

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

- PRESENT:** B. Rodger; Chairman
Councillor P. Johnson
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor D. Fulton
S. LaBrie
T. Jackson
- ABSENT:** B. Buschert, Vice Chairman
- IN ATTENDANCE:** J. Fulton, Assistant Director of Legislative, Community and Agricultural Services
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
C. Verpy, Agricultural Coordinator
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
D. Lemus, Administrative Support
- CALL TO ORDER:** B. Rodger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- J. Fulton advised of the following amendments to the agenda:
7.1 i. AFAC Awards Nominations
- AGENDA** Moved by S. La Brie
ASB18-001 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of January 8th, 2018.
Carried.
- MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB18-002 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of November 11th, 2017.
Carried.
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** J. Fulton provided an update on the slight adjustment to the letter addressed to Minister regarding the consultation period.
- NEW BUSINESS**
Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolution Review
J. Fulton gave a short summary on what can be expected at the ASB conference during the resolution session. J. Fulton opened the floor for questions. None were received.
J. Fulton briefly went through the twelve 2018 ASB Conference resolutions that were brought forward.

DELEGATION

Lisa Chen

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Lisa Chen, Director & Dave Wojcicki, Effective Practices Specialist, Innovation and Strategic Priorities, Occupational Health & Safety, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 8, 2018.

INFORMATION ITEM

Farm & Ranch Legislative Recommendations

Lisa Chen gave a presentation where she covered the following points:

- Dave Wojcicki will be taking feedback from the email inbox for the government.
- Q & A's
- 2 summaries on the legislative recommendations and non-legislative recommendations
- Non-legislative recommendations
- Equipment Specifications and Certifications
- Hazards with Confined Spaces
- Hazard and Risk Assessments at the work site
- Legislative recommendations
- There will be more updates pertaining to Bill 30
- Feedback is welcome at farmandranch@gov.ca until January 15, 2018

The ASB discussed the Technical Working Group's Summary on legislative and non-legislative recommendations to Improve Farm and Ranch Worker Health and Safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolution Review

J. Fulton continued going through the remaining resolutions for the 2018 Agricultural Service Boards Conference.

DELEGATION

Grant Lastiwka

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 8, 2018.

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

- Soil Health & Grazing Conference in Edmonton Dec. 5-7, 2017
 - Communicating with urban MLAs
 - Principles of Soil Health
- 2004-2010 Agri-Profits Benchmarks Cost/Return
- 2013-2015 Agri-Profits Benchmarks Cost/Return

- High legume pastures and their advantages

Brian Ilnicki

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Brian Ilnicki, Executive Director, Land Stewardship Centre, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 8, 2018.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Green Acreages
Guide

Brian Ilnicki gave a presentation where he covered the following points:

- Land Stewardship Centre Introduction
- Their Approach
- Program Development
- Alberta Stewardship Network – The Need
- Alberta Stewardship Network – The Solution
- Septic Sense Workshop
- Green Acreages Guide

J. Fulton and L. Grattidge informed the Land Stewardship Centre currently has a grant application for additional funding. This would provide for the ASB the opportunity to consider expanding some of the environmental programs to include acreages. Mentioned was the Riparian and Ecological and Enhancement Program, could fund projects on larger acreages with agricultural use. Participation in our program is currently limited to agricultural producers. Some municipalities are implementing programs for acreage owners through different sources of funding.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB18-003 That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Green Acreages Guide as information.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Chair, recessed the meeting at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

2018 Farm to Market
Conference Funding

J. Fulton gave a short summary on the Farm to Market Conference Funding and previous funding.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB18-004 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding at the Silver Sponsorship level of \$500 from the workshop ASB Operating Budget.

Carried.

2018 Livestock Care
Conference Funding

J. Fulton provided a short summary on the Livestock Care Conference and how it fits under our mandate

Moved by Councillor Johnson
 ASB18-005 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding at the Booth Exhibitor Sponsorship level of \$525 from the workshop ASB Operating Budget towards the 2018 Livestock Care Conference.

Carried.

INFORMATION
 ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

Councillor Milne provided the following summary: The Olds Seed Cleaning Plant had their AGM on December 13th, 2017. The color sorter is up and running and is looking to be a good investment for the plant. In the year 2017 the plant processed 627,955 bushels.

No update was provided for the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant.

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided the following information regarding upcoming workshops:

- Ladies Livestock Lessons on January 20th, 2018 with about 70 registered
- Farm Succession and Tax Planning on January 24th in partnership with Rocky View County
- Living in the Natural Environment on February 8th hosted by M.D. of Bighorn. Topics are *Wild Bee Diversity in Alberta* and *Sharing the Range: Carnivores and the Communities in Southwestern Alberta*
- Ranching Opportunities on February 8th
- Clubroot Workshop in partnership with CMAG on February 26th at the County office
- People and Predators: Sharing the Landscape Workshop on February 22nd in partnership with the M.D. of Bighorn

Insect Survey Results –
 2017 Mountain View
 County

J. Fulton informed the Board on the importance of surveying pests and reporting numbers.

Riparian Program
 Advertisements

L. Grattidge provided a short summary regarding the advertising of Riparian Programs and asked Board members with previous projects to help promote this program.

Environmental Farm
 Plan New 10 Year
 Renewal Policy

L. Grattidge informed the Board that effective April 1, 2018 Farm Plans need to be 10 years or newer in order to access government funding for Growing Forward. There is an online

version that will make updating easier in the future as producers only need to update things that have changed or have been added as opposed to completing an entire workbook. Alberta was the last province to institute the renewal period. This was done to standardize all the provinces to have a national program. L. Grattidge is able to aid producers in filling out a workbook or an online application depending on the producer's resources currently at hand. Periodic sessions will be set in place for producers who wish to complete this in a group setting.

Alberta Beef Producers
Environmental Stewardship
Award

L. Grattidge updated the Board on the nominees put forward by the ASB.
Ian and Carman Murray from Acme were the successful candidates for this award.

ASB Summer Tour
Summary

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by the consultants highlighting the best moments from the co-partnered ASB Summer Tour in 2017 by Mountain View County and Red Deer County. The ASB Summer Tour Committee came up with some advice for Health and Safety measures that can be adopted for future tours. The final count of attendees was 250 delegates, 98 partners, and 32 youth. Optional events at the Olds College had 45 people do the Livestock Tour, 37 people for the Crop Tour, 42 people golfed and 43 did white water rafting.

AFAC Awards Nominations

J. Fulton informed the Board that nominations are due before February 15th.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 19th, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB18-006

Moved by S. LaBrie
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of January 8, 2018 be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services