

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
October 17, 2016**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA

AG104(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the October 17, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:
 7 d. CombCut Weed Cutting Machine
 10 a. Confidential: Legal matter **CARRIED.**

AG105(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the August 8, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

DELEGATION

AG106(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Delegation item until it's scheduled time later in the meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG107(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 17, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

2017 Operating Budget

The Board is presented with the first draft of the 2017 Agricultural Service Operating Budget.

AG108(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approve the 2017 Agricultural Service Board Operating Budget at presented. CARRIED.

Glyphosate Tolerant

Wheat

The Board requested that administration bring back further information on the health and trade impacts of Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat.

AG109(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board submit the following resolution to the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference:

WHEREAS glyphosate tolerant canola is not accepted by Japan, European Union and South Korea.

WHEREAS glyphosate tolerant alfalfa is not accepted in Japan European Union, China and South Korea.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT PEACE REGION AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that glyphosate tolerant wheat not be licensed for growing in Canada to protect our world market. CARRIED.

Municipal Weed Control

The Board is presented with the draft letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry regarding Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds becoming increasingly prevalent with the increase of traffic, equipment and movement of people.

AG110(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send the drafted 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

County of Northern Lights is hosting the Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference in Dixonville, Alberta on November 9, 2016.

AG111(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all members to attend the 2016 Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG112(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Upcoming Events item to further in the meeting. CARRIED.

DELEGATION

Peace Country Beef
And Forage Association

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA) Managers, Monika Benoit and Liisa Vihvelin and Research Coordinator, Akim Omokayne et al. were in attendance at 11:15 a.m. to present a report on the 2016 Environmental Stream partnership program and present the plans for the 2017 program along with a funding request.

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:56 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

AG113(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available members to attend the following event:

- Alberta Young Farmers and Ranchers Lead the Farm on November 5, 2016 at the Grande Prairie Corn Maze in Grande Prairie, Alberta.
 - Dugout Workshop on November 24, 2016 at the Grimshaw Legion in Grimshaw, Alberta.
 - Peace Beef Cattle Day on November 30, 2016 in Fairview, Alberta.
 - Ration Balancing Workshops in November, details to be announced.
 - Farm Transition on December 1, 2016 and February 16, 2017 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.
- CARRIED.**

AG114(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the delegation from Monika Benoit and Liisa Vihvelin, Managers, and Research Coordinator, Akim Omokayne of Peace Country Beef and Forage Association on the 2016 Environmental Stream partnership program and 2017 programming and to recommend Council increase the 2017 funding to Peace Country Beef and Forage Association by \$2,500.00 to a total of \$20,000.00.

CARRIED.

VSI Program

Annually the Board reviews the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) Program. Any proposed changes are then forwarded to the VSI administrator for consideration at the VSI Annual General Meeting that is held each November.

AG115(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Veterinary Services Inc. Program Annual General Meeting being held on November 4, 2016 at the Peace River Legion.

CARRIED.

CombCut Weed
Cutting Machine

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

AG116(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the costs of a CombCut Weed cutting machine.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Community
Development Manager
Report

At this time the Community Development Manager will have an opportunity to report on Agricultural Services topic.

AG117(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept that Community Development Manager's report of October 17, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

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

- Chair Harcourt: Attended Canfax Cattle Market Update in Teepee Creek, Alberta on September 19, 2016, Agriculture Farms Tour in Grande Prairie, Alberta on August 24, 2016 and Soil Field School at the NPARA Research Farm on August 18, 2016.
- Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended Canfax Cattle Market Update in Teepee Creek, Alberta on September 19, 2016 and Soil Field School at the NPARA Research Farm on August 18, 2016.
- Member Ross: Soil Field School at the NPARA Research Farm on August 18, 2016.
- Member Candy: Whole Farm Water Planning Workshop at Dave and Kim Kuntz Farm on August 4, 2016 and Soil Field School at the NPARA Research Farm on August 18, 2016.

AG118(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of October 17, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Alberta Invasive Species Council – The Invader 2016 (Volume 3) – (63-10-02)
2. SARDA – Article – (63-10-02)
3. Country Guide Article – (63-10-02)
4. 2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour – Invitation – (63-10-02)
5. County of St. Paul No. 19 – Letter – (63-10-02)
6. Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman – Letter – (63-10-02)
7. Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 – Letter – (63-10-02)
8. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – September Newsletter – (63-10-02)
9. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – October Newsletter – (63-10-02)
10. Alberta Crop Report – Article – (63-10-02)

11. Alberta Farm Animal Care – Article – (63-10-02)
12. Alberta Farm Animal Care - Article – (63-10-02)
13. Alberta Farm Animal Care – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
14. Rental Equipment Usage Summary – (63-10-10)
15. Parks and Environmental responses to Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions – (63-10-02)

AG119(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of October 17, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.

Confidential
Legal

Member Ross requested a discussion on a previous legal matter that was addressed by Council.

AG120(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board go in camera at 1:37 p.m. CARRIED.

AG121(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board come out of camera at 1:48 p.m. CARRIED.

AG122(10/17/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the legal matter discussion. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.



CHAIR



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN