

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2016, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

- PRESENT: E. Iversen; Chair (joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.)
B. Rodger
Councillor D. Milne
B. Buschert
Councillor K. Heck
Councillor J. Sayer
- ABSENT: G. Cunningham
- IN ATTENDANCE: J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
D. Lemus, Administrative Assistant
D. Alm, Agricultural Coordinator
- CALL TO ORDER: B. Rodger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- AGENDA J. Fulton advised of the following amendments to the agenda:
3.1 Delegation unable to attend
5.4 MVC ASB REEP Project Tour
5.5 Land Matter
- ASB16-050 Moved by Councillor Milne
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2016 as amended.
Carried.
- MINUTES ASB16-051 Moved by B. Buschert
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 15, 2016.
Carried.
- 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 NW 26-29-03-W5; 100 cow/calf operation. The project is for a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

E. Iversen, Chair, joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located NW 31-30-05-W5; up to 25 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by Councillor Sayer
ASB16-052 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located NW 26-29-03-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$6,839.50

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-053 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located NW 31-30-05-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$5,449.50.

Motion Defeated.

NEW BUSINESS
ALUS Canada Field
Conference
- Western Hub

J. Fulton provided an overview to the Board regarding the 2016 ALUS Field Conference to the Agricultural Service Board. Due to the busy time of year the Board members reluctantly decided against attending the event.

NEW BUSINESS
2017 Northern
Pocket

J. Fulton and C. Chrenek provided an overview on the current control program and the proposed changes.

Moved by B. Rodger
ASB16-054 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the Chief Administrative Officer consider the proposed changes to Procedure # 6307-01 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Agricultural Service
Board Capital Budget

J. Fulton provided an overview regarding the coming year's capital budget.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-055 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2017 Capital Budget to Council for approval.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
MVC ASB REEP
Project Tour

J. Fulton provided an overview of the proposed tour sites.

Recess and Reconvene

E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

DELEGATION

Devin Knopp

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Devin Knopp, Environmental and Communication Coordinator, Grey Wooded Forage Association (GWFA) to the Agricultural Service Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Canada Thistle

Stem Mining

Weevil

Ginette Boucher and Devin Knopp gave a presentation to the board where he provided information regarding the following:

- Weevil Research Review
- Estimated costs to the project
- Agreement Protocols
- Contract Agreement

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB16-056 That the Agricultural Service Board approves partnership with Grey Wooded Forage Association on Canada thistle stem mining weevil project to be funded from the existing Operating budgets pending Council 2017 budget approval.

Carried.

Devin Knopp left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Ginette Boucher left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

DELEGATION

Laura Ung

Chair E. Iversen welcomed Laura Ung, Provincial Evaluation Specialist, Agri-Environmental Innovation unit, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to the Agricultural Service Board meeting.

INFORMATION

ITEMS

2016 Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Survey

Laura Ung gave a presentation to the Board where she provided information regarding the following:

- Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Tracking Survey
- Key Questions
- How is the report being used?
- Will it inform changes or additions to programs?
- Does it influence the ASB Environmental Funding Stream?
- Report highlights/surprises
- ESA Tracking Survey Highlights
- Commitment to ESA Practices
- Adoption tends to be higher on larger operations
- ESA Adoption Distribution
- Central Region Uniqueness
- General Practices
- Use of Decision Making Tools and Resources

Laura Ung left the meeting at 11:15 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 at 11:15 a.m.

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

- Harvest in the Province is behind by 17% whereas our region is behind by 14%
- Moisture Conditions throughout the region have been very variable.
- Cow-Calf economics will take place on November 3rd, 2016 in the Alumni Centre at the Olds College.
- Price of Beef was discussed among Board members along with Greg Lastiwka.

Recess and Reconvene

E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

No updates were provided.

2016 Central Region
Conference

J. Fulton provided an overview regarding the conference taking place on October 20th.

2016 Central Zone ASB
Chairman/Fieldman
Meeting Summary

E. Iversen, Chair, provided an introduction on the subject to the Agricultural Service Board. J. Fulton presented a summary presentation of the meeting to the Board.

Aspen Ranch
Farm Safety

L. Grattidge provided some information to the Board in regards to the event taking place this week Monday through Thursday.

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided an update on the upcoming workshops:

- West Country Cattle Handling Systems – Nov. 3
- Working Well Workshop – At Lone Pine Hall - Nov. 22

Clubroot Update

J. Fulton informed the Board on an infestation that was reported north of Olds. Surveying is still ongoing throughout the County.

2017 ASB Summer
Tour Planning
Update

J. Fulton presented Donna Trottier's PowerPoint to the Board where she provided information regarding the following updates:

- Promotion
- Accommodations
- Preliminary Schedule
- Tuesday Optional Events
- MVC Delegate Tour
- MVC Partner Tour
- MVC Youth Tour
- Wednesday Night Mixer
- Sponsorship

IN CAMERA

ASB16-057 Moved by E. Iversen
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2016 go into closed meeting at 12:10 p.m.
Carried.

ASB16-058 Moved by E. Iversen
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2016 return to the open meeting at 12:37 p.m.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 17, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

ASB16-059 Moved by Councillor Sayer
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2016 be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
Carried.

Vice Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services