MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, COUNTY CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA

PRESENT:	Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
	Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
	Brenda Yasinski	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
	Brent Reese	Ward Four	Deadwood/Sunny Valley
	Gloria Dechant	Ward Five	North Star/Breaking Point
	Terry Ungarian	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
	Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou
IN ATTENDANCE:	Gerhard Stickling	Chief Administrative Officer	
	Josh Hunter	Director of Corporate Services	
	Charles Schwab	Director of Public Works	
	Jessica Gummesen	Executive Assistant/ Recorder	
	Saluhu Mohammed	Planning and Development Clerk	
	Dan Archer	Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter *(virtual)*	

01.0 Call to Order (CAO)

Gerhard Stickling, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), called the Annual Organizational Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Motion to Authorize Secret Ballots for the Selection of the Chief Elected Official and Deputy Chief Elected Official

500/27/10/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Yasinski that Council conduct the elections for the positions of Chief Elected Official (Reeve) and Deputy Chief Elected (Deputy Reeve) Official by secret ballot
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

02.0 Organization of County of Northern Lights Council

2.1 Selection and Appointment of Chief Elected Official (Reeve)

Gerhard Stickling (CAO), declared nominations open for the position of Chief Elected Official (Reeve)

- Councillor These nominated Councillor Ungarian [Accepted]
- Gerhard Stickling called for nominations a second time
- Councillor Reese nominated Councillor Yasinski [Accepted]
- Gerhard Stickling called for nominations a third and final time

Hearing no further nominations, Gerhard Stickling declared nominations closed

Councillor Ungarian was declared Chief Elected Official (Reeve) for the County of Northern Lights

Gerhard Stickling (CAO), turned the chair over to the newly elected Reeve to chair the remainder of the meeting

2.2 Selection and Appointment of Deputy Chief Elected Official

Reeve Ungarian declared nominations open for the position of Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Reeve)

- Reeve Ungarian nominated Councillor Schug [Accepted]
- Reeve Ungarian called for nominations a second time
- Reeve Ungarian called for nominations a third and final time

Hearing no further nominations, Reeve Ungarian declared nominations closed

Councillor Schug was elected by acclamation and accepted the position of Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Reeve) for the County of Northern Lights

Councillor Reese verbally tendered his resignation from Council, effective Immediately, during the 2026 Organizational Meeting

Councillor Reese exited the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

501/27/10/26 **MOVED BY Councillor** Dechant that the ballots used in the elections of the Chief Elected Official (Reeve) be destroyed
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Appointments to Boards and Committees
A. Review of Board and Committee Appointments, Including Additions, Deletions, and Removals of Boards and Committees on Which the County Holds Representation, and Adoption of the 2026–2027 Board and Committee Appointment List

502/27/10/26 **MOVED BY Councillor** Halabisky that Council adopt the 2026–2027 Boards and Committees List, as amended, and include it as part of the Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

03.0 Signing Authority Arrangements (ATB)
3.1 Review and Approval of Signing Authorities
No change to signing authorities

04.0 Establishment of the 2027 Regular Council Meeting Schedule
4.1 Review and Adoption of the 2027 Council Meeting Calendar, Including Christmas Scheduling Considerations

503/27/10/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Schug that Council adopt the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar, as amended, to include the RMA Zone Meetings on February 13 and August 14, 2027, and the County Office Closure from December 27 to December 31, 2027
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

05.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Organizational Meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian

Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling