

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
December 12, 2016**

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| <u>PRESENT</u> | Brian Harcourt Charlie Johnson MacKay Ross Baldur Ruecker Julie Watchorn | Chair Council Representative Member Deputy Chair Member |
| <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | Sarah Hayward Aaron Zylstra Greg Coon Audrey Bjorklund | Community Development Clerk Agricultural Fieldman Agricultural Fieldman Community Development Manager |
| <u>IN REGRET</u> | Garry Candy | Member |
| <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. | |
| <u>AGENDA</u> AG130(12/12/16) | RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 12, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions: 7 E. 2017 Provincial Conference Resolutions 7 F. Farm Grid Tie Solar Workshop 7 G. AFSC | |
| | | CARRIED. |
| AG131(12/12/16) | RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. | |
| | | CARRIED. |
| <u>DELEGATION</u> | | |
| <u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Activity Report | The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report. | |
| AG132(12/12/16) | RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 12, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. | |
| | | CARRIED. |
| Combcut Selective Mower | The Board requested administration bring back further information on the CombCut Selective Mower as a potential rental equipment item. | |
| AG133(12/12/16) | RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around adding a CombCut Selective Mower to the rental equipment fleet and bring back information once the 5 year University of Saskatchewan field trial study is complete. | |
| | | CARRIED. |

Veterinary Service
Incorporated (VSI)
Annual General
Meeting

Councillor Johnson updated the Board regarding matters discussed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. that was held on Friday, November 4, 2016 in Peace River, Alberta.

AG134(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information Deputy Reeve Johnson's update on the VSI Annual General Meeting outcomes. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG135(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available Board members to attend the following events:

- Winter Watering Systems Tour on January 21, 2017 in Saddle Hills County, details to be announced.
- 2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference on January 24-27, 2017 at the Westin Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.
- Back to Your Roots Soil Solutions Inc. on January 31 – February 1, 2017 at TCU Place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- Organic Alberta Conference on February 17-18, 2017 in Lacombe, Alberta.
- Peace Country Beef Congress on January 6-7, 2017 at the Lakota Center in Dawson Creek, BC.

CARRIED.

Stock Trailer

The Board received a request to consider adding a 16' bumper pull stock trailer to the rental equipment fleet.

AG136(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept the discussion around adding a 16' bumper pull stock trailer to the rental equipment fleet for information. CARRIED.

AAMD&C Draft Guide
To Declaring Municipal
Agricultural Disasters

The Board is provided with the draft *A Guide to Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters in Alberta* from AAMD&C. The draft is being circulated to the Agricultural Service Boards for review and comments.

AG137(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the draft "A Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters in Alberta." CARRIED.

Agricultural Service
Board Business Plan

The Board is presented with the draft 2017-2019 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan for review.

AG138(12/12/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table further consideration of the 2017-2019 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan to the January Agricultural Service Board meeting.
CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:50 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:22 p.m.

2017 Provincial
Conference Resolutions

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference Resolutions. The Conference is being held on January 24-27, 2017 at the Westin Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta

AG139 (12/12/16)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the 2017 Agricultural Service Board Conference being held on January 24-27, 2017 at the Westin Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

Farm Grid tie Solar
Workshop

Member Ross requested this item be added to today's agenda. This item was covered in the Events discussion. No further action required.

Agricultural Financial
Services Corporation

Chair Harcourt requested this item be added to today's agenda. Chair Harcourt felt this add-in was covered under AAMD&C Draft Guide to declaring Municipal Disasters. No further action required.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG140(12/12/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 12, 2016 Agricultural Fieldman Report for information as presented.
CARRIED.**

Board Reports

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

- Member Watchorn: Attended Water Resiliency Workshop on October 31, 2016 in Rycroft, Alberta, Regional Agricultural Service Board meeting on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta, Ration Balancing Workshop in Spirit River, Alberta on November 23, 2016, Farm Dugouts Workshop on November 24,

2016 in Grimshaw, Alberta and Cattle days in High Prairie on November 30, 2016

- Member Ross: Attended Holistic Management Workshop, Wetlands Management Rycroft on October 31, 2016, Regional Agricultural Service Board meeting on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta, Water Resiliency Workshop on October 31, 2016 in Rycroft, Alberta, Ration Balancing Workshop in Spirit River, Alberta on November 23, 2016, Shelterbelts Workshop in Teepee Creek, Alberta, and Growing Forward in Hines Creek, Alberta on December 6, 2016
- Member Harcourt: Attended Water Resiliency Workshop on October 31, 2016 in Rycroft, Alberta, Regional Agricultural Service Board meeting on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta, and Holistic Management Workshop
- Member Candy: Attended Water Resiliency Workshop on October 31, 2016 in Rycroft, Alberta and Alberta Beef Producers Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn on November 4, 2016 in Fairview, Alberta
- Councillor Johnson attended Alberta Surface Rights meeting on November 24, 2016 in Lethbridge, Alberta.
- Deputy Chair Ruecker attended the Regional Agricultural Service Board meeting on November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, Alberta, and Water Resiliency Workshop on October 31, 2016 in Rycroft Alberta

AG141(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written and verbal reports of December 12, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

AG142(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board request the County's extension programming partner, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, organize a public information session regarding landowners surface and utility rights and invite Michele Del Colle, Land and Energy Specialist with the Farmers' Advocate to do the presentation. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Wheat Midge Forecast 2017 – (63-10-02)
2. Alberta Crop Report – Article – (63-10-02)
3. The Classroom Agricultural Program – Letter – (63-10-02)
4. Highlights from 2015 Market Based Solutions for Used Agricultural Plastics – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
5. Alberta Farm Animal Care – E Newsletter – (63-10-02)
6. Alberta Farm Animal Care – Article – (63-10-02)
7. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)

8. Manure Management Update 2017 – Poster – (63-10-02)
9. Minutes of the Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions Session – (63-10-02)
10. Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman – Response Letter – (63-10-02)
11. Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman – Response Letter – (63-10-02)
12. Forage Country – Newsletter – (63-10-02)

AG143(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend the Manure Management Update 2017 being held on January 16, 2017 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

CARRIED.

AG144(12/12/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information and correspondence of December 12, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN