

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
October 15, 2018**

PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

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

ABSENT

Garry Candy	Member
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

AG90(10/15/18)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the October 15, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following addition:
7h. Selection of Workshops CARRIED.**

AG91(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG92(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

No Till Conference

The Board directed administration to bring back further information on costs to attend No-Till Conference on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

AG93(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approach the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to investigate planning a No-Till Conference for northern Alberta for the winter of 2019-2020. CARRIED.

AG94(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the No-Till Conference on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG95(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance Chair Harcourt, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Watchorn and Councillor Janzen who attended the Cattle Marketing Workshop on September 14, 2018 at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall in Rycroft, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG96(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Councillor Janzen, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Chair Harcourt and Member Ross to attend the Environmental Farm Plan CAP Program Info Session and Dugout Workshop on October 18, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion. CARRIED.

AG97(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Councillor Janzen and Member Watchorn to attend the Livestock Nutrition Workshop on October 24, 2018 at the Grovedale Ag Society starting at 9:30 a.m. CARRIED.

AG98(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Watchorn, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Chair Harcourt and Member Ross to attend the Alberta Beef Producers fall meeting on November 1, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion Hall. CARRIED.

AG99(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Ross and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend Power your Profits Agronomy Marketing Management workshop on November 13, 2018 at the Pomeroy Inn in Grimshaw, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG100(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to attend the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association Conference on November 14-15, 2018 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG101(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table and bring back further information on the Prairie North Farm Forum on November 29, 2018 at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre to the November 19 Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

AG102(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Ross to attend the Soil Management Tools workshop on November 17, 2018 at the Webster Community Hall. CARRIED.

2019 Operating Budget

The Board is presented with the first draft of the 2019 Agricultural Services Operating Budget.

AG103(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approve the 2019 Agricultural Service Board Operating Budget as presented. CARRIED.

Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out

The Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards are seeking support to stop the phase out of the use of Thiamethoxan and Clothianidin over the next three to five years. The goal of the Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards is to hold a Chair's meeting to discuss Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out and have all the Board's sign the letter in support.

AG104(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board support the Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards Neonicotinoid Product phase out letter and authorize Chair Harcourt to attend the Chair's meeting that is being held on October 30, 2018. CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Program Review

The Board is presented with a latter from Doug Macaulay, Agricultural Service Board Program Manager, requesting the Board's input and participation in the programs review.

AG105(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the upcoming Agricultural Service Board Program Review. CARRIED.

VSI Program

Annually the Board reviews the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) Program. Any proposed changes are then forwarded to the VSI administrator for consideration at the VSI Annual General Meeting that is held each November.

AG106(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) Program Annual General Meeting being held on November 9, 2018 at the Peace River Region and authorize the attendance of Councillor Janzen to attend the meeting. CARRIED.

Biggest Vegetable Contest

The Board is presented with feedback and results from the 1st Annual Biggest Vegetable Contest.

AG107(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council amend Policy 6317 with adding Onions and Corn as categories and splitting Squash category into Zucchini and Other Squash; and increase the budget accordingly. CARRIED.

Regional Agricultural
Service Board
Conference

Clear Hills County is hosting the Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference at the David Thompson Hall on October 30, 2018.

Member Ross left the meeting 11:49 a.m.

AG108(10/15/18)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all members to attend the Peace River Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on October 30, 2018 at the David Thompson Hall.
CARRIED.**

Member Ross reentered the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Chair Harcourt recessed at 11:50 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

Add in:
Selection of
Workshops

Member Ross requested Selection of Workshops be added to today's agenda.

AG109(10/15/18)

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

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG110(10/15/18)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approach Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to host a conference or workshop on economic field rotations and organic farming alternatives within Clear Hills County.
CARRIED.**

AG111(10/15/18)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 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.

AG112(10/15/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 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. Alberta Farm Express – Genetically Modified Wheat – (63-10-02)
3. Plebiscite on the Alberta Beef Producer Service Charge Model – (63-10-02)

AG113(10/15/18)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN