

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
January 11, 2016**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Leslie Davis	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Stan Logan	Member
Charlie Johnson	Council Representative

IN ATTENDANCE

Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Al Fletcher	Agricultural Fieldman

IN REGRET

Mackay Ross	Member
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

AGENDA

AG1(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the January 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following addition.

7b. The Agenda CARRIED.

AG2(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

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RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 11, 2016 ASB Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Heavy Harrows

The Board directed cost and availability of 50-70 foot heavy harrows be researched for consideration as rental equipment. The Board is requested to provide further direction on the type of harrows being proposed.

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RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back information on options and comparisons of 60 foot McFarlane harrows and heavy harrows, and Valmar style attachments as a potential rental equipment item. CARRIED.

Wire Roller

The Board directed costs and availability of a wire roller be researched for consideration as rental equipment. The Board is

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Bovine Spongiform
Encephalopathy

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Genetically Engineered
Alfalfa & Wheat
Free Zones

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Bill 6

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Policies Review

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requested to provide further direction on the type of wire roller being proposed.

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back information and costs for tractor hitch mount and pickup slide in style wire rollers as a potential rental equipment item. CARRIED.

The Board directed administration to draft a Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (B.S.E.) Compensation policy and bring back to the January 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting.

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program as presented. CARRIED.

The Board directed letters be circulated to the Agricultural Service Boards in the region supporting the Peace Region, and the Province being declared genetically engineered (ie Roundup Ready™) free zones for alfalfa and wheat. The draft letters are attached for the Board's review.

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approve the draft letters to the Agricultural Service Boards in the region supporting the Peace Region and Province be declared genetically engineered (ie Roundup Ready™) free zones for alfalfa and wheat, as presented. CARRIED.

The Board directed administration to bring back more information on the proposed legislation changes from Bill 6 *Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act*.

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the amendments to Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers. CARRIED.

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Policies for review.

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:35 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:15 a.m.

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board direct options be drafted for amending Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy setting out the County's

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response in the event of Clubroot of Canola being confirmed within the County boundaries. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the Agricultural Service Board Policies **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

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RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of:

- Chair Harcourt, Councillor Johnson and Member Logan to High Quality Forages for Growing & Finishing Cattle with Dr. Anibal Pordomingo on Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.
- Member Logan and Member Davis to the Alberta Beef Industry Conference on February 17-19, 2016 in Red Deer, Alberta.
- Member Davis to the Tactical Farming Conference at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in Calgary, Alberta on February 10-11, 2016 **CARRIED.**

7d. The Agenda

This item was added by Chair Harcourt.

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RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the posting of the Agricultural Service Board agenda on the county website.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

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RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 11, 2016 Agricultural Fieldman report for information. **CARRIED.**

Board Reports

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

Member Davis: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

Member Logan: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

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Chair Harcourt: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of January 11, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Back Forty Year End Issue – (63-02-02)
2. Alberta Farm Animal Care Quarterly Update December 2015 – (63-02-02)
3. Alberta Farm Animal Care Council Vs. Board – (63-02-02)
4. Leduc County Letters (63-02-02)
5. County of St. Paul letter (63-02-02)
6. Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 letter (63-02-02)
7. Westlock County letter (63-02-02)
8. Lamont County letter (63-02-02)
9. AAAF Letters (63-02-02)
10. Trait Stewardship Responsibilities Notice to Farmers – (63-02-02)

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RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of January 11, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJORNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.



CHAIR



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN