

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2016, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT: Chair E. Iversen
Vice Chair B. Rodger
Councillor K. Heck
Councillor D. Milne
B. Buschert
G. Cunningham

ABSENT: Councillor J. Sayer

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Fulton, Manager Agricultural Services
Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Darcy Alm, Agricultural Coordinator
Lorelee Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
Carrie Mabin, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: E. Iversen, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by B. Rodger
ASB16-001 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 21, 2016.
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-002 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board of December 11, 2015.
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Farm Safety Workshop Jane Fulton advised the Board of the Farm Safety Planning Workshop Chris Chrenek attended in Red Deer County. Chris provided an overview of what information was presented at the workshop.

In discussion, the Agricultural Service Board recommended organizing a workshop or informational session after the Alberta government industry consultations and the finalization of the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Regulations.

Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Lorelee Grattidge provided the Board an overview of the 2016 REEP funding applications received:

Project located NE-06-33-05-W5 on Bearberry Creek/Dugout; a 15 cow/calf operation within James River Watershed. The project is 1400m of fence to protect riparian area.

Project located SE-29-29-04-W5 on a tributary to the Little Red Deer River. It is a 200 cow/calf operation within the Little Red Deer River Watershed. The project is 1900m of fence to protect riparian area.

Project located SW-20-29-04-W5 along a tributary to Dogpound Creek/Dugout. It is a 200 cow/calf operation within the Little Red Deer River Watershed. The project is a watering system to protect riparian area.

Project located SW-23-32-28-W4 is part of the tributary of Lonepine creek. It is a 100 heifer operation within the Kneehills Creek Watershed. The project is fencing and native plating of shrubs to protect riparian area and to provide ecological enhancement.

Moved by B.Rodger
ASB16-003 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located NE-06-33-05-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$4,022.10.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne
ASB16-004 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located SE-29-29-04-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,631.25.

Carried.

Moved by B. Bushert
ASB16-005 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project located SW-20-29-04-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,548.75.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Heck
ASB16-006 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project for fencing located SW-23-32-28-W4 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$2,422.87.

Carried.

Moved by G. Cunningham
ASB16-007 That the Agricultural Service Board approves a one-time funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project for planting native shrubs located SW-23-32-28-W4 within the fence line as

outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$1,462.50.

Carried.

Jane Fulton advised the Board the Mandatory Riparian Area funding previously allocated to Restricted Covenant has been redirected to Mountain View County Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Project funding.

DELEGATION
ALUS Canada

Christine Campbell, Alberta HUB Manager, ALUS Canada and Denika Piggot, ALUS Alberta, Regional Delivery Initiative Coordinator joined meeting at 9:47am.

Delegates provided a brief update on ALUS Canada and ALUS Alberta Network and 'ALUS' Programs article.

NEW BUSINESS
ALUS Projects

Lorelee Grattidge provided an overview of ALUS Project located W-07-30-01-W5. This project involves Class 5 Wetlands/ Carstairs with a 30 yearling operation. This project is within the Rosebud River Watershed. The funding is requested for native shrubs and tree planting.

ASB16-008 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2016 Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located W-07-30-01-W5 as outlined in the project spreadsheet for the amount of \$12,045.33.

Defeated.

E. Iversen recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

The Agriculture Service Board determined Mountain View County (MVC) ALUS Project located W-07-30-01-W5 does not meet the intent of ALUS to fund conservation projects on agricultural lands not to reclaim previously developed lands.

DELEGATION
Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Grant Lastiwka, Livestock / Forage Business Specialist for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry joined the meeting at 11:06am.

Video series "Managing Risk with Winter Grazing" was presented and discussed. Mr. Lastiwka also provided an overview of various interests and concerns of agricultural producers in Alberta.

NEW BUSINESS
2016 Agriculture Grant Funding

Jane Fulton provided an overview of the various applications for Agricultural Related Project Funding.

- Moved by Councillor Milne
 ASB16-009 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Bergen Institute for Agriculture and the Arts for \$2,200.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by B. Bushert
 ASB16-010 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Canada's Richest Youth Committee (CYR) for \$500.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Milne
 ASB16-011 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Carstairs & District 4-H Show and Sale for \$500.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Heck
 ASB16-012 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Cremona 4-H Club for \$400.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by G. Cunningham
 ASB16-013 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Didsbury Agricultural Society for \$6,000.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Milne
 ASB16-014 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Olds Agricultural Society for \$10,000.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by B. Bushert
 ASB16-015 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Sundre 4-H Multi Club for \$200.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Heck
 ASB16-016 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Sundre Ag Society for \$2,282.50 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by B. Rodger
 ASB16-017 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding Sundre Rodeo and Race Association for \$3,700.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.
 Carried.
- Moved by G. Cunningham

ASB16-018 That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding West Carstairs 4-H Beef for \$1,000.00 for the Agricultural Grant Funding for 2016.

Carried.

E. Iversen recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:59 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Seed Plant Updates

B. Bushert provided an update the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant has a new employee. There has been approximately 229,000 bushels cleaned

D. Milne provided an update for the Olds Seed Cleaning Co-op, approximately 300,000 bushels cleaned. They completed some hemp seed cleaning. This summer they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Upcoming Workshops

Lorelee Grattidge provided an update on previous and upcoming workshops.

Past Workshops

- Ladies Livestock Lessons - 70 attendees
- Ranching Opportunities - 180 attendees
- Farm Succession Planning - 220 attendees

Upcoming

- Soil Salinity Workshop
- Working Water Well Workshop
- Beavers in Our Landscape: Living and Managing with Beavers

Extended Grazing Seminars
Highlights

Darcy Alm provided an overview of the two-day seminar with a presentation.

AAMDC Spring 2016
Convention

Councillor Milne and Councillor Heck provided highlights of the convention.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 18, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Heck

ASB16-019 That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of March 21, 2016 be adjourned at 1:18p.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services