

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta  
January 13, 2021**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ATTENDING

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA

**AG01(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the January 13, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following addition:**

**7b. February 2021 Agricultural Service Board Meeting  
CARRIED.**

**AG02(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG03(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 13, 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.

**AG04(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members verbal reports of January 13, 2021 for information. CARRIED.**

Proposed Federal  
Changes to the AgriStability  
Program

The Board is presented with a draft letter to the Agricultural Minister regarding adopting changes to the AgriStability Program proposed by the Federal Government.

**AG05(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send the drafted letter to the Provincial Agricultural Minister asking the Government of Alberta to adopt the changes to the AgriStability Program proposed by the Federal Agricultural Minister. CARRIED.**

Agricultural Service  
Board Report to  
Council

The Board is presented with the amended Annual Report to Council as discussed at the December 15, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting.

**AG06(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the Agricultural Service Board 2019 and 2020 report as presented and submit the written report to Council. CARRIED.**

2021 Provincial  
Agricultural Conference  
Resolutions

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference resolutions. The Conference is being held virtually on January 21, 2021.

**AG07(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the 2021 Agricultural Service Board Conference resolutions that will be part of the Conference being held virtually on January 21, 2021. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Results Driven  
Agricultural Research  
Funding

The Board is presented with information regarding funding prioritization being done by the new Results Agricultural Research Board (RDAR).

**AG08(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board Direct administration draft a letter to the President of the Results Driven Agricultural Research (RDAR) and send a copy of the letter to the Minister of Agriculture stressing the importance of our local Agricultural Research Associations (ARAs). CARRIED.**

Add In: February 2021  
Agricultural Service

Board Meeting

The February Agricultural Service Board meeting date conflicts with the Growing the North Conference that Council will be attending virtually from the Council chambers from February 16-18, 2021, and the Board is requested to select a different meeting date.

**AG09(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the February Agricultural Service Board meeting to February 24, 2021. CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

**AG10(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 13, 2021 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.**

Date, Time and Place Of Board Meetings

The Board will now select the day of the month and the commencement time for the monthly meetings.

**AG11(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board hold Agricultural Service Board meetings for 2021 on the third Tuesday of each month except May when the meetings will be held on the first Tuesday, and no meetings will be 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 UNANIMOUSLY.**

Information & Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

**AG12(01/13/21)**

**RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence of January 13, 2021 as presented. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

  
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CHAIR

  
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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

