

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
December 11, 2017**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
MacKay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Julie Watchorn	Member
Garry Candy	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative

IN ATTENDANCE

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

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

AGENDA

AG139(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 11, 2017 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:

- 7 e. Policy 6302 – Request for funding to attend Organic Alberta Conference
 - 7 f. D.O.T Tractor
 - 7 g. Limba
 - 7 h. Social Media
- CARRIED.**

AG140(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Organizational Meeting as corrected. CARRIED.

AG141(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG142(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 11, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Rental Equipment
Satellite Yards

The Board is presented with information regarding the Rental Equipment Satellite Yards.

AG143(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around rental equipment satellite yards and take no further action. CARRIED.

Wild Boar Elimination

AG144(12/11/17)

The Board is presented with information regarding Wild Boar Farm

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information and include an article in the Clear Hills County newsletter on Wild Boar Containment Standards. CARRIED.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

AG145(12/11/17)

At the November 6, 2017 Agricultural Service Board meeting the Board recommended administration draft a job description and work load analysis with the possibility of adding an Assistant Agricultural Fieldman to the County staff structure.

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information that there is currently not a sufficient work load for the addition of an Assistant Agricultural Fieldman position to the County organizational structure. CARRIED.

Aspen Die-Off Management

AG146(12/11/17)

The Board is presented with information regarding Aspen Die-Off management.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to inquire into dead tree removal on grazing leases and information on grazing lease rate changes. CARRIED.

AG147(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the aspen dieback and include the brochure in the next newsletter. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

AG148(12/11/17)

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Watchorn, Member Ross, Member Candy and Deputy Chair Ruecker at the November 18, 2017 Soil Health Workshop that was held at the Legion Hall in Grimshaw, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG149(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt and Member Ross at the November 28, 2017 Energy Efficiencies on your Farm Workshop that was held at the C.O.C.O. Hall in Wanham, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG150(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross at the 2018 Agronomy Update on January 9-10, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG151(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross at the Cereals Innovation Symposium on January 10-11, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG152(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all members at the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference on January 16-19, 2018 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG153(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Member Candy, Member Ross and Member Ruecker at FarmTech on January 31, 2018 – February 2, 2018 at the Edmonton Expo Centre at Northlands. CARRIED.

AG154(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Alberta Beef Industry Conference on February 21-23, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, Alberta to the January meeting. CARRIED.

AG155(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross at the 2018 Organic Alberta Conference on February 9-10, 2018 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG156(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt and Councillor Janzen at one of the two days of the Peace Country Beef Congress, January 5-6, 2018 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 12:11 p.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened form lunch at 12:41 p.m.

DELEGATION:
Peace Country Beef
And Forage Association
12:30 p.m.

Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) Manager, Liisa Vihvelin, will be in attendance at 12:30 p.m. to present a report on the 2017 Environmental Stream Partnership program and present the plans for the 2018 programs along with a funding request. Also presented will be the updates of the PCBFA programs, funding and direction.

AG157(12/11/17) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation from Liisa Vihvelin, Manager, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association on the 2017 Environmental Stream partnership program and the proposed 2018 Programming. CARRIED.

2018 Provincial
Conference Resolutions

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference Resolutions. The Conference is being held on January 16-19, 2018 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

AG158(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the resolutions that will be considered at 2018 Provincial ASB Conference being held on January 16-19, 2018 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. CARRIED.

Farm and Ranch Workers
Legislation

The Board is presented with Brazeau County letter to all the Agricultural Service Board's regarding this concern with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations for the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act. Brazeau County has given concerns with respect to the OHS recommendations as well as the timeline for comments.

AG159(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send letter to Minister of Labour, Christina Gray, to request an extension of the comment period regarding the Occupational Health and Safety regulations for the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act until April 30, 2018. CARRIED.

February Meeting

The Board is requested to reschedule their February meeting, as their February meeting falls on Family Day, February 19, 2018, and the County office will be closed for Family Day.

AG160(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the February Agricultural Service Board meeting to Monday, February 12, 2018 as the regularly scheduled meeting date falls on Family Day, February 19, 2018. CARRIED.

Policy 6302 – Request
For Funding to attend
The 2018 Organic Alberta
Conference

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

AG161(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve covering the cost of registration and meals not provided at the event for Jeanne Lawrence for the Organic Alberta Conference on February 9-10, 2018 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta as per Policy 6302. CARRIED.

D.O.T Tractor

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

AG162(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the D.O.T Tractor. CARRIED.

Limba

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

AG163(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table Limba to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

Social Media

Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda. Further to this topic, Council debated a Facebook page at their last meeting and have decided not to pursue a Facebook or Twitter page at this time.

AG164(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around social media. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG165(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 11, 2017 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

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

Member Ruecker – Clubroot Session on November 14, 2017 at the Big Meadow Hall in Enilda, Alberta, Soil Health Workshop on November 28, 2017 at the Legion Hall in Grimshaw, Alberta, Alberta Canola on November 21, 2017 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta and Building your Cow Herd

Member Candy left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

AG166(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 11, 2017 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information & Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. VSI – Letter – (63-10-40)
2. VSI – Schedules – (63-10-40)
3. VSI – November 3, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes (63-10-40)
4. VSI – November 3, 2017 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – (63-10-40)
5. VSI – Managers Report for 2017 (63-10-40)

AG167(12/11/17)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

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