

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2016, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT: Chair E. Iversen (Late)  
Vice Chair B. Rodger (Chair)  
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  
Darcy Alm, Agricultural Coordinator  
Carrie Mabin, Recording Secretary

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

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB16-020 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 18, 2016. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Councillor Heck  
ASB16-021 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board of March 21, 2016. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS  
Riparian and Ecological  
Enhancement Program

Lorelee Grattidge notified the Board that Mountain View County Agricultural Services was awarded an ACA Conservation, Community and Education Grant of \$20,000 for 2016-2017 REEP projects.

Project located SW-26-30-02-W5 on Class 5 wetland/Ephemeral Wetland/Creek within Rosebud River Watershed. It is an orchard/market garden/mixed livestock operation. The project area was fenced in the previous year; the 2016 project is a watering system.

Project located SW-23-31-06-W5 located on the tributary of Nitchi Creek/Dugout. It is impacted by 65 cow/calf pairs

within the James River Watershed; a moderate ESA. The project is 1400m of fence to protect riparian area and a watering system.

Project located NE-06-32-5-W5 along a tributary of Community Creek/Dugout/Spring. It is impacted by 65 cow/calf pairs within the Little Red Deer River Watershed. The project is 950m of fence to protect riparian area and a watering system.

ASB16-022 Moved by Councillor Milne  
That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View Count Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$7, 913.09.

Carried.

DELEGATION  
AWES Agroforestry and  
Woodlot Extension  
Society

Jeff Renton M.Sc., Project Manager provided an overview of AWES Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society programs and projects. Woodlot project located W7-30-1-W5 was highlighted.

B. Rodger recessed the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

Ducks Unlimited

Milana Simikian, Provincial Policy Specialist provided an overview of the priorities and projects of Ducks Unlimited. The importance of the Ecological Good and Services of wetland restoration was discussed.

E. Iversen joins meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Darwin Chambers, Conservation Programs Specialist provided an overview of the habitat projects within Mountain View County. Also discussed programs available to residents of Mountain View County and provided examples of successful Ducks Unlimited projects within Alberta.

IN CAMERA

ASB16-023 Moved by E. Iversen  
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 18, 2016 go into closed meeting at 10:37a.m.

Carried.

ASB16-024 Moved by E. Iversen  
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 18, 2016 return to an open meeting 10:55 a.m.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Land Lease Tenders

ASB16-025

Moved by Councillor Milne

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approve the lease of County owned Agricultural lands for the Part of the W1/2-29,E1/2-29-32-5W5, SE 32-32-W5 to the highest bidder for a three year grazing lease ending December 31,2018.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Procedure #6303-01

Clubroot Management

Review

Jane Fulton requested the Agricultural Service Board review Procedure #6303-01 Clubroot Management and forward any recommended changes to the Procedure to the CAO.

Agricultural Services will continue to test for Clubroot throughout the County to determine infestation levels. Agricultural Services will continue to communicate with landowners and industry to ensure understanding and compliance with Procedure #6303-01 to minimize the spread of Clubroot in Mountain View County.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

Councillor Milne provided an update for the Olds Seed Cleaning Co-op.

Upcoming Workshops

Jane Fulton provided an update on upcoming workshops.

- Working Water Workshop
- Beavers in Our Landscape: Living and Managing with Beavers

Summer Synergy Evening of Excellence Banquet

Jane Fulton invited two members pf Agricultural Service Board to attend Summer Synergy Evening of Excellence Banquet July 14, 2016.

Agricultural Services  
New Shop Facility  
Update

Jane Fulton provided an update on the new Ag Shop. Occupancy date is anticipated the first week of May. The Grand Opening is proposed for June 10, 2016.

Summer Tour  
Update

Jane Fulton and Councillor Milne provided an update the 2016 Summer Tour and the collaboration with Red Deer County and Olds College.

Councillor Sayer leaves meeting at 11:00 a.m.

DELEGATION

Alberta Agriculture and

Forestry Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Mr. Lastiwka discussed moisture levels throughout the province, grasshopper surveys, budget and program adjustments.

NEXT MEETING DATE May 16, 2016

ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Heck  
ASB16-026 That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of April 18, 2016 be adjourned at 11: 39 a.m.

Carried.



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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



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Manager, Agricultural Services