

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: B. Rodger; Chairman
Councillor P. Johnson
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor D. Fulton
B. Buschert, Vice Chairman
S. LaBrie
T. Jackson

ABSENT: Nil.

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. Archer, Administrative Support

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

AGENDA Moved by B. Buschert
ASB18-124 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 17, 2018.
Carried.

MINUTES Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB18-125 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of November 19, 2018.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES
Election of the ASB Representative On the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant Board
Moved by B. Buschert
ASB18-126 To nominate B. Rodger for the position of Agricultural Service Board representative on the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant Board.
Carried.

J. Fulton called for nominations a second and third time.

Moved by Councillor D. Milne

ASB18-127 That the Agricultural Service Board ceases nominations for the position of Agricultural Service Board Representative on the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant Board.

Carried.

J. Fulton declared that nominations were closed.

No other nominations were accepted; B. Rodger was appointed the Agricultural Service Board Representative on the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant Board for the 2018/2019 term by acclamation.

Moved by B. Buschert

ASB18-128 That the Agricultural Service Board appoint Councillor D. Milne and Councillor D. Fulton as alternate representatives for the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant Board.

Carried.

FarmTech Grant

J. Fulton asked the Board direction regarding the 2019 FarmTech grant criteria. The Board suggested under 30 years of age. Actively farming in an operation. Must make a presentation to the ASB after the event highlighting his/her experience

Moved by Councillor D. Milne

ASB18-129 That the Agricultural Service Board fund a farmer 30 years of age or under that is actively involved in farming within Mountain View County and has farming as a main source of income to attend the FarmTech conference in 2019.

Carried.

The Board would like to request for Council to approve half the registration of a spouse in the upcoming years of this grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft 2018 Agricultural
Service Board Year
End Report

J. Fulton introduced an updated reporting form to the Board where she did an overview of the form.

Moved by Councillor D. Milne

ASB18-130 That the Agricultural Service Board receive from information the Draft 2018 Agricultural Service Board Year End Report.

Carried.

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Field Visit Report 2017 J. Fulton introduced the report and provided some comments to the history of this report and pointed out key points.

ASB18-131 Moved by B. Buschert
That the Agricultural Service Board receive from information the Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board Field Visit Report 2017.
Carried.

Review of Agricultural Service Board Strategic Business Plan J. Fulton briefly went over the most recent strategic business plan. 44.25
Councillor P. Johnson suggested we promote farmers/ land owners' cooperation with the oil and gas industry to the urban public.

ASB18-132 Moved by S. La Brie
That the Agricultural Service Board receive from information the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Business Plan.
Carried.

Recess and Reconvene B. Rodger, Chair, recessed the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

C. Atchison joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

DELEGATION
Tammy Schwass

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Tammy Schwass, Executive Director of the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Association, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 17, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS
Agricultural Plastic Recycling Program

Tammy Schwass gave a presentation where she covered the following points:

- Agricultural Plastics Announcement
- Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG) Work
- Pilot Project Update
- Q&As

J. Fulton did a short overview on the County's current Agricultural Plastics program and provided some considerations for next year's program.

- Creation of resources of best practices for producers to bring in clean waste agricultural plastics by engaging past program participants
- Scale down the program to twine and grain bags as there are established recycling markets, expand to

include other plastics once those markets are established

- Identify a twine collection program that would provide a local collection site and ensure the twine can be recycled
- Discontinue the incentive program and redirect funding to operating costs
- Engage producers that have grain bags to better determine a program for their collection and recycling

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB18-133 That the Agricultural Service Board direct staff to further explore the proposed considerations for program changes to be discussed at a future meeting.

Carried.

Councillor P. Johnson left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Agricultural Service Board
2019 Operating Budget

J. Fulton introduced the changes made to the proposed budget since the November meeting.

C. Atchison left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor P. Johnson rejoined the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Moved by B. Buschert

ASB18-134 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the 2019 Operating Budget to Council for approval.

Carried.

Tree Seedling Program

J. Fulton introduced the proposed program to the Board and gave some background information. L. Grattidge went over the proposed program.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB18-135 That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the tree seedling offer from West Fraser Sundre Forest Products.

Carried.

Councillor P. Johnson left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Alberta Conservation
Association Riparian
Conservation Project
Proposal

L. Grattidge briefly went over the project proposal.

Moved by Councillor D. Fulton
ASB18-136 That the Agricultural Service Board receives for information a new riparian conservation project Alberta Conservation Association is considering along Dogpound Creek.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference & Resolutions

J. Fulton introduced the item brought forward and gave some background information regarding the conference. C. Chrenek and C. Verpy reviewed the resolutions to be brought forward at the 2019 Provincial ASB Conference.

Moved by Councillor D. Milne
ASB18-137 That the Agricultural Service Board nominate B. Rodger and B. Buschert as voting members for the 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Chair, recessed the meeting at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:59 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ALUS Event Update

S. LaBrie and B. Rodger provided an overview of their experience at the ALUS event.

Seed Plant Updates

No updates were provided.

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided the following information regarding upcoming workshops:

- Water & Agriculture Conference - 91 attendees
- Cow-Calf Economics by Alberta Agriculture on January 17th
- Ladies Livestock Lessons at the Apple Creek Golf Course – January 19th
- Ranching Opportunities at the Olds College - February 7th
- Farm Transition Workshop – March 7th

Pine Beetle Movement Update

J. Fulton provided information regarding the Pine Beetle movement and updates to the Board.

Letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – ASB Grant Review

J. Fulton provided a brief introduction on the letter received from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Alberta Farm Animal Care
Livestock Conference
Agenda

J. Fulton provided a short overview on the 2019 AFAC conference scheduled for March 20-21, 2019 at the Pomeroy in Olds.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Moved by Councillor D. Milne
ASB18-138 That the Agricultural Service Board schedule the next meeting for February 25th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB18-139 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 17, 2018 be adjourned at 12:16 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Assistant Director of Legislative, Community
and Agricultural Services