

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mackay Ross	Member
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ATTENDING

Bonnie Morgan	Executive Assistant
Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

AG26-21(07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the July 27, 2021, Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

AG27-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the May 4, 2021, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, as amended. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG28-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 27, 2021, 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.

AG29-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members verbal reports for July 27, 2021, for information. CARRIED.

Resolution Grading Update

The Board is presented with an update on the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee's Resolution Grading.

AG30-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2021 Resolution Grading update from the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Disaster
Declaration

The County has received guidance information for ASB/Councils that are looking at implementing an Agricultural Disaster Declaration due to drought.

AG31-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council declare an agricultural disaster for 2021 in Clear Hills County due to the hot weather and lack of precipitation. CARRIED.

Chairperson Harcourt recessed the meeting at 10:36 a.m.
Chairperson Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Regional Liaison
Program

The Province has announced a new Regional Liaison Program to replace the old Key Contact Program.

AG32-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the new Regional Liaison Program. CARRIED.

Election Year –
Member at Large
Positions

2021 is a municipal election year, and the Agricultural Service Board members at large positions will reach end of term in October, the same as Council. The Board is provided with Member at Large Appointments Policy 1108, that includes the application form for applying to represent the County as a member at large on various boards, including the ASB. Application deadline is October 25, 2021.

AG33-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information Policy 1108 Member at Large Appointments as presented. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG34-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorizes Chairperson Harcourt to attend the July 28, 2021, Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Teepee Creek Plot Walk. CARRIED.

AG35-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Chairperson Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board authorizes all members to attend the August 5, 2021, Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Research Farm Field Day at Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG36-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the Talk it Out – mental health in agricultural virtual sessions that are available at 6:00 p.m. July 28, August 11, and August 25, 2021. CARRIED.

AG37-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approves all members to attend the Canadian Beef Industry Conference being held virtually from August 31 to September 2, 2021. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG38-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 27, 2021, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Information & Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG39-21 (07/27/21)

RESOLUTION by Chairperson Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence of July 27, 2021, as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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CHAIR

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN