

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Julie Watchorn	Deputy Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Ron Jensen	Member
Amber Bean	Reeve

ABSENT

Jason Ruecker	Council Representative
David Janzen	Deputy Reeve
Garry Candy	Member

ATTENDING

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Natasha Gillett	Community Services Clerk
Crystal Dei	Community Services Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

AGENDA

AG15-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the February 16, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG16-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the January 31, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG17-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 16, 2023, 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.

AG18-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of February 16, 2023, for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

VSI Policy Working
Draft

The Board is presented with a draft of the VSI policy 6311 to define a farm unit more clearly. The board is also presented with historic VSI budget figures to review.

AG19-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt the proposed changes to VSI Policy 6311. CARRIED.

Letter to ASB
Provincial Community

The Board is presented with a draft letter to the ASB Provincial Committee regarding the number of votes per municipality at the ASB Provincial Conference.

AG20-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accept the draft letter to be sent to the ASB Provincial Committee. CARRIED.

Chairman Harcourt recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Chairman Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

EVENTS

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG21-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all ASB Board members to attend the PCBFA Annual General Meeting– February 25, 2023, at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG22-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 16, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG23-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 16, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIDENTIAL
ITEM(S)

AG24-23(02/16/23)

Agricultural Service Board discussed one closed meeting item.

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that this Agricultural Service Board close the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 11:10 a.m. CARRIED.

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AG25-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board revert back to the public Regular Agricultural Service Board meeting at 11:25 a.m. CARRIED.

AG26-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that the Agricultural Service Board 2023 Farm Family award recipient be announced at the 2023 Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board Farmers' Appreciation Event on March 4, 2023. CARRIED.

AG27-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that this Agricultural Service Board bring back Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

AG28-23(02/16/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request administration create an AG page in the County newsletter and on County Facebook page to share important agricultural related information. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

Members had a chance to do a round table discussion regarding topics of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

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CHAIR

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN