

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2016, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

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

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
D. Lemus, Administrative Support
D. Alm, Agricultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: E. Iversen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by B. Rodger
ASB16-060 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 17, 2016.
Carried.

MINUTES Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-061 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2016.
Carried.

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Jeff Renton, Project Manager, Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) via conference call.

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Paige Englot, Prairie Hub Manager, ALUS Canada via conference call.
Paige provided the following information to the Board:

- ALUS West Field Conference overview
- ALUS Canada will launch at the royal agricultural fair in Toronto on Nov 4th and will introduce the “New Acre Project”

OLD BUSINESS
ALUS Projects L. Grattidge provided the Board an overview of the 2016 Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) funding applications received:

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located SW-22-33-06-W5; 100 cow/calf, 20 yaks operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Jeff Renton provided some information on the Woodlot Management Plan for the project located on SW-22-33-06-W5.

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB16-062 That the Agricultural Service Board approves increased funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located SW-22-33-06-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the total amount of \$7,290.35

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEM
AWES – Alley Cropping
Summary

Jeff Renton provided some information regarding Alley Cropping to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS
ALUS Projects

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located NW 15-33-06-W5; 60 cow operation. The project is for a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by G. Cunningham

ASB16-063 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located NW 15-33-06-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$8,664.65

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Riparian and Ecological
Enhancement Program
Project Tour

J. Fulton asked the Board to provide some dates regarding the upcoming tour.

NEW BUSINESS
Agricultural Plastics
Program Update

J. Fulton provided an overview to the Board regarding the Agricultural Plastics Program to the Agricultural Service Board and brought some topics to the Board's attention.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB16-064 That the Agricultural Service Board approve the continuation of the Farm Plastics Recycling Program to October 31st, 2016, funding the overage due to additional participants and materials from existing budget.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-065 That the Agricultural Service Board send to Council the expected program oversubscription for information.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-066 That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the anticipated changes to the Agricultural Plastic Recycling program.
Carried.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates No updates were provided.

Foothills Forage Grazing Association's 2017 Funding Request
J. Fulton brought forward a letter from the Foothills Forage Grazing Association and provided some information regarding funding levels within the grazing associations. No recommended changes to the 2017 Operating Budget for those levels of sponsorship.

Recess and Reconvene
E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

DELEGATION

Donna Trottier
E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Donna Trottier, ASB Summer Tour Coordinator, Tatonga, Environmental Professional to the Agricultural Service Board meeting.

D. Trottier provided some updates regarding the ASB Summer Tour:

- Schedule
- Tuesday optional events
- Mountain View County Delegate Tour
- Mountain View County Partner Tour
- Mountain View County Youth Tour
- RDC Delegate Tour
- RDC Partner Tour
- RDC Youth Tour
- Wednesday Night Mixer
- Thursday Night Banquet
- Promotion
- Website Launch
- Sponsorship

INFORMATION ITEMS
2016 Central Region
Conference

J. Fulton provided an overview regarding the conference taking place on October 20th. E. Iversen was appointed to give a short presentation provided by D. Trottier.

Family Farms & Small
Feedlots – Provincial
Loan Support

J. Fulton provided an update regarding the Provincial Loan Support for Family Farms & Small Feedlots. The Government has provided a loan increase from 55 million to 100 million to improve producer's access to capital in order to improve their business.

2016 Provincial ASB
Resolutions Report Card

J. Fulton provided an overview of the 2016 Report Card on the Resolutions.

DELEGATION
Grant Lastiwka

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to the Agricultural Service Board

Grant Lastiwka gave a presentation to the Board where he provided information regarding the following:

- Harvest progress in our region
- Effects of cattle prices on feedlots
- Effect of grain prices
- Hay is an unpredictable product to price
- Cost of alternative grains

INFORMATION ITEM
Resolution for Central
Region ASB
Conference 2016

J. Fulton informed the Board on the Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways. A few points were covered on how administration and management is conducted at various counties in the Province. The resolution is asking for the Government of Alberta to deliver more effective maintenance program for vegetation management weed control and mowing along the primary and secondary highways within the Province.

2016 Central Region ASB
Conference Agenda

J. Fulton introduced the 2016 Central Region ASB Conference agenda and took attendance for the board members that are able to make it.

Mountain View County
Hosting 2017 Central
ASB Conference

J. Fulton provided a brief overview regarding a venue preference and availability to book. Topics and speakers for the conference were discussed.

Agricultural Project
Funding 2016 Update

J. Fulton introduced the topic and covered the status of the funded projects to the Board.

Farm Safety Centre Letter J. Fulton introduced the funding request from the Farm Safety Centre to the Board.

Upcoming Workshops Mountain View County Events Webpage Link:

- Nov. 22: Working Well Workshop partnering with Kneehill County.
- Nov. 30: West Country Cattle Handling Systems partnering with Grey Wooded Forage Association.

Draft AAMDC Municipal Agriculture Disaster Declaration Guide Councillor Milne introduced the guide and J. Fulton gave a brief overview on the matters involved in the process and explained the purpose behind the guide.

ASB16-067 Moved by Councillor Sayer
That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the items previously discussed.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE November 21, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT ASB16-068 Moved by E. Iversen
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 17, 2016 be adjourned at 11:55 p.m.
Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services