

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT:

Vice Chair B. Rodger (Chair)  
Councilor J. Sayer  
Councilor K. Heck  
Councilor D. Milne  
Member B. Buschert  
Member E. Iversen (Joined meeting at 9:43 a.m.)  
Member G. Cunningham (Joined meeting at 9:10 a.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jane Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services  
Vicki Lodermeier, Recording Secretary  
Lorelee Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist  
Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

CALL TO ORDER:

B. Rodger, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-042 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 17, 2015 as presented.  
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Sayer  
ASB15-043 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board of July 30, 2015.  
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS  
ALUS & Riparian  
Ecological Enhancement  
Projects

Member Cunningham joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-044 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Chief Administrative Officer for Internal Procedure #6300-01 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-045 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2015 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project and that the budget for funding is extended to 5 years after the initial 3 year term.

Carried.

ASB15-046 Moved by Councillor Heck  
That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2015 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects as presented.

Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Farm Plastic Recycling Program

Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-047 That the Agriculture Services Board approve continuation of the Farm Plastics Recycling Program to October 31, 2015, and to increase funding to an additional 25 participants from the existing budget. Furthermore, that the information be sent to Council, on the expected program oversubscription.

Carried.

On September 21, 2015 Jane Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services will provide an update on the recycling program outlining the history, what province studies are in place and a recap on processors taking the product.

Member Iverson joined meeting at 9:42 a.m.

##### Provincial Ag Service Board Summer Tour Planning

A summary on Provincial Ag Service Board Summer Tour Planning was provided as information if Mountain View County were to consider hosting this event. Topics covered revenue, food services, entertainment, and accommodations.

Agricultural Service Board recommended that Jane Fulton take forward the information presented on the Summer Tour to Council for further direction.

##### Recessed and Reconvened

B. Rodger, Chair recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

#### DELEGATION

##### Economic Development Initiatives Update

Adena Cheverie, Economic & Community Development Officer of Mountain View County presented the following items:

##### Solar Power Project

- Workshop for alternative energy sources will be scheduled for the end of October beginning of November.

- In 2016 up to 10 producers will be invited to participate in the program; a \$5000 grant for installing a solar system is available for successful applicants
- The contract was awarded to Skyfire Energy.
- As a Pilot Project Mountain View County Administration Building will have 40, 250 watt solar panels placed on the roof. Power consumption cost will diminish by a third

#### County Videos

- A video library is in the process of being created. The first video filmed this year is a general overview on Welcome to Mountain View County
- Additional 30 second quick snap shot videos on lifestyle, arts and culture, agriculture, industry and visiting business and innovations are in the process of being filmed
- Complete Video Library to be available on County website by end of September

#### Pathways 2 Sustainability

- Sustainability Resources Incorporation will be partnering with local municipalities to host a two day Conference session starting on November 8 to learn about agriculture, rural resilience and rural culture in and around the surrounding area
- Mountain View County will be a partner in hosting the Kickoff Event in September. This event will be on Speed Dating with the local producers. The goal is for producers to create a one bite taste sample on what they produce on their farms and their farm history.

#### Open Farm Days

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB15-048 That the Agricultural Service Board receives for information the update on the 2015 Open Farm Days.

Carried.

#### Provincial Ag Service Board Summer Tour Planning

Jane Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services will bring back a report on Councils decision and budget information to the Agricultural Service Board at the October meeting.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Seed Plant Updates

No reports were presented

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry  
Water Pumping Program

- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry offering a reduction in the rental cost for the Water Pumping Program for 2015-2016 fiscal year
- The program is to assist producers in obtaining water for domestic, livestock or agricultural purposes
- A Temporary license is required for diverting water from public sources. Permits are to be obtained through Alberta Environmental and Parks prior to pumping

Upcoming Workshops

- Feeding cattle in a drought year from a financial and nutritional perspective will be hosted at the County Office in mid-September
- Partnering with Economic Development on the Solar for Alberta Farmers Workshop scheduled to be at the end of October beginning of November. Topics will cover the grid tie renewal energy generation options for Alberta farms and touch on generating energy from the wind
- Sustainable farm families

Greywooded Forage requesting support to host a workshop at the end of November on grass fed beef. The Agriculture Service Board recommended partnering with Foothills Forage to host a workshop on grass fed beef.

B. Rodgers, Chair provided an update on the Christine Jones event stating there were close to a 100 participants that attended; would like to see a follow up session on county soils.

New Shop Facility

- Shop Facility was brought forward to Council with a completion date in spring of next year
- Considerations for the wash bay, green initiatives, solar panels, and water recycling are going forward to the next Council meeting for further direction
- Shop Facility will located in the Northeast corner of NE 5-32-1-W5M
- Entrance and Exit to the new facility will be from the existing road leading to the administration building off of Twp Rd 320

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-049 That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of August 17,  
2015 be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Carried.

Next meeting Monday, September 21, 2015

Jane Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services requested confirmation from the Chair and Vice Chair that one member would be in attendance at the August 24, 2015 Central Region Fieldman Chairman meeting that will be held at the Red Deer County Office. E. Iversen confirmed one member would attend the meeting. Further details to be provided when made available.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural Services