

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Friday, December 11, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT: Chair E. Iversen  
Vice Chair B. Rodger  
Councillor K. Heck  
Councillor D. Milne  
Councillor J. Sayer  
B. Buschert  
G. Cunningham

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services  
Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman  
Lorelee Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist  
Carrie Mabin, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: E. Iversen, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by B. Buschert  
ASB15-076 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 11, 2015.  
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Councillor Heck  
ASB15-077 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board of November 16, 2015.  
Carried.

DELEGATION  
ALUS Canada  
Lorraine Becker, Ecosystem Markets Business Development Director for Alberta and Christine Campbell, Alberta HUB Manager, ALUS Canada joined meeting at 9:08am.

- An update on the changes to ALUS Canada that occurred over the previous year including funding, staffing and projects was provided
- The ALUS Canada organization model and principals were introduced and discussed
- There was a brief discussion of the Adaptive Multi-Paddock (AMP) Grazing also known as mob grazing
- ALUS Canada requested participants to send photos of ALUS projects

E. Iversen recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS  
Topsoil Bylaw Draft  
Review

Jane Fulton reintroduced the Topsoil Bylaw No. 58/92 Draft.

- Each Section of the Topsoil Bylaw No. 58/92 Draft was studied and discussed with consideration to the current Land Use Bylaw
- There was further discussion on the fine amounts outlined in SCHEDULE A PENALTIES of the Bylaw
- The Topsoil Removal/Import Application form and Topsoil Removal/Import Permit Conditions were reviewed and discussed
- The Agricultural Service Board recommend Agricultural Services adjust the monetary fine listed in SCHEDULE A PENALTIES of the Topsoil Bylaw No. 58/92 for each OFFENCE as follows:
  - First Offence \$1000.00
  - Second Offence \$2000.00
  - Third Offence \$4000.00

Moved by Councillor Sayer  
ASB15-078 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approves the Topsoil Bylaw draft and receives for information the Topsoil Bylaw Permit and Application Form.  
Carried.

DELEGATION  
Mountain View County

Robert Beaupertuis, Director of Corporate Services, Mountain View County joins meeting at 10:43am.

NEW BUSINESS  
Agricultural Service  
Board 2016 Operating  
Budget

Jane Fulton provided a detailed presentation of the Agricultural Services 2016 Operating Budget.

- A review and discussion of 2016 Operating Budget found amendments were needed to REVENUE Urban Weed Inspection
- Agricultural Services will add Expense Weed Infestation Mapping Software for \$3,000
- The Agricultural Service Board recommends Agricultural Services amend RECURRING EXPENSES: Environment Recycling (AG Plastics & Wire) to increase item by \$1,000
- The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the Strategic Business Plan and determined the 2016 Operating Budget is reflects the goals as outlined

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB15-079 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2016 Operating Budget to Council for approval as ammended.  
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ALUS and Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects

Lorelee Grattidge presented the 2015 ALUS and Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects.

- Projects S-06-31-26-W4 and SE-11-33-02-W5 have been delayed until further notice and were removed from MVC REEP Project Budgets

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB15-080 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend funding overages of 10% or \$200, whichever is greater, is pre-approved without returning to Agricultural Service Board for project funding reassessment.  
Carried.

- There was discussion about the fencing costs for project SE-06-31-28-W4 and why fencing costs were higher than estimated

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB15-081 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the overages for the fencing project located SE-06-31-28-W4.  
Carried.

- Project NE-09-34-05-W5 was not approved for funding under Growing Forward 2
- Project N, SW-20-31-02-W5 requires a redirection of funding from MVC ALUS Projects to MVC REEP Projects

Moved by B. Roger

ASB15-082 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2015 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects as outlined in the project evaluation summary spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,970.15.  
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS  
Agricultural Service  
Board Provincial  
Conference 2016  
Resolutions

Jane Fulton discussed the Resolution component of the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference 2016 and requested an assignment of two Agricultural Service Board members as voting representatives.

Moved by D. Milne

ASB15-083 That E. Iversen and B. Roger be appointed as voting members for the 2016 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference.

Carried.

Jane Fulton reviewed the Resolutions to be presented at the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference 2016.

INFORMATION ITEMS  
Bill 6 - Enhanced  
Protection for Farm and  
Ranch Workers Act

There was discussion about the meeting held in Olds, Alberta.

NEW BUSINESS  
Agricultural Service  
Board 2016 Operating  
Budget

Jane Fulton discussed changes to the dates in Draft Policy 6307 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB15-084 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approve Draft Policy 6307 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program and receive for information Draft Procedure 6307-01 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS  
Seed Plant Updates

B. Bushert provided an update on the volumes that were completed at Carstairs Seed Cleaning Plant in 2015.

Councillor Milne provided an update update on the volumes that were completed at the Mountain View County Seed Cleaning Plant in 2015.

Aspen Ranch Farm  
Safety, Agricultural &  
Environmental Awareness

Lorelee Grattidge provided a review of the program and Mountain View County's involvement.

Moved by D. Milne  
ASB15-085 That Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 11,  
2106 goes into closed meeting at 12:15 p.m.  
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS  
2016 BMO Farm  
Family Award

IN CAMERA

ASB Summer Tour

IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Sayer  
ASB15-086 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 11,  
2015 return to the open meeting at 12:45 p.m.  
Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE February 22, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Rodger  
ASB15-087 That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 11,  
2015 be adjourned at 12:45p.m.  
Carried.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural Services