

**ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING
SPECIAL AREA No. 2, SUB-DIVISIONS NO. 3 & 4
Hardgrass Hub, Pollockville
May 28, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. with 11 ratepayers in attendance.

Dan McNiven nominated Brad Slorstad as the meeting Chair.

Brett Richards read the 2024 ratepayer meeting minutes.

Wade Christianson moved the 2024 minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Gwen Torie. **Carried**

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Justin Griffith – Subdivision 4:

- Proposed Coyote Bounty was defeated by Board, Housing project in Oyen for professionals/doctor recruitment. Good year for run off.

Brad Slorstad – Subdivision 3:

- Said Justin had covered it!

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Shaune Kovitch, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on:

- Special Areas Board Member Changes
- 2025 Municipal Election
- Municipal Partnerships
- Regional Medical Projects & Programs
- MD of Acadia & Special Areas Irrigation Project
- Tax Recovery Land Sale Policy
- Resident Satisfaction Survey

Darren Jones, Director of Finance and Administration:

Commented on:

- 2024 Financial Statements
- Future financial trends

Trent Caskey, Director of Property Administration:

Commented on:

- Assessment Total
- Assessment Appeals
- Annual Rate Review
- Grazing lease Rates
- Community Pastures
- Land Use Order
- Tax Recovery Land Sale (TRLS)
- Sheerness Industrial Park and Reservoir
- MD of Acadia & Special Areas Irrigation

Shaune Kovitch, for the Director of Municipal Services (vacant position):

Commented on:

- Major Road Projects and Secondary Highways
- Water Services Projects
- Regional Fire Services and Emergency Management
- Enforcement Services
- Parks and Campgrounds
- Facility Management

New Business and Discussion:

- Funding of neighbouring towns and villages, doubling of industrial tax transfer, mill rates of neighbouring towns
- Potential contribution to Duchess Ag Society for new ice plant in Duchess Hockey Arena as many Special Areas families use the facility
- Carp in Blood Indian, screen on culvert under 884 at north end of Blood Indian, Carp in Berry Creek
- Large drop when travelling east bound on Twp Rd 25-0 over Berry Creek Bridge, concern for longevity of the bridge
- Traffic counts change once pavement is in

Motions:

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 1: Gwen Torie moved that the Special Areas Board install a spray park at Carolside Campground. Seconded by Brad Rooke. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 2: Gwen moved that Special Areas Board install park benches at the Carolside Campground Playground. Seconded by Jane Christianson. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 3: Brad Rooke moved that Special Areas Board entertain making a financial contribution to the Duchess Ag Society for the new ice plant of the Duchess Arena. Seconded by Dan McNiven. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 4: Bruce Beasley moved that the Special Areas Board act on the coyote control incentive program. Seconded by Randy Pierson. **Carried.**

Brent Horner moved to nominate Kevin Torie to 2-3 Road Committee (replacing Michael Solberg),
Seconded by Dan McNiven. **Carried.**

Brad Rooke moved to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

Brett Richards, Administrator
Special Area No. 2

Motion to approve minutes to occur at the next annual ratepayer meeting.