

**ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING
SPECIAL AREA No. 2, SUB-DIVISION NO. 2
Hand Hills Lake Clubhouse
June 16, 2025**

Shaune Kovitch, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with approximately six ratepayers in attendance.

Stratton Peake nominated Neal Roes as meeting Chair. Seconded by Frank Roes.

Stratton Peake moved the 2024 minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Stan Fullerton. **Carried.**

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Shaune Kovitch, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on:

- 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

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

Commented on:

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

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

Discussion:

- The motion for all Board members to attend Ratepayer meetings did not go anywhere, concerns of the time commitment
- Dedication water supply line Homestead fire, pass council and Board and went for engineering
- 862 south, engaged with the province to rebuild 862 and some other gravel secondaries
- Attendance at ratepayer meetings
- Format and timing of ratepayer meetings, staff out-number ratepayers
- Allowing community members to sit on boards like the Big County Waste Commission would lead to more engagement
- Highway 57- west end pretty bad East coulee to Dorothy is planned for a lift by transportation
- Homestead fire trucks lose communication in the river valley
- Should look into Starlink
- SEAWA power from waste
- Peake railroad drive wash out – with engineering no solution known yet
- Bullpound creek bridge Twp Rd 25-2 – planned July 16- Aug 16th; local road light access, fair weather detour planned, will be signed as road closed
- Natural gas for irrigation project
- Potential Bullpound pipeline
- Land management of irrigation project, lease land – irrigation licence
- Access into Cessford very rough, around the corner into school avenue
- Additional storage at water stations
- Thanks to the Special Areas Board for the repairs to the Dorothy Elevator

Motions:

SA2SUB2 - Motion 1: Moved by Stratton Peake that Special Areas Board administration research best possible solutions for remote communication in dead zones via Starlink, radio or other best solutions. Seconded by Frank Roes. **Carried.**

SA2SUB2 - Motion 2: Cam Gillespie moved that Special Areas Board look into additional water storage at Pollockville and Sunnynook Water stations and other stations if needed. Seconded by Stratton. **Carried.**

SA2SUB2 - Motion 3: Stratton Peake moved that Special Areas Board engage with Alberta Transportation to make a safe means for a photo turn out for the Dorothy elevator. Seconded by Laurie Gillespie. **Carried.**

Laurie Gillespie moved for adjournment at 4:26 p.m.

Brett Richards, Administrator
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Motion to approve minutes to occur at the next annual ratepayer meeting.

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