

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT:

E. Iversen; Chairman  
B. Rodger; Vice Chairman  
Councillor J. Sayer (joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.)  
Councillor D. Milne  
Councillor K. Heck  
B. Buschert  
S. LaBrie (joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.)

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:

J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services  
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman (joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.)  
C. Verpy, Agricultural Coordinator (joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.)  
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist  
D. Lemus, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER:

E. Iversen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by B. Buschert  
ASB17-054 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Carried.

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Moved by B. Rodger  
ASB17-055 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF THE MINUTES

Updated resolution report card.

DELEGATION  
Adena Malyk

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Adena Malyk, Economic Development Officer / Mountain View County, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS  
ASB Tour Options

J. Fulton introduced the ASB Tour Options to the Board. The Board agreed to look at a written report next meeting.

DELEGATION  
Linda Hunt

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Linda Hunt, Agriculture Extension Agrologist / Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Linda provided a short presentation covering the following points:

- Purpose of field audit.
- Things that will be covered during field visit.

OLD BUSINESS  
Riparian & Ecological  
Enhancement Program  
(REEP) Projects

L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Projects.

Project located S1/2 18-31-27-W4. The project is for a fence line in the amount of \$1,500 and a watering system in the amount of \$2,250 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-056 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding for the 2017 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects located at S1/2 18-31-27-W4 as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$3,750 for the fence line and watering system.

Carried.

Alternative Land  
Use Services  
(ALUS)

L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located NE-31-29-01-W5, 30 cow/calf operation, 8 horses. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$5,764.50.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located W-27-33-28-W4, 150 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line, two crossings and a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$15,623.25.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB17-057 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Projects located NE-31-29-01-W5 in the amount of \$5,764.50 as outlined in the project spreadsheet, and projects located at W-27-33-28-W4 in the amount of \$15,623.25 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Capital Budget J. Fulton provided a short summary and C. Chrenek gave a presentation that outlines the 2018 Capital Equipment Budget.

ASB17-058 Moved by Councillor Heck  
That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2018 Capital Budget to Council for approval.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates No updates were provided.

Upcoming Workshops L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the following workshops:

- Phosphorus Watershed Project by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry - September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Green Acreages Guide Workshop by Mountain View County and Legacy Land Trust – September 28<sup>th</sup>.

ASB Program Strategic Business Plan J. Fulton presented the format change to the Strategic Business Plan to the Board and specified that no content changes were made. A brief discussion regarding plastic recycling took place where difficulties and issues were brought forward.

ASB Summer Tour Recap & Letters J. Fulton presented a couple thank you letters from Kneehill County and the M.D. of Willow Creek.

Open Farm Days Mountain View County Participants Mountain View County Open Farm Days Participants include Reese Cattle Company, Fallentimber Meadery and Shirley's Greenhouse.

Biological Control of Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevil Project L. Grattidge provided an update:

- Project was recently highlighted in the Mountain View Gazette
- Establishment projects are set up at two sites; one landowner site near Bergen and one at the county office, both in riparian areas
- Baseline plant stem counts were taken in July
- The weevils are expected to arrive in September
- This is a 5-year project

Agricultural Reserve J. Fulton informed the Board that Mountain View County Council approved a contribution of \$500,000 - five

installments of \$100,000 beginning in 2017 - to Olds College BEYOND Campaign for the Werklund Agriculture Institute. component for a \$16 million donation made by David Werklund The remaining \$400,000 from unallocated revenues from land sales are in the Agriculture Reserve. As per Policy #1008, All expenditures from this reserve would be recommended by the Agriculture Service Board and approved by Council through the normal budget process. J. Fulton informed the board that a project sheet will be presented at the next ASB Meeting.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB17-059 That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Reserve as information.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT Moved B. Rodger  
ASB17-060 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Carried.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural Services