NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2026

In Attendance: John Ireland, NRDRWSC Chair, Lacombe County Reeve
Clayton Nelson, NRDRWSC Vice-Chair, Town of Ponoka Councillor
Jim Sands, NRDRWSC Director, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Kim Proud, NRDRWSC Director, City of Lacombe Councillor
Mark Matejka, NRDRWSC Director, Ponoka County Councillor

Others Present: Jordan Thompson, NRDRWSC CAO
Craig Makinaw, Councillor, Ermineskin Cree Nation
Matthew Goudy, CAO, City of Lacombe
Doug Halldorson, Director of Operations, City of Lacombe
Amber Mitchell, Manager of Engineering Services, City of Lacombe
Chris Houston, Manager of Utilities, City of Lacombe
Julia Fesenko, NRDRWSC Administrative Assistant

Guests: Albert Flootman, MPA, RPP, MCIP, Principal, Localis
Michael Wuetherick, P.Eng., Localis; CAO, SRDRWC
Darwin Durnie, RET, Localis
Todd Simenson, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon), ENV SP, Vice President, Stantec
Sandra Lund, CAO, Town of Ponoka
Kevin Ferguson, Mayor, Town of Ponoka
Jeff Edgington, Manager of Public Works and Utilities, Town of Ponoka

Regrets: Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services, Town of Blackfalds

1. Call to Order:

Chair Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda:

MOVED by Director Sands that the regular meeting agenda for August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

MOVED by Director Matejka that the minutes for June 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentations

5. Reports

6. New Business / Emergent Items:

6.1. Waterline Expansion Tendering Strategy Update

CAO Thompson presented the revised tendering strategy for the Waterline Expansion Project. The project will continue to advance to a tender-ready state; however, no tenders will be issued until full project funding has been confirmed.

MOVED by Vice-Chair Nelson to approve the revised tendering strategy for the Waterline Expansion Project, under which the project will continue to advance to a tender-ready state, but no tenders will be issued until full project funding is confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. Request for Expression of Interest

CAO Thompson presented a proposal to seek market feedback on a conceptual roadmap for regional water utility planning, capacity governance, rate modelling, long-term financial planning and future water licence renewal.

MOVED by Director Matejka to proceed with the Request for Expressions of Interest process as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Correspondence

8. In Camera

8.1. AUC Decision Update

MOVED by Vice-Chair Nelson to move IN CAMERA at 9:18 a.m., with Commission Administration (Manager Thompson, Administrative Assistant Fesenko), Doug Halldorson, Amber Mitchell, Chris Houston, Matthew Goudy, Sandra Lund, Kevin Ferguson, Jeff Edgington and Michael Wuetherick present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Director Proud to return to Open Meeting at 9:54 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Next Meeting:

Monday, September 21, 2026, in Council Chambers, City of Lacombe, at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment:

MOVED by Director Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer