

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, May 7, 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
T. Bayko, Agricultural Field Operator
D. Archer, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER: B. Rodger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

J. Fulton advised of the following amendments to the agenda:
4.1 Christine will talk on item 6.7
4.2 Not able to attend.
8.1 Confidential Item

AGENDA Moved by B. Buschert
ASB18-013 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of May 7th, 2018. Carried.

MINUTES Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB18-014 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 19th, 2018. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES Nil.

OLD BUSINESS
Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) Projects L. Grattidge provided a short overview of the Riparian &

Ecological Enhancement Projects.

Project located NW 09-30-02-W5; 35 cow/calf operation. The project is for a fence line in the amount of \$506.25 and a watering system in the amount of \$1,750.00 as outlined in the project spreadsheet.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB18-015 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding for the 2018 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located at NW 09-30-02-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet in the amount of \$2,256.25.

Carried.

2018 Agricultural
Related Project Grant

J. Fulton gave an overview to the Board regarding the amended grant application from the Didsbury Agricultural Society.

ASB18-016 Moved by Councillor Milne
That the Agricultural Service Board approve the redirection of funding to the Didsbury Agricultural Society of \$5,000.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2018 towards gravel for rodeo grounds based on safety reasons.

Carried.

ASB18-017 Moved by Councillor Milne
That the Agricultural Service Board request Council approve for the Didsbury Agricultural Society to access an additional 35 cubic yards of crush gravel and 300 cubic yards of pit run over the maximum amounts allowed under Policy Section C(5) Gravel Sales.

Carried.

Wild Boar at Large
Ear Bounty Program

C. Verpy informed the Board on the Wild Boar at Large Ear Bounty Program. The term will be from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2020. Conditions of the program are similar to those of the past. Overall, there will be no changes to the program or process.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Pest Insider April 2018

J. Fulton informed the Board on the information found in the Pest Insider regarding wild boar.

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.
Councillor Milne returned to the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

DELEGATION
Christine Campbell

B. Rodger, Chair, welcomed Christine Campbell, Western Hub Manager, ALUS Canada, to the Agricultural Service Board meeting of May 7th, 2018.

Christine Campbell gave a presentation where she covered the following points:

- ALUS Canada by the Numbers infographic on their impact on the ground as of March 31, 2018.
- The upcoming Western Hub Conference will be taking place this May 15-16th at the Flagstaff County Office.
- The decision has not been reached to determine the successful candidate for the ALUS Canada Producer Innovation Award.

The Board gave Christine Campbell a short summary on Jeremie Clyde's application for the ALUS Canada Producer Innovation Award.

NEW BUSINESS

Biodiversity Field Day

J. Fulton went over the request from J. Clyde for support from the county.

ASB18-018 Moved by S. LaBrie

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend assisting with the Biodiversity Field Day through the County's social media.

Carried.

ALUS Canada Producer Innovation Award

J. Fulton asked the Board to formally nominate J. Clyde for the award.

ASB18-019 Moved by Councillor Milne

That the Agricultural Service Board Nominate Jeremie Clyde for the ALUS Canada Producer Innovation Award.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

B. Rodger, Chair, recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m. 1.08

2019 ABP Environmental Stewardship Award

J. Fulton gave a short overview on the previous nominees and the requirements for this year's nominations. The Board will email nominations to J. Fulton should any arise before July 15th, 2018.

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Overview

J. Fulton & L. Grattidge gave an overview on the new regulations for the CAP program.

ASB18-020 Moved by Councillor Fulton

That the Agricultural Service Board receive the Overview of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Plastic

Recycling Update

J. Fulton informed the Board that a review of the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program was part of the 2018 Budget Project package. A meeting was held with the waste commission board regarding all the challenges with the program. The program worked well when it was being operated by the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC) since then there have been a lot of changes to the market buying the plastics and the MVRWMC. The issues currently at hand include having to collect two tones of plastic at a 2% level of contamination or lower. There is a limited number of processors within Mountain View County that have a location to collect the plastics at the volume required. Several other options are being considered including: hiring a contractor processor, looking at MVRWMC taking it back as a recycling program, or purchasing equipment like an ag plastics roller. Administration is trying to run an interim program this year but there are still a lot of challenges with the amount of plastics being received and the contamination level of the plastics. Interviewing those producers bringing in plastics under the 2% contamination level is being considered to help provide information to other producers on how to keep their plastics at a minimum level of contamination.

The overall intent of the program is to still insure the waste agricultural plastics are being collected and processed for recycling. As well ensure the program offers an alternative for agricultural producers to collect their waste agricultural plastics to discourage on farm burning and burying.

ASB18-021 Moved by S. LaBrie

That the Agricultural Service Board receive the Agricultural Plastic Recycling program update for information.

Carried.

Changes for
Antimicrobial Use

Councillor Fulton and T. Bayko gave the Board an update on the things that were presented at the Digging Deeper Conference held at the Olds College on April 30th, 2018.

ASB18-022 Moved by B. Buschert

That the Agricultural Service Board receive the changes for antimicrobial use for information.

Carried.

ASB18-023 Moved by B. Buschert

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend hosting an event to inform producers of the changes for antimicrobial use from the existing workshop budget.

Carried.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

