

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
December 14, 2015**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<p>Brian Harcourt Chair Mackay Ross Member Leslie Davis Member Baldur Ruecker Deputy Chair Stan Logan Member Charlie Johnson Council Representative</p>
<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<p>Audrey Bjorklund Community Development Manager Sarah Hayward Community Development Clerk</p>
<u>IN REGRET</u>	<p>Aaron Zylstra Agricultural Fieldman</p>
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<p>Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.</p>
<u>AGENDA</u>	
AG117(12/14/15)	<p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 14, 2015 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions: 7.c. Glyphosate 7.d. Newspapers 7.e. Rental Equipment CARRIED.</p>
AG118(12/14/15)	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Organization Meeting as corrected. CARRIED.</p>
AG119(12/14/15)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.</p>
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	
Activity Report	<p>The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.</p>
AG120 (12/14/15)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 14, 2015 ASB Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.</p>
2016 Provincial Conference	<p>The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference resolutions and agenda. The conference is being held January 18th-21st, 2016 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.</p>
AG121(12/14/15)	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council implement a Coyote bounty in the amount of \$30.00 per coyote with an initial budget of \$10,000.00. CARRIED.</p>

AG122(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all Board members to attend the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference on January 18-21, 2016 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta. CARRIED. Member Logan entered the meeting at 10:33 a.m.
Date, Time and Place	This item was tabled at the November 2, 2015 Organizational meeting as all members must be in attendance to change the date, time and place of the meeting.
AG123(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize that ten (10) regular meetings are to be held the second Monday of each month except May when the meeting will be held the first Monday; meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.; and no meetings will be held in April and September. At the discretion of the Chair, special meetings may be called and shall be posted 48 hours in advance. CARRIED.
ALUS Meeting Review	This meeting was held on November 6, 2015 in Fairview, Alberta. This was a joint meeting with two ASB's we partner with under the Environmental Stream Funding component of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board grant, M.D. of Fairview and M.D. of Peace, and the Manager and representatives from the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA). The PCBFA administers the Environment Stream program for the three municipalities. Denika Piggott from Municipal Affairs was presenting on this program that is now being undertaken by seven municipalities in Alberta. Outcomes/Next Steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ASB's decide if they wish to pursue or not.2. What's our (the ASBs) vision?3. Seek Council support in principle to pursue
AG124(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board table consideration of participating in an Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) partnership to a future meeting pending more information from the current ALUS participants. CARRIED.
VSI Annual General Meeting Review	Councilor Johnson will report on the Veterinary Services Program (VSI) annual general meeting he attended on Friday, November 6, 2015.
AG125(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council that V.S.I. cost-share levels with producers remain at 50% coverage with no service limits and an individual producer limit of \$3,000.00 annually. CARRIED.

AG126(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council implement B.S.E. testing compensation in the amount of \$125.00 per animal and establish a budget of \$5,000.00 in the 2016 budget on a one year trial basis. CARRIED.

AG127(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a B.S.E testing compensation policy based on \$125.00 per animal and bring back to the January 11, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting for consideration. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:36 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG128(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available members to attend the following events:

1. Peace Country Beef Congress on January 8 and 9, 2016 at the Lakota Center in Dawson Creek, British Columbia.
2. 2016 Peace Agronomy Update on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.
3. FarmTech 2016 will be held on January 26-28, 2016 at the Edmonton Expo Centre at Northlands.
4. The Pilot Regional Sustainable Farm Families Workshop on February 3 and 4, 2016 at the Community Services Building in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

CARRIED.

Bill 6 Session Update The Board members that attended the Bill 6 session that was held on November 26, 2015 in Grande Prairie, Alberta will update the rest of the Board.

AG129(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion on Bill 6 and bring back more information on the proposed legislation changes to the January 11, 2016 meeting. CARRIED.

Add In:
Glyphosate
Newspapers

Chair Harcourt requested these items be added to today's agenda.

AG130(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around glyphosate and newspapers. CARRIED.

Rental Equipment Chair Harcourt requested these items be added to today's agenda.

AG131(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board to bring back cost and availability on wire rollers as a potential rental equipment item. CARRIED.

AG132(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around rental equipment. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Community Development
Manager Report

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

AG133(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board is in support of making the Peace Region a Round Up Ready genetically engineered free zone for alfalfa in Alberta; and circulate this information in a letter to the Agricultural Service Boards in the region. CARRIED.

AG134(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board is in support of making the Peace Region a Round Up Ready genetically engineered free zone for wheat in Alberta; and circulate this information in a letter to the Agricultural Service Boards in the region. CARRIED.

AG135(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board is in support of making the Province of Alberta a Round Up Ready genetically engineered free zone for alfalfa; and circulate this information in a letter to the Agricultural Service Boards in the province. CARRIED.

AG136(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board is in support of making the Province of Alberta a Round Up Ready genetically engineered free zone for wheat; and circulate this information in a letter to the Agricultural Service Boards in the province. CARRIED.

AG137(12/14/15) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Community Development Manager's report to December 14, 2015 as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

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

Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended ALUS on November 6, 2015 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta, the Regional ASB Conference in Guy, Alberta on November 5, 2015 and Herd Management Software & Verified Beef Production Seminar at the Rycroft Ag. Society Hall.

Member Davis: Attended the Regional ASB Conference in Guy, Alberta on November 5, 2015. ALUS on November 6, 2015 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.

Councilor Johnson: Attended the VSI annual general meeting and attended the Regional ASB Conference in Guy, Alberta on November 5, 2015

Member Logan: attended Farm Fair in Edmonton, Alberta, Agri-Trade in Red Deer, Alberta, ALUS meeting on November 6, 2015 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta and the Western Canadian Soil Conference at the Radison in Edmonton, Alberta.

Member Ross: Attended the Regional ASB Conference in Guy, Alberta on November 5, 2015, ALUS meeting on November 6, 2015 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta, Bill 6 Session in Grande Prairie, Alberta on November 26, 2015 and the Western Canadian Soil Conference at the Radison in Edmonton, Alberta.

Chair Harcourt: Attended the Regional ASB Conference in Guy, Alberta on November 5, 2015, ALUS meeting on November 6, 2015 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta, Bill 6 Session in Grande Prairie, Alberta on November 26, 2015

AG138(12/14/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of December 14, 2015 for information. CARRIED.

AG139(12/14/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board table policy review until the January 11, 2016 meeting. CARRIED.

AG140(12/14/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around potential modifications to the loading chute. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.
1. Peace Country Beef & Forage Association newsletter

AG141(12/14/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of December 14, 2015. CARRIED.

ADJORNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

CHAIR



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