

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, September 18th, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

- PRESENT: E. Iversen; Chairman
B. Rodger; Vice Chairman
Councillor J. Sayer
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor K. Heck
B. Buschert
S. LaBrie
- ABSENT: L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
- IN ATTENDANCE: J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
C. Verpy, Agricultural Coordinator
D. Lemus, Administrative Support
- CALL TO ORDER: E. Iversen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.
- J. Fulton advised of the following amendments to the agenda:
7.1 e. Fieldmen Chairman Meeting Summary
7.1. f. Central Region ASB Conference
- AGENDA Moved by B. Rodger
ASB17-061 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the amended agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 18th, 2017. Carried.
- MINUTES Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB17-062 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 21st, 2017. Carried.
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES Nil.
- DELEGATION
Christine Campbell E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Christine Campbell, Western Hub Manager, ALUS Canada, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of September 18th, 2017.

Christine Campbell gave a presentation where she covered the following points:

- David Bissett, a Calgarian philanthropist, donated \$500,000 to the communities of Southern Alberta. Funds have been distributed and ALUS hopes to cover 633 acres with that donation.
- Summer get together at County of Vermillion River in partnership with Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society.

OLD BUSINESS
Alternative Land
Use Services
(ALUS)

J. Fulton provided a short overview of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program.

J. Fulton provided an overview of the ALUS Project located 34-31-03-W5, 180 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$3,000.00.

S. LaBrie declared a pecuniary interest regarding project located 34-31-03-W5 and joined the gallery at 9:12 a.m.

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-063 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Project located 34-31-03-W5 in the amount of \$3,000.00 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Carried.

S. LaBrie rejoined the table at 9:21 a.m.

Riparian & Ecological
Enhancement Program
(REEP) Projects

J. Fulton provided a short overview of the Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Projects.

Project located NW 15-30-01-W5; 75 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line in the amount of \$3,225 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-064 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding for the 2017 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located at NW 15-30-01-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$3,225 provided an offsite watering system is purchased and installed within eighteen (18) months.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 ASB Projects Budget J. Fulton introduced the 2018 ASB Project sheets to the Board where she covered the following points:

- 20% Rebate and Alternative Controls
- Tall Buttercup in the Bearberry Area Service Enhancement
- Ag Plastics Recycling program (*delegation 4.3*)
- Annual ASB Summer Tour
- MVC Production Competition Program

Farm Plastic Round -Up Program Review

J. Fulton gave a short overview regarding the Farm Plastics program.

DELEGATION
Tammy Schwass &
Pat Sliworsky

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Tammy Schwass, Alberta Plastics Recycling Association, Executive Director, Pat Sliworsky, CAO, Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of September 18th, 2017.

Tammy Schwass and Pat Sliworsky gave a presentation where they covered the following points:

- Problem with Asian markets
- Struggles with new Chinese regulations banning certain plastic and textile importation
- Issues with contaminated plastics
- Possible changes to the program

Any possible capital purchases will be brought back to the ASB for review prior to Council's review.

Recess and Reconvene

E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

Councillor Milne and Councillor Sayer left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

DELEGATION
Grant Lastiwka

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of September 18th, 2017.

Grant Lastiwka gave a presentation where he covered the following points:

- Western Canada Conference on Soil Health and Grazing
- Alberta Crop Report

- Alberta Ag-Info Centre, Extension and Communication Services
- Clubroot resistance and spread

Councillor Sayer rejoined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
Councillor Milne rejoined the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Second Cut of Gravel
Roads East of HW2
Discussion

J. Fulton provided a short introduction regarding the second cut of gravel roads east of highway 2.

DELEGATION
Ryan Morrison

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Ryan Morrison, Assistant Director of Operational Services, Mountain View County, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of September 18th, 2017.

Ryan Morrison gave a presentation where he covered the following points:

- Length of grass on side of roads
- Difficulty working the shoulder due to vegetation and water collection on road.
- Project will be presented with Operational Service's budget
- Enhanced service request is approximately an 80% Operational Services request and a 20% complaint based request.

NEW BUSINESS
2018 ASB Projects Budget

J. Fulton resumed the 2018 ASB Project sheets review and covered the following points:

- Annual ASB Tour. Administration inquired several different municipalities such as Kneehill County, Red Deer County, Settler County, and Clearwater County. Their budgets ranged from \$10,000 - \$27,000. Working through the Open Farm Days program would allow a lower cost tour for the attendees and the municipality. A conservative budget of \$10,000 was put together.

Moved by B. Rodger
ASB17-065 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2018 ASB Projects to Council for approval.

Carried.

Living in the Natural

Environment An annual request was received from the M.D. of Bighorn to support Living in the Natural Environment. The Agricultural Service Board has been participating at a corporate level of sponsorship.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB17-066 That the Agricultural Service Board fund the Municipal District of Bighorn No.8 in the annual "Living in the Natural Environment Event" as a Corporate Partner from existing budget.
Carried.

Wild Boar Agreement J. Fulton introduced the Amended Wild Boar Agreement Bounty Program to the Board and asked if they wished to renew their agreement and participate in the ear bounty program.

Moved by Councillor Heck
ASB17-067 That the Agricultural Service Board support entering into the Wild Boar At Large Bounty program and sign the amending agreement.
Carried.

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.
Councillor Milne rejoined the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates No updates were provided.

Upcoming Workshops J. Fulton provided the following information regarding upcoming workshops:

- Phosphorus Watershed Project at the Acme Community Hall on September 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. B. Rodger will be a host stop for this workshop.

Aspen Ranch Farm Safety J. Fulton provided an update regarding the Aspen Ranch Farm Safety.
Aspen Farm Ranch Safety and Agricultural Awareness Camps Program is underway with the Bowden Elementary School, Caroline Elementary School, and the Sundre River Valley School are being visited today.

On Farm Water Testing Request Form J. Fulton provided a brief introduction on the farm water testing request form provided by the University of Calgary. They are looking to collect 60 rural water samples to test for bacteria focusing on well water quality and strategies to protect your well from contamination. A point of contact was indicated in the agenda.

Fieldmen Chairmen
Meeting Summary

C. Chrenek provided a short update from the annual Central Region Chairmen/Fieldmen Meeting, covering the following points:

- The Wild Boar traceability is becoming an issue. Wild Boars and domestic pigs can cross causing issues with boar eradication vs domestic animal protection.
- Topsoil removal has become more of a provincial issue as topsoil has been moving across county borders risking soil contamination and environmental damages.

Central Region ASB
Conference

J. Fulton informed the Board that the Central Region Conference will be held at the Olds' Legion on November 9th, 2017. And gave a short summary on what can be expected from the meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 30th, 2017.

Councillor Heck made closing remarks thanking the Board for all their efforts. E. Iversen, Chair, thanked Councillor Heck for his valuable input in the Agricultural Service Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB17-068

Moved S. LaBrie
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 18, 2017 be adjourned at 12:16 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services