

**ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING
SPECIAL AREA NO. 3, SUB-DIVISION NO. 4, 5 and 6
Cereal Community Centre, Cereal
June 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m., with approximately 28 ratepayers in attendance.

SA3Div456 Motion 1:

Moved by Kevin Wilson to nominate John Kimber as the meeting Chair. Erica Tessier moved nominations cease. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 2:

Moved by David McKinstry to adopt the 2024 minutes as read. Seconded by Tina Rosenau. **CARRIED.**

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Wilson:

Commented on:

- Medical Dental Board, Medical Clinic, nurse and doctor recruitment, and the Big Country Waste Management Commission.

Erica Tessier:

Commented on:

- Medical Dental Board, nurses housing, Palliser Economic Partnership, Rural Infrastructure Management Program, and the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission.

John Kimber:

Commented on:

- Agriculture Service Board, Chinook Applied Research Association, and Palliser Regional Municipal Services.

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Shaune Kovitch, Chair of Special Areas Board:

Commented on:

- Appointment to Chair, 2025 municipal election, municipal partnerships, regional medical projects, irrigation, TRLS, and resident satisfaction survey.

Darren Jones, Director of Finance and Administration:

Commented on:

- Financial status, clean audit, cash position, arrears collection, nonfinancial assets, financial reserves, revenue and expenses, assessment, deficit and surplus.

Shaune Kovitch, for Director of Municipal Services:

Commented on:

- 2025 road projects, secondary highway improvements and contracts, water services, emergency services, enforcement, parks, and facilities management.

Trent Caskey, Director of Property Administration:

Commented on:

- Assessment, Lease Rental rates, Land Use Order, TRLS, Sheerness Industrial Park, and the Irrigation project.

DISCUSSION

Items discussed included:

- Housing shortages for nurses, doctors, teachers, RCMP, and others,
- Irrigation open houses were very well done,
- Sheerness Industrial Park,
- Oyen railyard loan payments,
- Audited Financial Statements,
- Percentage of taxes that industry pays,
- Cereal industrial tax transfer funding,
- Waste site repairs needed,
- Secondary highway surfacing,
- Don't surface roads during harvest season,
- Hamlets need improvements,
- Bigstone fishery,
- Water truck fills,
- Renewable projects,
- Buffalo Atlee Community Pasture and,
- Irrigation pumping costs.

MOTIONS:

SA3Div456 Motion 3:

Moved by Glen Rosenau that the SAB indicate to the BCWC the need to maintain the present waste sites within SA; either repair or replace the failing sites. Removing any existing sites is unacceptable to the residents of the SA. Seconded by David McKinstry. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 4:

Moved by Glen Rosenau that the SAB indicate to the BCWC that temporary roll off bins be used from private industry for any waste sites that BCWC deems needing immediate attention, until the existing sites are repaired or replaced. Seconded by Rocky Miller. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 5:

Moved by Gordon Woods that the SAB address the issue of old vehicles accumulating, as well as dealing with derelict properties in SA Hamlets. Seconded by Tina Rosenau. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 6:

Moved by Glen Rosenau that as of June 19, 2025 all proposed solar power generating projects, as well as ones that have been passed by the AUC that are awaiting development permitting, be halted in the SA. Seconded by Ron Townrow. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 7:

Moved by David McKinstry that the SAB revisit the setback for wind towers and adjust from 800 m to a 1,600 m minimum from a residence in SA. Seconded by Ron Townrow. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 8:

Moved by Brian Connors that the SAB bring in a coyote bounty to help out the ranchers. Seconded by Rocky Miller. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 9:

Moved by David McKinstry and Seconded by Erica Tessier to have the SAB appoint road committee member replacements for SA 3-4:

- Ray Penner to replace Ron Smigelski,
- Kurt Christianson to replace David McKinstry,
- Scott Woods to replace Jim Newton,
- Adam Smith to replace Doug Norris.

CARRIED.

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SA3-SD 4, 5, 6
June 19, 2025
1:30 p.m.
Cereal Community Centre

David McKinstry moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Darran Dick, Administrator
Special Area No. 3, Oyen

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

UNADOPTED