

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, June 19th, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

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

ABSENT: Nil.

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

CALL TO ORDER: E. Iversen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB17-042 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 19th, 2017.

Carried.

MINUTES Moved by B. Rodger
ASB17-043 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of May 15th, 2017.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES Nil.

OLD BUSINESS
Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) Projects

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

Project located SW 11-32-6-W5; 600 cow/calf operation. The project is for a watering system for the amount of \$2,750 and a fence line for the amount of \$975 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Project located NE 24-31-3-W5; 90 heifers operation. The project is for a watering system for the amount of \$1,621.50 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB17-044 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding for the 2017 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects located at SW 11-32-6-W5 outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$3,725 and projects located at NE 24-31-3-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the total amount of \$1,621.50.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

Councillor Milne updated the Board saying the color sorter is up and running at the Olds Seed Processing Co-op where they are on target for about 640 thousand bushels through the plant this year.

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

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided an update on the upcoming and past workshops:

- Breakfast on the Dairy Farm – June 24
- Carbon & Forages Field Day – Hosted by the Foothills Forage & Grazing Association on July 19
- Green Acreages Workshop – More Information TBD
- Tools to Build Your Cow Herd – More Information TBD

Agricultural Service Board Program Team Field Visit

J. Fulton provided a short introduction to the Board where she explained the process that has been done in the past regarding the Agricultural Service Board Program Team Field Visit. They will be invited to attend our August 21st ASB meeting.

Ag for Life Letter

L. Grattidge gave an overview of the Ag for Life Letter to the Board. Ag for Life is seeking funding from the ASB. The Board wishes to receive the item for information.

Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevil Project Update

L. Grattidge updated the Board on the stem mining weevil. The first release of weevils happened at the Mountain View County Office in a fenced riparian area and the other site is located at the Kettle Crossing Farm NW of Bergen on a tributary in their farm. In July, the Grey Wooded Forage Association will stake out the 16 square meter plots at each location. There they will do a thistle plant count in order to establish a baseline for the weevils to come in September.

The monitoring process will take place over the course of five years.

Bill 17

E. Iversen updated the Board on the new bill passed by the government. J. Fulton emailed information to the Board regarding Bill 17: The Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act.

OLD BUSINESS
Alternative Land
Use Services
(ALUS)

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

DELEGATION
Christine Campbell

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Christine Campbell, Western Hub Manager, ALUS Canada to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of June 19th, 2017.

Christine provided a short presentation covering the following points:

- It is interim reporting season at ALUS
- There are 2 new communities joining ALUS in Alberta in 2018
- County of Vermillion hosted a Trees for Bees workshop that successfully brought 20 attendees
- Save the date for August 29th a launch event in Calgary will be held for new funding from an Albertan Philanthropist
- Looking for more participant profiles to highlight on social media. It is a good time of year to encourage participants to take photos for year to year reference

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located SE-25-31-03-W5, NE-24-31-03-W5; 250 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,799.15.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located SW 28-30-3-W5; 40 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$5,539.50

Moved by Councilor Milne

ASB17-045 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Projects located SE-25-31-03-W5, NE-24-31-03-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,799.15 and the project located SW 28-30-3-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$5,539.50.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS
ASB Tour

Updates J. Fulton provided a short summary of the events happening during the ASB Summer tour on July 11-14.

NEXT MEETING DATE July 24th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT Moved by B. Rodger
ASB17-046 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 19th, 2017 be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services