

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
February 18, 2020**

PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer
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

AG26(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the February 18, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.

AG27(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the January 29, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG28(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 18, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

**Date, Time and Place
Of Board Meetings**

This item was tabled on November 29, 2020 Organizational Meeting because all members must be present to change the date, time and place of meetings.

AG29(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board set Agricultural Service Board meetings for 2020 on the third Tuesday of each month except May when the meetings will be held on the first Tuesday, and no meetings held in April or September. Meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. in the Clear Hills County Council Chambers at 313 Alberta Avenue Worsley, Alberta. At the call of the Chair, special meetings shall be posted for forty-eight hours in advance. CARRIED.

Drone Regulations
Information

The Board is presented with information regarding drone regulations.

AG30(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion on agricultural drone regulations. CARRIED.

2020 Agricultural
Service Board Conference
Follow-up

The Board is presented with information from the 2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference that was held on January 21-24, 2020 in at the Fairmont in Banff, Alberta.

AG31(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the 2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference follow-up that was held on January 21-24, 2020 at the Fairmont in Banff, Alberta. 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.

AG32(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of February 18, 2020 for information. CARRIED.

AG33(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the Farm Family Award. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG34(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross, Member Candy and Deputy Chair Ruecker to the Agricultural Strategies for Producers being held on February 20, 2020 at the Sexsmith Civic Centre in Sexsmith, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG35(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion on the La Crete Organic Conference being held on April 2-3, 2020 at the La Crete Heritage Center in La Crete, Alberta to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

AG36(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to Greener Pastures being held on March 2-3, 2020 in Fort St. John, BC. CARRIED.

Annual Delegation to Council

Each year the Board gives Council an update on the Agricultural Service Board program. The Board will discuss dates and information to present to Council.

AG37(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to book the annual delegation with Council on April 14, 2020. CARRIED.

Veterinary Incorporated Services

The Board is presented with Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) review of 2019.

AG38(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council increase the BSE Testing Incentive for 2020 by \$1,500 and budget \$4,500 for the 2021 operating budget. CARRIED.

AG39(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the Veterinary Services Incorporated Ltd 2019 review, as presented. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG40(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 18, 2020 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

AG41(02/18/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back further information for marketing locally grown products in local grocery stores. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

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



CHAIR



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN