

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, January 16, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT: B. Rodger; Vice Chairman
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor K. Heck
Councillor J. Sayer
B. Buschert
S. LaBrie

ABSENT: E. Iversen; Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
D. Lemus, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER: B. Rodger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by B. Buschert
ASB17-001 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of January 16, 2017.

Carried.

MINUTES Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB17-002 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 12, 2016.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES Nil

DELEGATION
Lynn Bishop B. Rodger, Vice Chair, welcomed Lynn Bishop, Director of Operations, ALUS Canada via conference call to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 16, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS
ALUS Program Review Lynn Bishop gave a short presentation where she talked about the following points:

- ALUS summary
- Update on ALUS' Funding applications
- The Westin Family Foundation

- The *New Acre Project* soft launch

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB17-003 That the Agricultural Service Board may consider Alternative Land Use Services shelterbelt projects and associated plan development, project monitoring and reporting for funding on a case by case basis.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS
2017 Farm Family
Award

J. Fulton provided an overview to the Board regarding the Mountain View County Farm Family Award.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-004 That the Agricultural Service Board submit the Pringle farm family nomination from Division 3 for the 2017 BMO Farm Family Award and to receive the Mountain View County Farm Family Award.

Carried.

Riparian & Ecological
Enhancement Program
(REEP) Review.

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

Moved by Councillor Heck

ASB17-005 That the Agricultural Service Board receives for information the 2017 Mountain View County Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Vice Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

T. Martens joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

DELEGATION
Donna Trottier

B. Rodger, Vice Chair, welcomed Donna Trottier, ASB Summer Tour Coordinator, Tatonga, Environmental Professional to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 16, 2017.

Donna Trottier gave a short presentation to the Board regarding the Provincial ASB Summer tour updates:

- MVC Delegate Tour Review
- Website Introduction
- Tradeshow Banners
- Promotional Materials
- Ticket Draw
- Registration – Eventbrite
- Sponsorship Levels
- Sign Up Sheet – Conference Help

T. Martens left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Vice Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

DELEGATION

Grant Lastiwka

B. Rodger, Vice Chair, welcomed Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 16th, 2017.

Grant Lastiwka gave a short presentation to the Board speaking about the following points:

- Western Holistic Management conference in February at Lacombe
- Carbon capturing in Alberta and its implications
- Cover cropping

Agricultural Service Board
Conference 2017
Resolutions

J. Fulton gave a short overview to the Board on the ASB Conference 2017 Resolutions.

- Resolution 1: Vegetation Management
- Resolution 2: Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products
- Resolution 3: Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-006 That B. Rodger and B. Buschert be appointed as voting members for the 2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference.

Carried.

2017 Agricultural Related
Project Grant Funding

J. Fulton provided a brief introduction to the Board regarding policy and procedure #6306-01

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-007 That the Agricultural Service Board continue on the same level of funding based on the 63% of the overhead door repairs, funding \$2,000 of the overhead door repairs and will invoice the remaining \$2,500 to be refunded back to the Agricultural Service Board.

Carried.

Moved by B. Buschert

ASB17-008 That the Agricultural Service Board defer the decision of any changes made to Procedure #6306-01 until further clarification.

Carried.

2017 Farm to Market
Conference

J. Fulton provided a short overview on the Farm to Market Conference to the Board.

Moved by Councillor Heck

ASB17-009 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding at the Silver Sponsorship level of \$500.00 from the workshop ASB Operating Budget.

Carried.

Northern Pocket Gopher
Control Program

J. Fulton provided an overview on the proposed procedure change for Procedure #6307.01 Northern Pocket Gopher Control Incentive Program.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB17-010 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the Chief Administrative Officer approve the proposed changes to Procedure #6307-01 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board
2017 Operating Budget

J. Fulton provided an overview on the Agricultural Service Board Operation Budget for the year 2017.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-011 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2017 Operating Budget to Council for approval as presented.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Seed Plant Updates

No updates were provided for the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant.

Councillor Milne provided an update on the Olds Seed Processing Co-op annual meeting where it was confirmed that the total bushels recorded was the 2nd biggest year.

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided an update on the upcoming workshops:

- Ladies Livestock Lessons (LLL) – January 28th 2017 – Sold Out
- Ranching Opportunities (RO) – February 9th 2017
- Farm Energy Management - March 15th with Rocky View County
- Working Well Workshop – March 21st with Clearwater County
- Septic Sense Workshop – March 28th with Clearwater County

Farm Safety Centre
- 2017 Request

J. Fulton provided a short summary to the Board regarding the letter received from the Farm Safety Centre

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-012 That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following as information:

- a. Seed Plant Updates (verbal report)
- b. Upcoming Workshops - Mountain View County Events
Webpage Link:
<http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/events>
- c. Farm Safety Centre - 2017 Request

Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 20th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB17-013 Moved by Councillor Heck
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of January 16, 2017 be adjourned at 12:39 a.m.

Carried.

Vice Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services