

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta  
August 8, 2016**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Brian Harcourt Charlie Johnson MacKay Ross Baldur Ruecker	Chair Council Representative Member Deputy Chair
<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Sarah Hayward Aaron Zylstra Al Fletcher Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Clerk Agricultural Fieldman Agricultural Fieldman Community Development Manager
<u>IN REGRET</u>	Garry Candy Stan Logan	Member Member
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:03am.	
<u>AGENDA</u> AG87(08/08/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the August 8, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions: 7 b. Weed Enforcement Procedure <span style="float: right;">CARRIED.</span></b>	
AG88(08/08/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED.</span></b>	
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Activity Report	The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.	
AG89(08/08/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 8, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED.</span></b>	
October Meeting	The board is requested to reschedule their October meeting, as the regular meeting schedule of the second Monday of the month falls on Thanksgiving Day, October 10, 2016.	
AG90(08/08/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the October Agricultural Service Board meeting to Monday, October 17, 2016 as Thanksgiving Day is October 10, 2016. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED.</span></b>	
Land Roller	The Board directed cost and availability of 50 foot land roller be researched for consideration as rental equipment. The Board is requested to provide further direction on the type of land roller being proposed.	

AG91(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the cost and availability of 50 foot land rollers. CARRIED.**

Heavy Duty Disc

The Board directed cost and availability of a 14-16 foot Heavy Duty Disc be researched for consideration as rental equipment. The Board is requested to provide further direction on the make and model being proposed.

AG92(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around a 16 foot Heavy Duty Disc. CARRIED.**

Invasive Weed  
Management Letters

The Board is presented with three draft letters as requested at the July 11, 2016 meeting, one to the City of Grande Prairie, one to the City of Dawson Creek, and one to the municipalities in the Peace Region.

AG93(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson to rescind Resolutions AG76(07/11/16) and AG77(07/11/16). CARRIED.**

AG94(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board request Council include interprovincial and intermunicipal weed spread concerns at the next Interprovincial/Intermunicipal Committee meeting. CARRIED.**

AG95(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board draft a letter to the Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in regards to Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds becoming increasingly prevalent with the increase of traffic, equipment and movement of people. CARRIED.**

AG96(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board request the concern over the spread of Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds between municipalities be included in the Regional Agricultural Service Board conference agenda on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta. CARRIED.**

BioMulcher

The Board is presented with some preliminary information on cost estimates to set up a portable biomulcher for large animal carcass disposal.

AG97(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the cost estimates to set up a portable biomulcher for large animal carcass disposal. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS  
Rental Equipment  
Capital Plan

The Board is presented with information on the Rental Equipment and Capital Plan.

AG98(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receive for information the review of the Rental Equipment and units included in the Multi-Year Capital Plan. CARRIED.**

Weed Enforcement Procedure

This item was added to today's agenda by Member Ross.

AG99(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around Weed Enforcement Procedure. CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG100(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 8, 2016 Agricultural Fieldmen reports for information. CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:43 a.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

Board Reports

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

Chair Harcourt: Attended Pasture Walk on July 27, 2016 at the Legion Hall in Grimshaw, Alberta and Whole Farm Water Planning with Jesse Lemieux on August 4, 2016 in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended Pasture Walk on July 27, 2016 at the Legion Hall in Grimshaw, Alberta, Day at the Research Farm in Fairview, Alberta on July 20, 2016 and Whole Farm Water Planning with Jesse Lemieux on August 4, 2016 in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Member Ross: Whole Farm Water Planning with Jesse Lemieux on August 4, 2016 in Hines Creek, Alberta and Day at the Research Farm in Fairview, Alberta on July 20, 2016.

AG101(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of August 8, 2016 for information. CARRIED.**

AG102(08/08/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available members to attend Soil Health Workshop on August 18, 2016 at the NPARA Research Farm in Manning, Alberta. CARRIED.**

INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Dave Bannow – Organic Conference written report (63-10-20)
2. Alberta Agriculture & Forestry - ASB 2016 grant notification letter (63-10-02)
3. VSI Services (1980) Ltd – Second Quarter report letter (63-10-40)
4. Forage Facts – PCBFA – July 2016, Volume 12, Issue 138 (63-10-20)

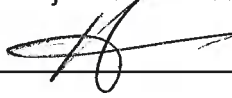
**AG103(08/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of August 8, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 12:41 P.M.

CHAIR



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

