

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, November 20th, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: B. Rodger; Chairman
Councillor P. Johnson
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor D. Fulton
B. Buschert, Vice Chairman
S. LaBrie
T. Jackson

ABSENT: Nil.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
C. Verpy, Agricultural Coordinator
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
V. Lodermeier, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: B. Rodger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

J. Fulton advised of the following amendments to the agenda:
7.1 g. 2017 Ag Summer Tour Financial Report

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB17-081 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of November 20th, 2017.
Carried.

MINUTES Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB17-082 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 30th, 2017.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES B. Rodger, Chair requested an update on the 2017 Project for Creek Crossings. J. Fulton confirmed an update would be provided under the 2018 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Review.

OLD BUSINESS Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Riparian and Ecological
Enhancement Program
Review

J. Fulton provided an update on the 2018 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) outlining the projects approved, the projects outstanding, the criteria used to determine an Environmental Significant Area and the REEP programs' focus:

- 25 projects approved, 20 completed
- 5 projects with funding approval not completed in 2017 for a total of \$6636.44 not completed in 2017 are to will be carried forward in 2018
- Project approval is based on a case by case basis following criteria listed on the REEP project rating form
- Administration continue to review projects and bring forward recommendation based on criteria in the REEP project rating form
- Water crossing approvals go through province. There will be one crossing not completed in 2017
- Promotion of the program to be through media, Facebook, Twitter, and website
- Include funding level for panels within Procedure #6309-01 and present to Chief Administrative Officer for approval.

Board suggested to continue touring riparian areas in the upcoming year as visits provide the Board with a better understanding of project requests.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-083 That the Agricultural Service Board accept the recommended changes to Procedure #6309-01 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding and bring forward for approval to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

2018 Alternative Land Use
Service Program Review

J. Fulton provided an update on the 2018 Alternative Land Use Service Program (ALUS). Identifying program funding as producer driven evaluating Land conservation and improvements.

L. Grattidge spoke on the ALUS projects and projections for 2018.

- ALUS funding comes from W. Garfield Weston, Bissett Action Fund, Alberta Conservation Association
- Eight new ALUS participants with projects
- Projects to cover 400 acres
- Funding request is for \$70,000

2018 Agricultural Related
Project Grant Review

J. Fulton provided a review of the 2017 funding awarded to the Agricultural Societies, Organization and 4-H Clubs for events, youth events and facility improvements, show & sale, ATV training and club activities. The Board had no recommended changes for the 2018 Agricultural Related Project Grants program.

2018 ASB Operating Budget
Review

J. Fulton provided an update on the 2018 Agricultural Service Board Operating Budget outlining the budget process, and projected budget for the upcoming year.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB17-084 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2018 Operating Budget to Council for approval.

Carried.

2018 Provincial Agricultural
Service Board Conference Travel
(verbal report)

J. Fulton provided a verbal report on the 2018 Provincial Agriculture Service Board Conference:

- Host location is Grand Prairie
- Scheduled January 16 through to the 19.

Board recommended administration bring back travel information on flight costs and accommodations prior to Board members registering for conference.

2018 Agricultural Service
Board Meeting Schedule

J. Fulton confirmed dates that do not conform to Policy as third Monday of the Month:

- December no meeting
- January 8
- February 12
- May 28
- June 18

Board confirmed next ASB meeting January 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

DELEGATION
Grant Lastiwka

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of November 20, 2017.

Grant Lastiwka gave a presentation covering the following:

- Concerned with the risks regarding moisture levels heading to the spring

- Grazing Conference, in Edmonton from December 5 through to 7 to address the future of soil and climate change
- Importance of annual crop rotation for soils, with alternating between crops, forage and grazing
- Best management practices for forage, and greenhouse gases
- The next Forage and Grassland Annual General Meeting to be held in Calgary mid-November
- Cow/Calf Economics
- Expansion on cow herds and challenges with today's society

2018 Alternative Land Use

Services Program Review

Moved by Councillor Fulton

ASB17-085 That the Agricultural Service Board receives for information the 2018 ALUS Program for Mountain View County.

Carried

2018 Agricultural Service

Board Meeting Schedule

Moved by B. Burschart

ASB17-086 That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the proposed Schedule of meetings for 2017/2018.

Carried.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

No updates were provided

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided information on upcoming workshops:

- January 20, Ladies Livestock lessons
- January 24, Rocky View County Farm Transition Workshop
- February 8, Ranching Opportunities
- February Clubroot Workshop
- Carnivora Workshop, date to be determined
- Black Bear Monitoring Workshop, date to be determined

Eradication of Wild Boar At-
Large Strategy

J. Fulton summarized the Eradication of Wild Boar At Large Strategy, that was mentioned at the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference, and identified the Agreement was re-signed with province for the ear bounty and that Wild Boars are banned in Mountain View County.

Foothills Forage & Grazing
Association - Funding
Request Package

J. Fulton provided an update on the Foothills Forage & Grazing Association Funding Request

- Partnered in one workshop this year with Association
- Funding to remain at status quo for \$3000
- Encourage members to support Forage Associations

Canadian Agricultural Partnership update

J. Fulton drew to the Boards attention the update provided on the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Letter from Brazeau County – Extension Period for Comments to Farm and Ranch Workers Legislation

J. Fulton provided a letter from Brazeau County that asked for an extension period, regarding comments to Farm and Ranch workers legislation, to April 30, 2018.

ASB17-087 Move by Councillor Milne
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend a letter is sent in support of the letter received from Brazeau County to extend the comment period to April 30th, 2018 to ensure producer engagement and implement the feedback received into the proposed draft legislation.

Carried.

ASB17-088 Move by S. LaBrie
That the Agricultural Service Board go into closed session at 11:50 a.m.

Carried.

ASB17-089 Moved by Councillor Fulton
That the Agricultural Service Board come out of closed session at 11:57 a.m.

Carried.

ASB17-090 Moved by Councillor Fulton
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/parks-recreation-culture/events-list>
- c. Eradication of Wild Boar At-Large Strategy
- d. Foothills Forage & Grazing Association - Funding Request Package
- e. Canadian Agricultural Partnership update
- f. Letter from Brazeau County - Extension Period for Comments to Farm and Ranch Workers Legislation

Carried.

2018 BMO Farm Family Award

ASB17-091 Moved by Councillor Milne
That the Agricultural Service Board nominate the Olson Family to receive the 2018 BMO Farm Family Award.

Carried.

2017 Ag Summer

Tour Financial Report

J. Fulton and Councillor Milne provided a verbal Financial Report on the 2017 Ag Summer Tour:

- Project was a success which set a high standard for future Tours
- Project came in at half of the projected cost
- Cost for Summer Tour was projected for \$46,000; Mountain View County's portion came in at \$ 23,000

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 8, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB17-092

Moved by Councillor Johnson
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of November 20, 2017 be adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Carried.



Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Manager, Agricultural Services