

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
November 17, 2020**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Julie Watchorn	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative
MacKay Ross	Member (via phone)
Garry Candy	Member
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative (alternate)

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 10:09 a.m.

AGENDA

AG109(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the November 17, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED

AG110(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as amended. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG111(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 17, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. 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.

Member Ross joined the meeting by phone at 10:21 a.m.

AG112(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of November 17, 2020 for information. CARRIED.

Peace Regional
Agricultural Service Board
Conference Follow-up

The Board is requested to provide feedback and identify any follow-up items from the Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference that was held on October 22, 2020.

AG113(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the 2020 Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference that was held on October 22, 2020. CARRIED.

Fusarium Graminearum
Draft Bylaw

The Board is presented with a draft Fusarium Graminearum bylaw for their review and discussion.

AG114(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt the Fusarium Graminearum Bylaw as presented. CARRIED.

Glyphosate Tolerant
Wheat

The Board is presented with information from the Federal Government regarding Genetically Modified Wheat found in southern Alberta in 2018.

AG115(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Canadian Food Inspection Agency timeline report on genetically modified wheat that was found in southern Alberta in 2018, and Safeguarding Canadian Wheat fact sheets as presented. CARRIED.

Combcut Field Study

The Board is presented with results of a field study of the effectiveness of the combcut machine for control of noxious weeds in crop conducted by the University of Saskatchewan.

AG116(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept the University of Saskatchewan field study report on the effectiveness of the combcut machine (a crop topping device to remove seed heads) to control noxious weeds in crop, as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUISINESS

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG117(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Councillor Janzen and Member Watchorn to the Calving Clinic being held in Fairview, Alberta on December 10, 2020. CARRIED.

AG118(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to attend Managing Risk Opportunities for New Municipalities being held via virtual meeting on November 25, 2020. CARRIED

January Agricultural
Service Board Meeting

The January Agricultural Service Board meeting date conflicts with the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference, and the Board is requested to select a new meeting date.

AG119(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the January Agricultural Service Board meeting from January 19 to January 13, 2021. CARRIED.

Agricultural Services
Policy Review

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Services Policies for review.

AG120(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council reduce the Wolf Hunt Incentive budget from \$50,000 to \$40,000. CARRIED.

AG121(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program agreement with Schedules of Service, analysis of services used and Policy 6311 to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting for further consideration. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.
Member Ross left during lunch.
Councillor Ruecker left during lunch.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

AG122(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the following policies:

- **Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy**
- **Policy 6303 Pest Control**
- **Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control**
- **Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola**
- **Policy 6307 Wolf Management Incentive**
- **Policy 6309 Property Line Spray Program**
- **Policy 6310 Rental Equipment Policy**
- **Policy 6312 Trade Show Exhibitors**
- **Policy 6313 Trade Show Groceries and Doorprizes**
- **Policy 6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program**
- **Policy 6316 Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters**
- **Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG123(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 17, 2020 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information &
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG124(11/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence of November 17, 2020 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN