

**STARLAND COUNTY  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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The Organizational Meeting of the 2025/2026 Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Attendance:**

Councillors Mark Landry, Steve Wannstrom, Sylvia Neil, Jackie Watts, and John Rew, Chief Administrative Officer Christopher Robblee, Corporate Services Director Judy Fazekas, and Legislative Coordinator Serena Michie

**Call to Order:**

CAO Robblee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Oath of Office:**

All Councillors took the Oath of Office as prescribed by the *Oaths of Office Act*

**Nominations for Reeve:** CAO Robblee called for nominations for Reeve for the ensuing year, or until the date of the next Organizational Meeting.

Councillor Landry nominated Councillor Wannstrom

CAO Robblee called for nominations two additional times.

Councillor Rew moves that nominations cease.

Carried.

**Appointment of Reeve:**

Councillor Wannstrom is appointed Reeve by acclamation.

Reeve Wannstrom assumes the position of Chair.

**Nominations for Deputy Reeve:** Reeve Wannstrom called for nominations for Deputy Reeve for the ensuing year, or until the date of the next Organizational Meeting.

Councillor Rew nominated Councillor Watts.

Reeve Wannstrom called for nominations two additional times.

Councillor Landry moves that nominations cease.

Carried.

**Appointment of the Deputy Reeve:**

Councillor Watts is appointed Deputy Reeve by acclamation.

**Evidence of Fidelity Bond**

Deputy Reeve Watts moves to receive the Evidence of Fidelity Bond for information.

Carried.

**Regular Meeting Dates and Time**

Councillor Landry moves to set the regular meeting dates of Council as the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9:00 am.

Carried.

<b>Bank Authorization</b>	Councillor Landry moves that Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Watts, CAO Robblee, and Corporate Services Director Fazekas be granted cheque signing authority.	Carried.
<b>Appointment of Auditor</b>	Councillor Rew moves to appoint Ascend LLP as Starland County's auditor.	Carried.
<b>Councillor Compensation (Policy 110-10)</b>	Deputy Reeve Watts moves that the meal allowance for a full-day meeting be increased from \$57.00 to \$65.00 and the half-day allowance be increased from \$32.00 to \$35.00.	Carried.
<b>Internal Committee Appointments</b>	<p>IDP/ICF Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reeve Wannstrom</li><li>- Deputy Reeve Watts</li><li>- Councillor Rew</li></ul> <p>Municipal Planning Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chair: Deputy Reeve Watts</li><li>- Board Member: Councillor Rew</li><li>- Member at Large: Koren McDougald</li><li>- Secretary: Laura Cawwezel</li></ul> <p>Safety Program Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Council Representative: <i>position struck from committee</i></li></ul> <p>Starland Agricultural Service Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chair: Deputy Reeve Watts</li><li>- Board Members: Reeve Wannstrom Councillor Landry Councillor Rew Councillor Neill</li><li>- Farm Members: Derek Krycun Martin Larsen</li><li>- Recording Secretary: Christopher Robblee</li></ul> <p>Starland Disaster Services Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Board Members: Deputy Reeve Watts Councillor Neill</li><li>- Director of Emergency Services: Dan Tremblay</li><li>- Deputy Director of Emergency Services: Christopher Robblee</li><li>- Communications Officer: Judy Fazekas</li><li>- Registration: Alyssa Schweder</li><li>- Secretary: Laura Cawwezel</li></ul> <p>Starland Economic Development and Tourism Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chair: Reeve Wannstrom</li><li>- CAO: Christopher Robblee</li><li>- Economic Development Officer: Jason Jede</li><li>- Council Representatives: Councillor Landry Councillor Neill</li><li>- Staff Representative: Matthew Kiemele</li><li>- Recording Secretary: Ryan Hallet</li></ul> <p>Starland Fire Protection Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deputy Reeve Watts</li><li>- Councillor Rew</li></ul>	

Scholarship and Bursary Committee:

- Councillor Landry
- Councillor Neill
- Councillor Rew

Hamlet Fire Chiefs: Rumsey: Brooks Watts  
Michichi: Dave Heistad  
Craigmyle: Brent Olmsted

**Motion to Ratify  
Internal Committee  
Appointments**

Councillor Rew moves to ratify internal committee appointment for the next 12 months, or until the next Organizational Meeting.

Carried.

**External Committee  
Appointments**

Community Futures Big Country

- Councillor Rew

CRMA Board of Directors:

- Reeve: Reeve Wannstrom
- Alternate: Deputy Reeve Watts

Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association:

- Councillor Landry

Drumheller and District Rural Crime Watch:

- Councillor Neill

Drumheller Area Health Foundation:

- Deputy Reeve Watts
- Member at Large: Melanie Nelson

Drumheller District Senior's Foundation:

- Reeve Wannstrom

Hanna Medical Society:

- Councillor Landry

Henry Kroeger Regional Water Authority

- Councillor Rew
- Alternate: Councillor Landry

Joint Drumheller Health Services Committee

- Reeve Wannstrom

Marigold Library

- Starland Rep.: Lillian Morrison

Palliser Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- Reeve Wannstrom
- Councillor Neill
- Councillor Landry

Palliser Regional Municipal Services Agency

- Councillor Landry
- Councillor Rew

Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

- Deputy Reeve Watts
- Alternate: Councillor Neill

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

- Councillor Landry

Starland Regional FCSS Committee

- Deputy Reeve Watts
- Community Services Director: Matthew Kiemele

Starland Regional Water Authority Committee

- Reeve Wannstrom

Starland Seed Cleaning Plant

- Councillor Rew
- Councillor Landry

**Motion to Ratify  
External Committee  
Appointments**

Deputy Reeve Watts moves to ratify external committee appointment for the next 12 months, or until the next Organizational Meeting.

Carried.

**Adjournment**

Councillor Rew moves to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 10:15 am.

Reeve:

Steven Wannstrom



Chief Administrative Officer:  
Christopher Robblee