

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

- PRESENT:** E. Iversen; Chairman (joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.)
B. Rodger; Vice Chairman
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor K. Heck
Councillor J. Sayer
B. Buschert
- ABSENT:** S. LaBrie
- IN ATTENDANCE:** J. Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
D. Lemus, Administrative Support
- CALL TO ORDER:** B. Rodger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB17-014 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the revised agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 20, 2017.
Carried.
- MINUTES** Moved by B. Buschert
ASB17-015 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of January 16, 2017.
Carried.
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** Nil
- OLD BUSINESS**
Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP)
L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Projects.
E. Iversen, Chair, joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB17-016 That the Agricultural Service Board carries forward projects from 2016 that were approved but not completed yet in the amount of \$11,150.25.

Carried.

Project located NW 2-33-07-W5; up to 120 cow/calf operation. The project is for a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,843.75.

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-017 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located at NW 2-33-07-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the total amount of \$2,843.75.

Carried.

Project located SW 12-30-29-W4; 15 cow/calf operation. The project is for a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,052.31.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-018 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located at SW 12-30-29-W4 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,052.31 funding will be made pending the change of possession of land.

Carried.

2017 Agricultural Related
Project Grant Funding
Procedure Changes

J. Fulton provided a brief introduction to the Board regarding changes to procedure #6306-01.

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-019 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the Chief Administrative Officer approves the changes to Procedure #6306-01 Agricultural Grants.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

E. Iversen, Chair, recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Mountain View County staff joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Councillor McKean, Jeff Holmes, Vicki Lodermeier, Pam Thomas, James Crozier, Marie Bouchard, Theresa Bayko, Alex Roemmele, Andrew Wild and Jessica Ross.

DELEGATION
Donna Trottier

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Donna Trottier, ASB Summer Tour Coordinator, Tatonga, Environmental Professional to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of March 20, 2017.

Donna provided a short presentation covering the following points:

- Introduction
- Tuesday Optional Events
- MVC Delegate Tour
 - Brian Ellis: Syngenta Synergy Barley; 40 mile beer samples; Seed growers; Historic Elevator.
 - Barr- Ag – Hay Plant
 - Jeff Carlson Precision Agriculture demo: Agri-trend precision ag discussion; power Zone; soil testing; infrared imagery; drone demo; large scale farming.
 - Reese Cattle Company: Purebred herd; commercial herd; open farm day participant won for highest yield canola crop 91 bu/ac; pioneer canola rep will be on site; children have vegetable production; possible Greenedge precision fencing demo.
- MVC Partner Tour

Adena and Jessica joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

- MVC Youth tour
- Wednesday night – Farmer Showcase
- RDC Delegate Tour
- RDC Partner Tour
- RDC Youth Tour
- Website overview
- Evening Events
- Registration
- Sponsorship Levels
- Wrangler Task list
 - Registration wranglers
 - Event wranglers
 - Tour wranglers

Mountain View County staff and Councillor McKean left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS
DRAFT Roadside
Vegetation Management
Policy & Procedure

J. Fulton and C. Chrenek provided a brief introduction to the

Board regarding the DRAFT Roadside Vegetation Management Policy & Procedure.

Moved by Councillor Sayer

ASB17-020 That the Agricultural Service Board forward the DRAFT Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and Procedure for Council review and approval.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Seed Plant Updates

Councillor Milne provided an update on the Olds Seed Processing Co-op Ltd where he stated that they are in the process of installing the new color sorter. The plant has cleaned 378 thousand bushels as of this month.

B. Buschert provided an update on the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant where he stated that the board is looking for one more board member to joint them. B. Buschert mentioned that as of January 2017 the seed cleaning plant has been implementing a new form for all costumers to sign stating that the resale or cleaning of seed will not involve the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant in order to avoid any liability arising from UPOV 91's regulations. The plant has cleaned 229 thousand bushels as of this month.

D. Milne left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Upcoming Workshops

L. Grattidge provided an update on the upcoming and past workshops:

- Farm Energy Management Workshop – March 15th – Over 100 attendees
- Working Well – March 21st – 50 registered
- Septic Sense – March 28th – Waitlist is full

D. Milne returned to the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Terra Metals' Proposal for Wire Recycling Program

B. Buschert proposed a new wire recycling station at Terra Metals and offered to take over wire recycling program paying one cent per kilogram to all Mountain View County residents.

B. Buschert declared pecuniary interest regarding the proposed wire recycling site and joined the gallery at 11:14 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-021 That the Agricultural Service Board forward Terra Metals' Proposal as the new agricultural wire recycling site to Council for review and approval.

Carried.

B. Buschert rejoined the table at 11:15 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Cremona Community
Engagement Site
Sponsorship

L. Grattidge provided a short summary to the Board regarding the letter received from the Cremona Community Engagement Site. They are seeking sponsorship for their workshop *All About Agri-business Day* held at the Cremona Community Hall.

DELEGATION

Deb Ward

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Deb Ward, Coordinator, Cremona Community Engagement Site, via conference call to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of March 20, 2017.

Deb Ward covered the following points:

- April 4th workshop
- Support for full day program

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-022 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding to a break-even point up to a maximum of \$2,000 for the workshop from the ASB Operating Workshop Budget.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Alternative Land
Use Services
(ALUS)

L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program.

DELEGATION

Lynn Bishop

E. Iversen, Chair, welcomed Lynn Bishop, Director of Operations, ALUS Canada and Jeff Renton, Project Manager, Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) via conference call to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of March 20, 2017.

Lynn Bishop gave a short presentation where she gave an update from ALUS Canada:

- Christine Campbell, ALUS Canada, Western Hub Manager; will be returning in early April
- ALUS Canada will be working with AWES
- Jeff Renton summarized that AWES will be proposing to coordinate a team to provide technical and regulatory support for wetland projects

L. Grattidge provided the Board with a short overview of the 2017 Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Projects. Jeff Renton answered questions from the Board.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located NE 10-32-5-W5, W 11-32-5-W5; 25 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,500.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-023 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Project located NE 10-32-5-W5, W 11-32-5-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,500.

Carried.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located SW 22-33-6-W5; 100 cow/calf (seasonal) operation. The project is for shelterbelt seedlings as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,797.57.

Moved by B. Rodger

ASB17-024 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Project located SW 22-33-6-W5 for 25% on only non-fruit bearing trees totaling \$1,258.16.

Carried.

L. Grattidge provided an overview of the ALUS Project located NE 3-33-7-W5; up to 120 cow/calf operation. The project is for a watering system as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,955.95.

Moved by Councillor Milne

ASB17-025 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2017 Mountain View County ALUS Project located NE 3-33-7-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,955.95.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE April 10th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Heck

ASB17-026 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 20th, 2017 be adjourned at 12:41 a.m.

Carried.


Vice Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Manager, Agricultural Services