

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

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

ABSENT: Chair E. Iversen

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services  
Carrie Mabin, Recording Secretary  
Lorelee Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist  
Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman  
Darcy Alm, Agricultural Coordinator  
Pat Sliworsky, Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission  
Andrew Wild, Communications Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: B. Rodger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Milne  
ASB15-050 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 21, 2015.  
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Councillor Sayer  
ASB15-051 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board of August 17, 2015.  
Carried.

DELEGATION  
Farm Plastic Recycling Program  
Pat Sliworsky, Chief Administrative Officer, Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission and Jane Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services, provided an update on the Agricultural recycling program, outlining the history, program development and the processors taking the product.  
• There was discussion about expanding the budget in 2016

DELEGATION  
Sustainable Farm  
Families

Jordan Jensen, Project Manager, Sustainable Farm Families Alberta for Farm Safety Centre joined meeting, via conference call at 9:41 a.m.

Mr. Jensen provided an overview of the Sustainable Farm Families workshop.

- There was discussion about involving Agricultural Service Board members as well as Councillors, 4-H Leaders, Ag. Society Members throughout the County

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB15-052 That the Agricultural Service Board request that a letter be circulated to provide an overview and invite to attend the Sustainable Farm Families workshop to County Council, 4-H Leaders, Ag. Society Members.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

DELEGATION  
ALUS Jamboree

Denika Piggott, Regional Initiative Coordinator for Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Alberta joined the meeting via conference call at 10:07 a.m.

Lorelee Grattidge and Denika Piggott provided an update on the ALUS Jamboree held in Norfolk, Ontario. The following was discussed:

- ALUS Canada is now a legal entity throughout Canada
- ALUS budget and payment scheme

DELEGATION  
Alberta Wetland Policy

Joey Hurley, Water Policy Advisor, Alberta Environment & Parks joins meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Ms. Hurley provided an overview of the Alberta Wetland Policy and the following was identified:

- The provincial map of wetlands highlighted the need for more data on the wetlands within Mountain View County
- Mountain View County would benefit in becoming a Mitigation Agent/Restoration Agent and/or having staff dedicated to being a Qualified Wetland Science Practitioner (QWSP)

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS  
ALUS & Riparian  
Ecological Enhancement  
Projects

Denika Piggott, Regional Initiative Coordinator for Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Alberta rejoins the meeting via conference call at 12:50 a.m.

Moved by G. Cunningham

ASB15-053 That the Agricultural Service Board provide continued support to the ALUS project located within N-14-32-04-W5 for the watering systems and increase payments from Small Native Upland rate to the Cropland Rate (\$50/acre) for the area surrounding the restored wetland area totaling \$2252.00.

Carried.

The Agricultural Service Board requested that staff arrange a tour for the Board of the project areas next year.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB15-054 That the Agricultural Service Board will fund the project located at SW-26-30-02-W5 and funding will come from Riparian Ecological Enhancement Projects funds for the following watering system components: pump, trough and parts to a total of \$2250; fund fencing to a maximum as outlined in project budget.

Carried.

Moved Councillor Sayer

ASB15-055 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding for the 2015 Mountain View County Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects a only include NE-09-34-05-W5, NE-11-34-06-W5, SE-11-33-02-W5 for the amount of \$5576.25.

Carried.

Moved Councillor Sayer

ASB15-056 That the Agricultural Service Board request the Internal Procedure #6300-01 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding be reviewed at the next Agricultural Service Board meeting to address annexed lands and how to allocate funding for projects within these areas.

Carried.

IN CAMERA

Moved Councillor Sayer

ASB15-057 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 21, 2015 go into closed meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Carried.

G. Cunningham left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.  
Councillor Sayer left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Heck

ASB15-058 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 21, 2015 return to the open meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Carried.

Land Lease Renewal

Moved by B. Buschert  
ASB15-059 That the Agricultural Service Board recommends the Land Lease Renewals go forward to County Council as discussed IN CAMERA.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board  
Capital Budget 2016

Moved by Councillor Heck  
ASB15-060 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2016 Capital Budget to Council for approval.

Carried.

Livestock Evacuation  
Preparedness

Jane Fulton presented the Agricultural Service Board with material pertaining to Livestock Evacuation Preparedness and requested a review and comments by September 25, 2015.

INFORMATION ITEMS  
Upcoming Workshops

Solar for Alberta Farmers Workshop, October 27, 2015  
Sustainable Farm Families, November 12 & 13, 2015

New AG Facility Update

Ground Breaking Ceremony September 30, 2015

Chairman Fieldman  
Meeting

Defer to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Buschert  
ASB15-061 That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of September 21, 2015 be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural Services