

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta  
February 12, 2018**

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 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA

**AG01(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the February 12, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following addition to 7.a. Events:**

**Growing the North February 21-22, 2018      CARRIED.**

**AG02(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented.      CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG03(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 12, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented.      CARRIED.**

Genetically Modified Alfalfa

The Board is presented with the response letter from Minister Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. Minister Oneil Carlier denied the request to elevate Genetically Modified Alfalfa to a prohibited noxious weed.

**AG04(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table discussion on further lobbying the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry for Genetically Modified Alfalfa to be elevated to a prohibited noxious weed until the September Agricultural Service Board meeting.      CARRIED.**

Limba Information

The Board is presented with information regarding the Limba Skidsteer Attachment.

**AG05(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Limba Skidsteer attachments.      CARRIED.**

Grazing Lease  
Information

The Board is presented with information regarding grazing leases.

**AG06(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information that Grazing Leases are under the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment and Parks, and the contact names and phone numbers for individuals to contact if they want to discuss their grazing lease concerns.**  
**CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS  
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

**AG07(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Watchorn who attended the Soil Health Workshop that was held on February 1, 2018 at the Rycroft Ag Centre in Rycroft, Alberta.**  
**CARRIED.**

**AG08(02/12/18))**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Member Watchorn and Member Candy who attended the Peace Country Cattle Day that was held on February 8, 2018 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.**

**CARRIED.**

**AG09(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt and Member Candy who attended the Winter Watering Tour that was held on February 10, 2018 in Wanham, Alberta.**

**CARRIED.**

**AG10(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Member Candy, Member Ross and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend Growing the North Conference on February 21-22, 2018 at the Entrec Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta.**  
**CARRIED.**

**AG11(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to attend the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Annual General Meeting on February 23, 2018 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.**

**CARRIED.**

**AG12(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to attend one day of the 2018 Peace Country Classic that is being held March 8, 9 and 10, 2018 at the Entrec Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta.**  
**CARRIED.**

AG13(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to attend the Alberta Environment and Parks public sessions where they will be presenting the Draft Provincial Woodland Caribou Range Plan and seeking feedback on developing the range-specific details March 8, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Elks Lodge. **CARRIED.**

AG14(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to attend the 2018 Peace Region Forage Seed Association Production and Marketing Seminar on March 14, 2018 at the Rycroft Ag Centre in Rycroft, Alberta. **CARRIED.**

AG15(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to attend the Alfalfa Seed Production Workshop and Forage Seed Agronomy Update on March 15, 2018 at the Rycroft Ag Centre in Rycroft, Alberta. **CARRIED.**

Peace Region  
Co-op Farm

Member Ross requested the Peace Region Co-op Farm be added to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.

AG16(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board Accept for information the discussion around the Peace Region Co-op Farm that is in the formative stage and have a goal of providing year-round produce for the Town of Peace River and area grocery retailers, restaurants and consumers. **CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:31 p.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:08 p.m.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

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

AG17(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 12, 2018 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.  
Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference and the Soil Health Workshop on February 1, 2018 in Rycroft, Alberta. Peace Country Cattle Day on February 8, 2018 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.

AG18(02/12/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 12, 2018 Board members'

**written and verbal reports for information as presented.  
CARRIED.**

Information &  
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. Environmental Stewardship News–Article – (63-10-02)
2. SARDA– Article – (63-10-02)
3. Employment Standards Legislation–News Release–(63-10-02)
4. Alliance Pipeline–Letter – (63-10-02)
5. Farm Energy Agri-Processing Program Open–Article–(63-10-02)
6. VSI–Letter and Requisition – (63-10-40)

**AG19(02/12/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence as presented. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

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CHAIR

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN