

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

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Al Fletcher	Agricultural Fieldman

IN REGRET

Stan Logan	Member
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

AGENDA

**AG71(07/11/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the July 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:**

- 7 b. Biomulcher**
- 7 c. Canadian Beef Industry Conference**
- 7 d. Seven Generations Workshop**                      **CARRIED.**

**AG72(07/11/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG73(07/11/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.**

Glyphosate Tolerant  
Wheat Resolution

Administration is seeking direction in development of the resolution to ban glyphosate tolerant wheat in Canada. The Board is presented with the information on the previous resolutions.

**AG74(07/11/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board bring back information on the health and trade impacts of Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Regional Voting

Members Resolution

The Board is presented with a draft resolution recommending a maximum of two votes per Agricultural Service Board at the Regional Conference.

AG75(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board submit the following resolution to the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference:**

**WHEREAS weather related road conditions, location, timing, other obligations and budgetary constraints results in varying attendance levels from Agricultural Service Boards to the Regional Conference, and**

**WHEREAS the goal of the Regional Conference is to pass resolutions of concern to the majority of the region, and**

**WHEREAS allowing all Agricultural Board members present to have a vote can inadvertently result in motions passing that are not of concern to the entire region; and**

**WHEREAS limiting the number of voting members to a maximum of two would allow equity of representation across the Region, and reinforce that the resolutions being passed are of concern to the majority of the Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT PEACE REGION AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Peace Regional Rules of Procedure be amended to a maximum of two voting members per Agricultural Service Board. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Weed Enforcement Rates

The Board is presented with recommended weed enforcement rates; to ensure that weed enforcement cost recovery is consistently applied administration is recommending that these rates be included in the County Schedule of Fees & Charges Bylaw.

AG76(07/11/16)

*Rescinded  
AG93(08/08/16)*

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a letter to Alberta and British Columbia Peace Region municipalities recommending that they control the weeds under the Weed Control Act Regulations to stop the spread into other municipalities. CARRIED.**

AG77(07/11/16)

*Rescinded  
AG93(08/08/16)*

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration draft a resolution for the Regional Conference recommending that municipalities control the weeds under the Weed Control Act Regulations to stop the spread into other municipalities. CARRIED.**

AG78(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend the following weed enforcement rates be included in the Schedule of Fees & Charges Bylaw:**

- **Weed Pickers: \$40.00**
- **Supervisor: \$75.00**
- **Truck/UTV: Hour or day rate, whichever is lower, as per current ARHCA Equipment Rental Rates Guide.**
- **Administration Fee: 15%**
- **Travel to and from site will be calculated same as above.**

**CARRIED.**

Biomulcher

Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.

AG79(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the cost of a biomulcher including the cost of a trailer to transport it on.**

**CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:42 a.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

Canadian Beef  
Industry Conference

Chair Harcourt requested this be added to today's agenda.

Seven Generations  
Workshop

Chair Harcourt requested this be added to today's agenda.

AG80(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Member Candy to the Seven Generations workshop seminar on June 20, 2016 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.**

**CARRIED.**

AG81(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Canadian Beef and Industry Conference.**

**CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldmen will have an opportunity to present their reports.

AG82(07/11/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 11, 2016 Agricultural Fieldmen reports for information.**

**CARRIED.**

Board Reports

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

Member Ross: Attended Soil Health Workshop in Rycroft, Alberta.  
Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended Nitrogen Fixation Workshop in Manning, Alberta and Soil Health Workshop in Rycroft, Alberta.

AG83(07/11/16) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of July 11, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

AG84(07/11/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available Board members to attend Day at the Research Farm on July 20, 2016 in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG85(07/11/16) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available Board members to attend Pasture Walk Series with Kelly Siforyk and Karin Lindquist on July 27, 2016 at the Grimshaw Legion in Grimshaw, Alberta. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Bill 6 Consultations & Technical Working Groups – (63-02-02)
2. Grassroots Article – (63-02-02)
3. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Day at the Research Farm – (63-02-02)
4. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Pasture Walk – (63-02-02)
5. Alberta Farm Animal Care – Article – (63-02-02)

AG86)07/11/16) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of July 11, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

  
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CHAIR

  
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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN