEVY	RUSTAD: THAT the administrator send a letter to the Nut Lake Water Shed advising that we has still not received the financial statements requested, as such payment of the 2023 Nut Lake Watershed will not be released until the financial statements are received. Carried
83/24	MMSW REPORTS	T. SUNDERLAND: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 amend the agreement with the Multi-Material Stewardship Western by replacing Loraas Disposal with Greenland Waste Disposal 2003 Ltd. as our service provider; AND THAT effective April 1, 2024 Greenland Waste Disposal 2003 Ltd. file our quarterly reports with the quarterly credit being sent to the Ponass Lake Waste Management Site Authority. Carried
84/24	ACCOUNTS	T. SUNDERLAND: THAT the accounts as listed and attached to forming part of these minutes having been reviewed in full now be approved to be paid for a total of \$218,688.08 Carried
85/24	GENERAL CORRESP.	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the following correspondence be filed in the appropriate manner: WSP-SARM Hospitality Room Invitation March 13, 2024 SARM Rural Dart-February 6, 13, 20 & March 5, 2024 SARM Announcement-Elections APAS Update-February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2024 (emailed to council) Municipalities Today-February 2024 SARM News Release-Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project SARM News Release-Leader in Global Food Security SARM News Release-Rural Saskatchewan Desperate for Health Care Support SUMA Municipal Update-February 12, 2024 Agriculture in the Classroom Think Big-Q1 2024 The Furrow-February 2024 Carried
86/24	ADJOURN	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT this meeting adjourn at 11:45 AM. Carried

The next regular meeting of council is April 10, 2024

Submitted to the head of council this 10th day of April, 2024.

Loretta Prevost
ADMINISTRATOR

Allan Nelson
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