

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

PRESENT

Julie Watchorn	Deputy Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Ron Jensen	Member
David Janzen	Deputy Reeve
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative

ABSENT

Garry Candy	Member
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ATTENDING

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

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chair Watchorn called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

AG41-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 2, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the addition of agricultural plastics 7.f. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG42-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG43-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 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.

AG44-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of May 2, 2023, for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Tradeshaw Follow-up

The 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show was held on April 15, 2023. The Board is requested to provide feedback to assist with planning for the 2024 Trade Show.

AG45-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion and feedback on the 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 15, 2023, and planning ideas for the 27th Annual Trade Show that will be held on April 13, 2024.
CARRIED.**

Agricultural Services
Policy Review

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

AG46-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends removing section 4.c mowing of road prioritization from Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control.
CARRIED.**

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

AG47-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6312-Tradeshows Exhibitors to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion of insurance requirements for exhibitors.
CARRIED.**

AG48-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6313-Tradeshows Groceries and Door Prizes to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion.
CARRIED.**

AG49-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends changing section 4.7 of Policy 6317-Biggest Vegetable Contest to read the names of winners opposed to pictures of winners.
CARRIED.**

AG50-23(05/02/23)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the review of the following Agricultural Services Policies:6302-Agricultural Improvement Policy, 6303-Pest Control, 6306- Clubroot of Canola, 6307-Wolf Management Incentive, 6309-Property Line Spraying, 6310-Rental Equipment, 6311-Veterinary Service Incorporated (VSI) Ltd Program, 6312-Tradeshows Exhibitors, 6313-Tradeshows Groceries and Door Prizes, 6314-Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)Testing Incentive Program, and 6316-Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters.
CARRIED.**

Farmers' Appreciation
Event

The Board has requested to bring back the discussion around the date, location, and entertainment for the upcoming 2024 Farmers' Appreciation Event.

AG51-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board will tentatively hold the Farmers' Appreciation Event on February 17, 2024 at Menno Simons School in Cleardale. CARRIED.

Deputy Chair Watchorn recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.
Deputy Chair Watchorn reconvened the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Honorarium &
Travel/Subsistence
Budget Review

The Board has requested to review the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget.

AG52-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget review to future Agricultural Service Board meetings. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG53-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board Members to attend one of the summer pasture tours in Goodlow, Valleyview, or Bonanza in June of 2023. CARRIED.

Recycling of
Agricultural Plastic

The Board has requested a discussion regarding recycling agricultural plastic.

AG54-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion regarding recycling agricultural plastics for information, as presented. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG55-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG56-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Chair Watchorn adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

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