

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday April 20, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

- PRESENT:** Councilor K. Heck  
Chair E. Iversen  
Member G. Cunningham  
Member B. Buschert  
Vice Chair B. Rodger
- ABSENT:** Councilor J. Sayer  
Councilor D. Milne
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Jane Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services  
Fiona McCarthy, Recording Secretary  
Lorelee Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist  
Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman  
Darcy Alm, Agriculture Coordinator
- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair E. Iversen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** Jane Fulton introduced two additions to the agenda.  
A delegation at 11a.m., Mr. Grant Lastiwka, Livestock & Forage Business Specialist, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and an In-Camera Land Discussion regarding a Land Lease.
- AGENDA** Moved by Brian Rodger  
ASB15-012 That Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 20, 2015 as amended.  
Carried.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Moved by Brent Buschert  
ASB15-013 That Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 16, 2015.  
Carried.
- 4.0 OLD BUSINESS**  
**4.1 Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program**  
**ALUS** The Board was informed of some of the changes to the application form due to the new ALUS Program.  
Signage for the projects participating in ALUS was suggested by ASB. Agricultural Service Board was informed that the MOU had been signed. Also it was decided that projects would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

At the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 15, 2015 the Board will be reviewing the first few ALUS type projects. A guideline for funding and project checklist will be sent to the Board at least one week in advance of the meeting. Agricultural Services staff would also review land owned by Mountain View County, (which although would not receive ALUS grant funds), could be used for a “working” demonstration of the program.

ASB15-014 Moved by Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board approves the Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project rating form for the 2015-2016 grant year.  
Carried.

ASB15-015 Moved by Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board recommends approval of the proposed changes to the Chief Administrative Officer for Internal Procedure #6300-01 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding.  
Carried.

ASB15-016 Moved by Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board receives the changes to the Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Application Form and Agreement, for information.  
Carried.

#### 4.2 Sustainable Farm Families Alberta

Agricultural Service Board received a presentation at the March 16, 2015 meeting, regarding the “Sustainable Farm Families” program. The intent is to improve the lifestyle and health of farming communities. A workshop would involve a maximum of 20 farming couples. The workshop would be run and supervised by medically trained staff.

ASB15-017 Moved by Councilor Ken Heck  
That the Agricultural Service Board approves supporting the Sustainable Farm Families Alberta workshop in Mountain View County through in-kind advertising and assistance.  
Carried.

#### 4.3 Agricultural Service Board Shop

The discussions surrounding a possible new Agricultural Shop began 2 years ago, and is a part of a review of Operational and Agricultural Shop requirements. In 2014 a Needs Assessment was completed.  
A feasibility study was requested on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the results will be presented to a Regular Meeting of Council on the 22 April, 2015. Agricultural Service Board will be given an update on the Shop following the Council review.

4.4 Agricultural Land

Lease Discussion

IN CAMERA ASB15-018 Moved by Member Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 22, 2015  
go into closed meeting at 09:45 a.m.

Carried.

ASB15-019 Moved by Member Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 22, 2015  
return to the open meeting at 09:55 a.m.

Carried

Recess and Reconvene Chair Iversen recessed the meeting at 09:55 a.m. and  
reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

4.4 Lease Discussion

Improvements to the current lease process were discussed,  
such as lease terms, the re-tendering process and lease  
payments, land maintenance i.e. weed control and fence  
maintenance. Also discussed was whether Mountain View  
County residents/taxpayers/producers should take priority in  
determining a lessee. Discussion on term renewals and  
whether good stewardship by the leaseholder should be  
rewarded with an automatic renewal of term.

ASB15-020 Moved by Councilor Ken Heck  
That the Agricultural Service Board to the Chief Administrative  
Officer approves the changes as discussed in Procedure #  
6302-01 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property.

Carried.

ASB15-021 Moved by Member Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council  
approve the changes to the Policy # 6302 Agricultural Lease  
of MVC Owned Property.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2014 Year  
End Report

Jane Fulton and Chris Chrenek of Agricultural Services  
reviewed the 2014 year in Agricultural Services Mountain  
View County. Which included the goals met in the Strategic  
Plan, and they also reviewed the project highlights such as  
the Hillers Dam Floating Islands, the Grazing Cages and  
fencing projects.

DELEGATION

Grant Lastiwka, Livestock & Forage Business Specialist,  
Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development gave a brief  
update of Provincial initiatives and workshops. It is the  
International "Year of the Soil". Many workshops being  
offered this year reflect this, i.e. are covering the health and  
management of soil, particularly how to maintain moisture in  
soil. Forage management initiatives were also discussed, e.g.

initiatives such as the carbon protocol and a move to hay due to methane and carbon capture. Also he discussed nitrogen contribution regarding retaining moisture in the soil, and the effect of the short growing season.

5.2 Clubroot Policy & Procedure Review

Mountain View County annually reviews its Clubroot Policy and Procedures. Mountain View County has responsibility under the Pest Act to report/control this issue. Clubroot is being found in Counties bordering Mountain View County, the steps under the procedure, were reviewed, that would be taken in the management of the problem.

ASB15-022

Moved by Member Brian Rodger  
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend that the Chief Administration Officer approve the changes to Procedure #6303-1 Clubroot Management.

Carried.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 (a) Seed Plant Updates

There was no Seed Plant Update

(b) Upcoming Workshops

Upcoming Workshops can be found in the Events page of the Mountain View County website. The next workshop is "Holistic Land Management Overview" on 23 April, 2015.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2015

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on the Elk situation.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB15-023

Moved by Chair Eric Iversen  
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2015 be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural Services