

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
 COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 May 4, 2015**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Mackay Ross	Member
Leslie Davis	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative (Alternate)
Stan Logan	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Randy Perkins	Alberta Agriculture

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.

AGENDA

AG37 (05/04/15)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 4, 2015 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following add-ins:
 6d. Agricultural Growth Act Becomes Law CARRIED.**

MINUTES

AG38 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

AG39 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accepts the May 4, 2015 ASB Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association

The Board had requested the benefits of all Agricultural Service Board members having a Peace Country Beef and Forage Association membership be researched.

AG40 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information that a municipal membership is sufficient for board members to have access to information and workshops through the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. CARRIED.

Trade Show 2015

The Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show has past and the board is asked to evaluate its success.

AG41 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion regarding

NEW BUSINESS

Pest Inspector
Appointments

the review of Clear Hills County 21st Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 11, 2015. **CARRIED.**

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

AG42 (05/04/15)

Weed Inspector
Appointments

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Kelsey Lund, Cindy Campbell Shawnee Bettenson-Desfosses and Nicole Konrad as Pest Inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2015 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. **CARRIED.**

Weed Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act.

AG43 (05/04/15)

Alberta Farm Animal
Care

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Kelsey Lund, Cindy Campbell, Shawnee Bettenson-Desfosses and Nicole Konrad as Weed Inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2015 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. **CARRIED.**

The Board is presented with a membership opportunity with Alberta Farm Animal Care.

AG44 (05/04/15)

Agricultural Growth Act
Becomes Law

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board purchase a membership of \$500 with the Alberta Farm Animal Care organization. **CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt requested the article *Agricultural Growth Act Becomes Law* from the *Alberta Farm Express*, be added to today's agenda.

AG45 (05/04/15)

REPORTS

Community Development
Manager Report

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board prepare a letter for the next Agricultural Service Board meeting to the Provincial and Federal Agricultural Ministers concerning the Agricultural Growth Act and concern over potential seed check off dollars and retaining farmers' rights to use their own seed. **CARRIED.**

At this time the Community Development Manager will have an opportunity to report on Community Development Topics.

AG46 (05/04/15)

Board Reports

RESOLUTION by Councilor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Community Development Manager's report to May 4, 2015 as presented. **CARRIED.**

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

AG47 (05/04/15)

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of May 4, 2015 for information. CARRIED.

The Agricultural Fieldman had the opportunity to present his report.

AG48 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board investigate upgrading the roller mill motor to maintain the 110 volts and increase the size to 3HP or larger. CARRIED.

AG49 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 4, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman report for information. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

1. V.S.I Services (1980) Ltd. – Letter – (63-10-40)
2. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Newsletter – (63-02-02)
3. Beef Cattle Conference – Registration Package – (63-02-02)

AG50 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available Agricultural Service Board Members to attend the Soil Carbon Coalition Field Day With Peter Donovan at Maverick Livestock Farm in the Eureka River area on June 15, 2015. CARRIED.

AG51 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Logan or alternate Member Davis to attend the Beef Cattle Conference at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino in Calgary Alberta June 17-19, 2015. CARRIED.

AG52 (05/04/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information and correspondence of May 4, 2015 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the Agricultural Service Board meeting at 11:37 a.m.



CHAIRPERSON



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

