

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
June 18, 2018**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
MacKay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
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

Julie Watchorn	Member
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CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

AG51(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the June 18, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:

7 c. Genetically Modified Wheat article

7 d. Permaculture Event

CARRIED.

AG52(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as amended.

CARRIED.

AG53(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross to attend the Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop on June 20, 2018 in Wanham, Alberta.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG54(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented.

CARRIED.

Rental Equipment

The Board tabled two motions regarding Rental Equipment at the May 7, 2018 to this meeting.

AG55(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board direct the following amendments to Policy 6310 Rental Equipment: 2.1 expanding the statement to include rental items that are required occasionally and non-competition with other rental agents within the County boundaries and removing "recovering capital cost" from 3.3.1. and combine with 3.3.2.

CARRIED.

Lobby to have Horses
Included in VSI

The Board tabled developing a resolution to include commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Agreement until this meeting to allow members the opportunity to speak with horse owners in their area.

AG56(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board report back to Council that developing a resolution to include commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. VSI agreement be abandoned due to the difficulty in defining a commercial horse operation/animal and consensus on services that would be suitable for inclusion in the agreement. CARRIED.

Genetically Modified
Alfalfa

The Board is presented with information from County of Northern Lights and the MD of Smoky River regarding follow-up work to the Province not approving elevating Genetically modified Alfalfa to a Prohibited Noxious Weed under the *Weed Control Act*.

AG57(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend administration draft a letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food in support of the County of Northern Lights letter asking the Federal Government to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada due to potential market loss. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG58(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board approve Councillor Janzen and Member Ross to attend the Pasture Rejuvenation Field Walk with Dave Pratt on June 20, 2018. CARRIED.

AG59(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve Chair Harcourt and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend Crops, Cows, Creeks and Sloughs Managing our Riparian Areas on June 26, 2018 at the Memorial Hall in Valleyview, Alberta starting at 10:00 a.m. CARRIED.

AG60(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve all available Members to attend the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Walk at the Research Farm on August 2, 2018 in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG61(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve Member Candy, Chair Harcourt and Councillor Janzen to attend the Grazing School with Jim Gerrish on August 7, 2018 at Andrew and Vivian Miller's Ranch in Baytree, Alberta. CARRIED.
AG62(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve Councillor Janzen and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend the Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour on July 10-13, 2018 in Strathcona County. CARRIED.
Trade Show	The Board is presented with the 2018 Trade Show Revenue and Expense Analysis for review.
AG63(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2018 Trade Show Revenue and Expense Analysis as presented. CARRIED.
Add in: Genetically Modified Wheat	Member Candy requested this be added to today's agenda.
AG64(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) news release about the discovery of genetically modified (GM) wheat in southern Alberta and the Japanese block on import of Canadian wheat following this discovery. CARRIED.
	Chair Harcourt recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:18 p.m.
Add In: Permaculture Event	Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.
AG65(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross at the Permaculture in the Peace Country he attended on April 5, 2018 at the Grande Prairie Regional College Fairview Campus. CARRIED.
<u>REPORTS</u> Agricultural Fieldman Report	At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.
AG66(06/18/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 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.

AG67(06/18/18)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 2018 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information &
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. Clear Hills County Completed Agricultural Service Board Grant Report – (63-10-02).
2. Wheat Reclassification – Article – (63-10-02)
3. Bill C-49 – Article – (63-10-02)
4. Alberta Agricultural Insect Monitoring System Program – Article – (63-10-02).
5. VSI Services – Letter – (63-10-02)

AG68 (06/18/18)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN