

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta  
August 20, 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 10:01 a.m.  
Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

**AG115(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the August 20, 2019 Agricultural Service Board with the following addition:  
7c.: 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Report Card on Resolutions CARRIED.**

**AG116(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG117(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.**

Policy 6310 Rental Equipment

The Board requested administration to draft amendments to Policy 6310 Rental Equipment to allow conditional rental of equipment to other municipalities.

**AG118(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service recommend Council approve the following amendment to Policy 6310 Rental Equipment: Adding 3.7 County will consider rental of equipment to other municipalities on a case by case basis. CARRIED.**

Grain Storage

The Board requested administration bring back costs associated with grain bag storage compared to conventional storage, including capital and operating costs and the benefits and drawbacks of using grain bags for storage.

<b>AG119(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service schedule an Agricultural Service Board meeting on September 17, 2019 to develop a resolution for the 2019 Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference, to implement an advertising and education campaign to encourage the reduction of grain bag use and promote more permanent and lower cost per bushel grain storage alternatives. <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>AG120(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the <i>Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Grain Storage Considerations</i> report on the various grain storage options, pros, cons and costs. <b>CARRIED.</b>
Board Reports	At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.
<b>AG121(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2019 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. <b>CARRIED.</b>
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Events	The Board is presented with events for their consideration.
<b>AG122(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize to Member Candy, Member Watchorn, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Chair Harcourt attend Farm Freedom and Safety Act meeting on August 22, 2019 at the Grande Prairie Regional College in Fairview, Alberta. <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>AG123(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Watchorn, Chair Harcourt, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Member Ross, Member Candy and Councillor Janzen to attend the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Cattle Marketing Outlook Evening on August 23, 2019 at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall. <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>AG124(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Deputy Chair Ruecker and Councillor Janzen to attend Prairie Cereals Summit on December 11-12, 2019 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta. <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>AG125(08/20/19)</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross, Member Watchorn and Member Candy to attend the Western Canadian Conference on Soil Health and Grazing in Edmonton, Alberta on December 10-12, 2019. <b>CARRIED.</b>

Federal Health of  
Animals Regulations

The Board is presented with a letter from the Municipal District of Pincher Creek regarding proposed amendments to Part XV of the federal Health of Animals Regulations.

**AG126(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around proposed amendments to Part XV of the federal Health of Animals Regulations to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting.**

**CARRIED.**

**AG127(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Add In: 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Report Card on Resolutions to later in the meeting.**

**CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

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

**AG128(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

DELEGATION

Alberta Agriculture and  
Forestry Team Site Visit –

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Agricultural Service Board manager, Doug Macaulay, will be attendance for a team visit with the Agricultural Service Board.

**AG129(08/20/19)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service accept for information the delegation from Doug Macaulay, Manager of Agricultural Service Board Program with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.**

**CARRIED.**

Chair Harcourt recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:52 a.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:33 p.m.

Information &  
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. Environmental Stewardship News – Article – (63-10-02)
2. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
3. County of Minburn No. 27 (Ropin the Web Concerns Letter – (63-10-02)
4. Ventenata – Article – (63-10-02)
5. V.S.I Services(1980) Ltd. – Letter – (63-10-40)

**AG130(08/20/19)**

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

**CARRIED.**

Add In: 2019 Provincial  
Agricultural Service  
Board Report Card on  
Resolutions

**AG131(08/20/19)**

The Board is presented with the 2019 Report Card on the Resolutions for the 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference.

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board provide the following response to the 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Report Card on Resolutions:**

<i>Resolution name</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Loss of 2% liquid Strychnine	Accept in Principle
Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	Incomplete
Deadstock Removal	Unsatisfactory
Carbon Credits for Permanent Pasture and Forested Lands	Accept in Principle
Multi Stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta	Incomplete
STEP Program Agricultural Eligibility	Accept the Response
Access to Agriculture-Specific Mental Health Resources	Unsatisfactory
No Royalties on Farm-Saved Seed	Accept in Principle

**CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

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CHAIR

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN