

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Village of Dutchess
January 19, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Deputy Mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Shanda Smith
Councillor Stephen Dortch

Regrets: Mayor Tony Steidel

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkelson Public Works, Sharon Zacharias

Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Motions

01-26

Councillor Dortch motioned that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Dutchess was held on December 15, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

02-26

Councillor Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of

8.g Affordable Housing
8.h Shortgrass Library Letter re: levy for 2026
8.i Move February Meeting
8.j Succession Planning

Carried Unanimously

Draft balance sheet and a draft financial statement was received for information

Sharon Zacharias left meeting at 7:20 pm

Public works and CAO reports were received by Council as information

03-26 Councillor Smith motioned to change our ARB and SDAB to our contracted planning authority, ORRSC.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Steidel and Councillor Smith will attend the CARE Spring Seminar that is being held in Brooks.

04-26 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the 1st reading of Bylaw 532-26 ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

05-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to approve an ad hoc committee to look at a compensation review, succession planning and the CAO review process. They will meet 2 times before coming back with recommendations and will determine if further meetings are required. Councillors Reid-Mickler, Dortch and Preston were appointed.

Carried Unanimously

06-26 Councillor Preston motion to move February's Council Meeting to February 17th, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

07-26 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

Carried Unanimously

08-26 Councillor Preston motioned to go into a closed meeting at 8: 44 pm

Carried Unanimously

09-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to come out of closed meeting at 9:14 pm.

Carried Unanimously

10-26

Councillor Preston motioned to get costing for 8 additional lots in the area South on Centre Street. Councillor Preston included engineering cost estimates and also costing for power, gas and telephone for the area.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 9:24 pm