

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
January 9, 2017**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Charlie Johnson	Council Representative
MacKay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Julie Watchorn	Member
Garry Candy	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

AGENDA

AG1(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the January 6, 2017 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:
6 E. Environmental Stream Funding Application
7 C. Dugout Vegetation Removal **CARRIED.**

AG2(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

AG3(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Organizational Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

DELEGATION

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG4(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 9, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED

Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

The Board tabled the draft 2017-2019 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan to this meeting for further consideration. The list of action items that require direction from the Board was circulated by email for the Board's review and feedback after the December meeting.

AG5(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council lower the rental rate on the

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tree spade from \$150.00 a day to \$50.00 a day to promote the establishment of shelterbelts. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the 2017-2019 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan with the following amendments:

1. Carcass Disposal – Option 3: Revise Action by holding workshops
2. Encourage producer education by reimbursement of registration fees and travel costs for agricultural workshops and conferences – Option 1 continue Agricultural Improvement Policy 6302 Section 2.2 and do more advertising.
3. Maintain cost recovery goal of 70% for Trade Show – Option 1 no change
4. VSI Membership Fees – Option 1 no change
5. Annual Farm Safety Poster Contest – Removing from Business Plan as farm safety education in schools is now provided by provincial agency.
6. Encourage education of young farmers by reimbursing registration fees and travel costs for young farmers to attend conferences and workshops – Continue Agricultural Improvement Policy 6302 Section 2.2 and defined Young Farmers as up to the age of 35
7. 50% cost recovery of the annual operating costs of the rental program – include maintenance in the operating costs
8. 50% capital costs per unit and 100% of maintenance – remove this item from the Business Plan (see #7)
9. Enter into agreements with agents to provide satellite yards for rental equipment – Option 1 – Continue with current policy of reducing rental rate by half a day for users more than 50kms from County office.
10. Roadside Beautification – Remove as Public Works is responsible for roadside garbage clean-up. Weed related matters are addressed in the Business Plan
11. Tag Readers – Option 2 pass this item on to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.
12. Offer workshops on animal health and wellness – Remove from Business Plan as provided federally
13. Utilize provincial funding for 3rd party traceability – Remove from Business Plan
14. Support the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Option 1 continue supporting the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association
15. Shelterbelt Program – Option 1 continue with this program

Date, Time and Place
Of Board Meetings

The Board tabled this item from the December 12, 2016 Organizational Meeting since not all the members were present.

AG7(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize that ten (10) regular meetings are to be held the second Monday of each month except May when the meeting will be held the first Monday; meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.; and no meetings will be held in April or August. At the call of the Chair, special meetings shall be posted 48 hours in advance. CARRIED.

Municipal Weed
Control

Minister Carlier has responded to the letter of concern Council sent regarding the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds due to the movement of traffic, equipment, and people. In the letter of reply, the Minister is offering to meet with the County and representatives from the urban authorities within Clear Hills County (Village of Hines Creek) to discuss obligations under the Act. The Board is provided with the draft response letter that will be presented to Council tomorrow, January 10, 2017, and it is requested to provide direction on additions or deletions if any.

AG8(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend that Council sends the letter of response to Minister Carlier regarding the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, pointing out concerns are not with the immediate area, rather traffic, equipment, people, coming from outside the region and province as presented. CARRIED.

Add-In: Environmental
Stream Funding
Application

The Board is presented with the 2017-2019 Environmental Stream Funding portion of the Agricultural Service Board Grant application, as prepared by Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.

AG9(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the 2017-2019 Environmental Stream funding portion of the Agricultural Service Board grant application as prepared by the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG10(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board to authorize the attendance of Member Ross, Chair Harcourt, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Councillor Johnson and Member Watchorn to attend the 2017 Peace Agronomy update on January 18, 2017 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG11(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend the Alberta Beef Conference at the Sheraton in Red Deer, Alberta on February 15-17, 2017. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:45 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

Well Decommissioning
Under Growing
Forward 2

Board Member Ross requested administration bring information to the Board regarding well decommissioning funding through the Growing Forward 2 Program.

AG12(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept the information and discussion regarding well decommissioning funding through the Growing Forward 2 program as presented. CARRIED.

Dugout Vegetation
Control

Member Ross asked that this be added to today's agenda.

AG13(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on a towable backhoe for dugout vegetation control to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

AG14(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 9, 2017 Agricultural Fieldman Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports.

Chair Harcourt: Cattle Marketing Workshop on January 5, 2017 at the Manning Legion Hall

Deputy Chair Ruecker: Cattle Marketing Workshop on January 5, 2017 at the Manning Legion Hall and Peace Country Beef Congress on January 6-7, 2017 at the Lakota Center in Dawson Creek, BC.

Member Ross: Attended the Peace Country Beef Congress on January 6-7, 2017 at the Lakota Center in Dawson Creek, BC.

Member Watchorn: Attended the Peace Country Beef Congress on January 6-7, 2017 at the Lakota Center in Dawson Creek, BC.

AG15(01/09/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written and verbal reports of January 9, 2017 for information. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

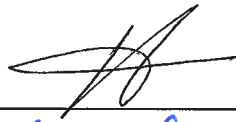
1. Fusarium Head Blight – Article – (63-10-02)
2. Alberta Plant Health Lab – Article – (63-10-02)
3. Save the Date – Brochure - (63-10-02)

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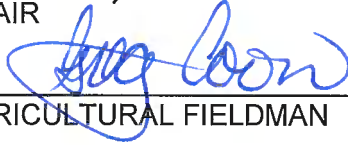
RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information and correspondence of January 9, 2017 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.



CHAIR



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN