

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta  
May 7, 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 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA

**AG20(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:**

- 7e. Weed Inspector Appointments**
- 7f. Pest Inspector Appointments**
- 7g. Ag in Motion July 17-19**
- 7h. Consumer Information**
- 7i. Clubroot**
- 7j. No Till Conference**
- 7k. Design and plant your Edible forest and Garden**
- 7l. Agricultural Service Board Terms**

**CARRIED.**

**AG21(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

DELEGATION

North Peace Applied Research Association

Nora Paulovich, with the North Peace Applied Research Association will be in attendance to present what they do, and a funding request for support of their programming.

**AG22(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation by Nora Paulovich with the North Peace Applied Research Association and recommend Council approve \$5,000.00 in the 2019 operating budget to fund North Peace Applied Research Association projects in the County and region.**

**CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG23(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.**

Rental Equipment      The Board is presented with an analysis of the rental equipment fleet as requested by the Board.

**AG24(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board to table consideration of keeping or disposing of the Zero Till Drill to the next Agricultural Services Board meeting, pending information on modifying the transport feature for better clearance. CARRIED.**

**AG25(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board table the Rental Equipment analysis to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:17 p.m.

**AG26(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service to change the order of the agenda and move to the VSI Services Update. CARRIED.**

VSI Services Update      The Board is presented with a resolution from Council regarding lobbying the membership to include horses as eligible livestock under the program. Board direction is required for developing the formal request to VSI for this.

**AG27(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around including commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. until the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Trade Show      The Board is requested to share feedback on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 14, 2018 and suggestions for the 2019 Trade Show, which will also be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this event.

**AG28(05/07/18)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 14, 2018 and ideas for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Trade Show that will be held on April 13, 2019. CARRIED.**

Policy 6302 – written Report from Jeanne Lawrence

The Board is presented with a written report from Jeanne Lawrence who attended the Organic Alberta Conference on February 9-10, 2018 as per Policy 6302.

**AG29(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the written report from Jeanne Lawrence who attended the Organic Conference on February 9-12, 2018 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta as approved under Policy 6302. CARRIED.**

Corrections to  
December 11, 2017  
Minutes

The Board is presented with recommended corrections to the December 11, 2017 minutes. The corrections are noting when a Board Member entered the room after a motion was carried, and when a Board Member left due to pecuniary interest.

**AG30(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the December 11, 2017 minutes as corrected, the corrections are documenting when a Board member entered the room after a motion was carried, and when a Board member left due to pecuniary interest. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS  
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

**AG31(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Candy the March 29, 2018 Soil Health Series Part 2 in St. Isidore, Alberta at the Cultural Centre. CARRIED.**

**AG32(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Candy and Deputy Chair Ruecker that attended the Industrial Hemp Production Workshop that was held at the Triangle Hall in High Prairie, Alberta on April 17, 2018. CARRIED.**

**AG33(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross that attended the Agriculture Finance Dinner and Evening at the Savanna Agricultural Ag Centre on April 10, 2018. CARRIED.**

Councillor Janzen left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**AG34(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Ross, and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend the Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop on June 19, 2018 at the Brownvale Hall. CARRIED.**

**AG35 (05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend the Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop on June 20, 2018 in Wanham, Alberta. CARRIED.**

**AG36(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross and**

**Member Candy to attend the 2018 Soil Health Series with Kelly Sidoryk on June 23, 2018 at the Hanson Ranch in Valleyview, Alberta. CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt recessed for a break at 1:20 p.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened from a break at 1:26 p.m.

**AG37(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend the Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour on July 10-13, 2018 in Strathcona County. CARRIED.**

Livestock Predation  
& Beaver Control  
Policy Updates

The Board is presented with the revised Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307, Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315 and Beaver Control Policy 3234 that Council adopted at their February 27, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**AG38(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the updated Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307, Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315 and Beaver Control Policy 3234 as presented. CARRIED.**

2018 Regional  
Agricultural Service  
Board Conference

Clear Hills County will be hosting the Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference in 2018, and the Board is requested to provide direction for planning the event for this fall.

**AG39(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board schedules the 2018 Peace Region Agricultural Services Board Conference for October 30, 2018 at the David Thompson Hall from 10:00 am. to 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.**

Add In:  
Weed inspector  
Appointments

Weed Control Inspectors are required to be appointed as per section 7 of the Weed Control Act. The Board is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Weed Control Act for Clear Hills County.

**AG40(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor, and Roxanne Lefebvre as weed inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2018 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. CARRIED.**

Add In:  
Pest Inspector  
Appointments

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act; and the Board is requested to appoint

Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Agricultural Pests Act for Clear Hills County in 2018.

**AG41(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor, and Roxanne Lefebvre as pest inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2018 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. CARRIED.**

Add in:  
Ag in Motion

Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda. Ag in Motion is being held on July 17-19, 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**AG42(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board Approve the attendance of Member Ross to attend Ag in Motion being held on July 17-19, 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Add in:  
Consumer Information

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

**AG43(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around purchasing Consumer Information statistics. CARRIED.**

Add in:  
Clubroot

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

**AG44(05/07/18)**

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

Add in:  
No Till Conference

Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda. The National No Tillage Conference is January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis.

**AG45(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information of the No Till Conference to the September Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Add in:  
Design and plant your  
Edible Forest & Garden

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

**AG46(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the Design and Plant your Edible Forest and Garden to the September Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Add In:  
Agricultural Service  
Board Term

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

**AG47(05/07/18)**

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

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

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

**AG48(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 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 following:

- February 23, 2018 Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Annual General Meeting.
- February 28, 2018 Sainfoin in your Crop workshop
- March 8, 2018 Peace Classic Tradeshow and the Caribou Species at Risk information session in Grande Prairie, Alberta.
- March 14 & 15, 2018 Peace Region Forage Seed Association Production & Marketing seminar.
- March 29, 2018 Building Soil Health in St. Isidore
- April 17, 2018 Industrial Hemp Workshop at the Triangle Hall near High Prairie, Alberta.

**AG49(05/07/18)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2018 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.**

Information &  
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
2. Member Candy photo in Alberta Farm Press – (63-10-02)
3. Alberta Open Farm Days – Email - (63-10-02)
4. Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame – Information – (63-10-02)
5. Alberta Beef Producers call for nominations for the 2019 Environmental Stewardship Award – Nomination Information – (63-10-02)
6. Edmonton Journal – Veterinarian Shortage looms for Rural Alberta – (63-10-02)

AG50(05/07/18)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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