

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
June 19, 2019**

PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

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

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

AG88(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the June 19, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:
7a. Events – Level 2 Grazing School with Jim Gerrish – sold out
Prairie Cereals Summit
Ag in Motion
Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams
7e. Equipment Rental outside of the County CARRIED.

AG89(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG90(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 19, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Trade Show

The Agricultural Service Board is presented with the 2019 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis for review.

AG91(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to amend Trade Show cost-recovery target from 70% to 55%, in response to the ongoing reduction in business sponsorship due to the continued downturn in the economy. CARRIED.

Farmer Exemption for
Class 1 Driver
Training

The Board is presented with a draft letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for farmers and farm workers be exempt from the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training.

AG92(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board approve the draft letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for farmers and farm workers be exempt from the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training. CARRIED.

Portable Solar Waterer

The Board requested administration to bring back further from Northern Sunrise County on their Portable Solar Waterer.

AG93(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around Northern Sunrise County's Portable Solar Waterer rental unit. CARRIED.

Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting 10:34 a.m.

Beaver Relocation

The Board requested administration to bring back further information in the relocation of live beaver legislation.

AG94(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information that relocation of live beavers is allowed, and that a permit is required to live trap on crown land. CARRIED.

Veterinary Services
Incorporated

The Board requested administration bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County regarding their request for support to have beekeepers added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI).

AG95(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board to not support Northern Sunrise County's request to add beekeepers to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI). CARRIED.

Agricultural Service
Board Program
Review Update

The Board is presented with an update from the Agricultural Service Board Program Review Steering Committee.

AG96(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update from the Agricultural Service Board Program Review Steering Committee. CARRIED.

Board Reports

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

AG97(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 19, 2019 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented.
CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG98(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Candy and Deputy Chair Ruecker who attended Soil Health Field Day on June 11, 2019 at the NPARA Research Farm near Manning, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

AG99(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize all available members to attend the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Day at the Research Farm on August 1, 2019 near Fairview, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

AG100(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Candy and Chair Harcourt to attend Wheat Stalks workshop being held on August 8, 2019 in Teepee Creek, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

AG101(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize all available members to attend the Earthworms workshop on July 9, 2019 at the NPARA Research Farm near Manning, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

AG102(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Candy, Councillor Janzen and Member Ross to attend the 2019 Canadian Beef industry Conference being held on August 13-15, 2019 at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park in Calgary, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

AG103(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize all available members to attend NPARA Harvest Tour being held on August 14, 2019 at the Research Farm near Manning, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

Member Ross requested Prairie Cereals Summit be added to Events.

AG104(06/19/19)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Prairie Cereals Summit on December 11-12, 2019 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting.
CARRIED.**

Member Candy requested Ag in Motion be added to Events.

<p>AG105(06/19/19)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend Ag in Motion on July 16-18, 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. CARRIED.</p> <p>Member Candy requested Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams be added to Events.</p>
<p>AG106(06/19/19)</p> <p>Agricultural Service Board Grant Annual Report</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams on July 22-23, 2019 at the Lac Cardinal Hall and Grounds. CARRIED.</p> <p>The Board is presented with the annual Agricultural Service Board Grant report that is filed with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.</p>
<p>AG107(06/19/19)</p> <p>Alberta Agriculture and Forestry</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the annual Agricultural Service Board Grant report that is filed with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. CARRIED.</p> <p>The Board is presented with information from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in regards to the appeal process under the <i>Weed Control Act</i>.</p>
<p>AG108(06/19/19)</p> <p>Ag Plastics Recycling Update</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the amendments to the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry <i>Weed Control Act</i> Appeal Process. CARRIED.</p> <p>The Board is presented with information regarding Cleanfarms being selected as the program operator for ag plastics collection and recycling.</p>
<p>AG109(06/19/19)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service request administration bring back information the total cost per bushel for grain bag storage compared to conventional storage, including capital and operating costs and the benefits and drawbacks of using grain bags for storage. CARRIED.</p>
<p>AG110(06/19/19)</p> <p>Add in: Equipment Rental Outside of</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information that Cleanfarms will be the program operator for the three year ag plastics collection and recycling pilot project. CARRIED.</p>

County

The Board is presented with a request from the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 to rent the County's 30' wick applicator.

AG111(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board allow Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 a one-time rental of the rotowiper 30 foot wick applicator. CARRIED.

AG112(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft amendments Policy 6310 to allow conditional rental of rental equipment to other municipalities. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG113(06/19/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 19, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information &
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.
1. Clearwater County Agricultural Service Board - Letter (63-10-02)

AG114(06/19/19)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN