

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
August 20, 2018**

PRESENT

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

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 9:57 a.m.

AGENDA

AG69(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.

AG70(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG71(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Predation Compensation Resolution

The Board is presented with a draft Resolution to enhance the province's wildlife predator compensation program by allowing farmers to provide smartphone photographic evidence with G.P.S location, date & time stamps to assist Fish & Wildlife Officers in determining if the injury or loss of livestock is due to predation, and reduce the number of site based investigations the Officers have to attend.

AG72(08/20/18)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board submit the following resolution to the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference:
WHEREAS Predation by carnivores and birds of prey continues to be a problem for ranchers and agricultural producers;
WHEREAS Many Municipalities have submitted multiple resolutions in this regard for these same problems:**

WHEREAS To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife Officers, as killed or injured by predators;

WHEREAS The protection of life and property is a priority for the provincial government, which means providing a response to reports of problem wildlife, may sometimes shift the efforts of Fish and Wildlife Officers away from the predator control mandate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Ministers of Environment and Parks, Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement and enhance Predator Compensation Program that could utilize the G.P.S location and date time features and photo capabilities of smart phone technology to assist in the confirmation of livestock loss, both livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner. **CARRIED.**

Genetically Engineered
Alfalfa

The Board is presented with the draft letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Food to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada.

AG73(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send the draft letter as corrected to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada. CARRIED.

Design and Plant your
Edible Forest and
Garden

The Board requested administration to bring back further information on the Design and Plant your Edible Forest and Garden workshops to the August Agricultural Service Board meeting.

AG74(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Design and Plant your Edible Forest Garden workshops to the December Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

No-Tillage Conference

The Board tabled the No-Tillage Conference to the August Agricultural Service Board meeting.

AG75(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information regarding costs to have a member attend the No-Tillage Conference being held on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

- AG76(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy at the July 24, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Forages, Pulses, Canola and Cocktail Crops Field day in High Prairie, Alberta. **CARRIED.**
- AG77(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve that attendance of Member Candy and Member Ross at the August 2, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Fairview Research Farm Field Day. **CARRIED.**
- AG78(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt and Member Candy at the August 7, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Grazing School with Jim Gerrish at Spruce Lane Ranch in Bay Tree, Alberta. **CARRIED.**
- AG79(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker at the August 9, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Cocktail Cover Crop Farm Tour, starting at the Fairview Research Farm. **CARRIED.**
- AG80(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker and Chair Harcourt at the August 13 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Healthy Soil and Health Profits Seminar in Teepee Creek, Alberta. **CARRIED.**
- AG81(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Member Candy at the August 18, 2018 Northern Sunrise County Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) Agriculture Stewardship Tour. **CARRIED.**
- AG82(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker, Chair Harcourt, Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to attend the Municipal Wetlands Education being held on October 29, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion. **CARRIED.**
- AG83(08/20/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board to approve the attendance of Member Ross, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Councillor Janzen to attend the Soil Erosion Workshop on September 27-28, 2018 at the Elks Hall, Sexsmith Civic Centre in Sexsmith, Alberta. **CARRIED.**

2019 Pre-Budget
Planning

Administration and the Board will be discussing programs and services to assist with developing the draft 2019 Agricultural Services Operating Budget.

AG84(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include funds in the 2019 Roadside Vegetation Control section of the Operating Budget for a sprayer for the side by side, and modifications to the car hauler trailer to transport the side by side. **CARRIED.**

AG85(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Servicer Board recommend council approve a funding increase of \$5,000.00 to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. (\$7,500.00 environmental stream cost share agreement and \$17,500.00 for extension services outside this cost share agreement). **CARRIED.**

Alberta Goat Association
Sponsorship Request

The Alberta Goat Association is seeking sponsorship for their 7th annual Convention that will be held October 26-28, 2018 at Clarkson Hall in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

AG86(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve a bronze sponsorship funding of \$100.00 to the Alberta Goat Association for their 7th annual Convention that will be held on October 26-28, 2018 at Clarkson Hall in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta. **CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG87(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 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.

AG88(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2018 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. Land Stewardship Center – 2017-2018 Annual Report Card – (63-10-02)
3. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – Letter – (63-10-02)
4. SARDA – newsletter – (63-10-02)
5. Farm Safety Centre – 2017-2018 Safety Smarts Report – (63-10-02)

AG89(08/20/18)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN