

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2010, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: Chair Bruce Beattie
Councillor Gerald Ingeveld
Councillor Lana Yakimchuk
Member Bill Sheehan
Member John Overwater
Member Arnold Lachman

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McInnis, Director, Operational Services
Jeff Holmes, Manager, Agricultural & Parks Services
Jane Fulton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Amber Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist

ABSENT Councillor Everett Page
Christine Edgar, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Bruce Beattie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

AGENDA: Moved by Bill Sheehan
ASB10-031 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the February 22, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the following amendment to add under Information 6.1
(c) Eagle Beef 4-H (verbal report)
(d) 2% Strychnine (handout provided at meeting)
(e) Wildlife impact on forage (verbal report)
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by Lana Yakimchuk
ASB10-032 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting.
Carried.

DELEGATION:

Tony Martens
Director of Legislative &
Community Services

Tony Martens gave an overview and updated the ASB on the Procedure and Conduct of Council Meetings Bylaw No. 21/07, as Amended, the Committees of Council Bylaw No. 10/07, as amended, and the Agricultural Service Board Policy. Handouts were provided at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mileage / Expense Forms

The Agricultural Service Board was provided with expense forms and will be responsible for filling them out and submitting them at the Agricultural Service Board meetings to Jeff Holmes or Christine Edgar.

Strategic Business
Plan

ASB10-033

Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Strategic Business Plan as amended.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding for
"Safety Smarts"
Program

ASB10-034

Moved by Lana Yakimchuk
That the Agricultural Service Board funds the Alberta Farm Center's "Safety Smarts" Program at \$3.50/student taught.

Defeated.

ASB10-035

Moved by Bill Sheehan
The Agricultural Service Board will continue to support farm safety programs by providing them with manpower and in kind support.

Carried.

Additional information was provided at the meeting detailing a request for funding from the Young Farm Workers Safety Training Workshop held annually at Olds College.

2009 Budget Report

ASB10-036

Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the 2009 Year End Budget report.

Carried.

AIMS Presentation

Jane Fulton presented the AIMS Inspector and AIMS Manager programs in use by the agricultural seasonal and full time staff.

DELEGATION:
Grant Lastiwka
Alberta Agriculture
Liaison

Grant Lastiwka joined the meeting at 11:00 am.
He discussed topics of drought, Alberta Agriculture
programs, pasture insurance, declining cattle numbers and
upcoming conferences.

Newsletter changes

ASB10-037 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board suspend the publication of
"Up the Creek with a Paddle" newsletter and will assess if
agricultural needs are met through the bimonthly publication of
"Mountain Views".

Carried.

There will be a notice in "Mountain Views " and the newspaper
that "Up the Creek With a Paddle" newsletter information will be
now included in "Mountain Views".

INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

ASB10-038 Moved by John Overwater
That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items
as information:

Carried.

- a) Website Redesign
Website updates will be complete by May 1, 2010
- b) Report on Seed Plants
 - **Olds**
Olds Seed Cleaning Plant has requested some gravel and
grader work in their yard site for improvements in July 2010.
 - **Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant**
The Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant has requested
Mountain Views advertise the upcoming Annual Forage
Expo.
- c) Eagle Beef 4-H
A Councillor requested the Agricultural Service Board review
long term service awards for 4-H Clubs. The Agricultural
Service Board recommends that community recognition is a
project that Community Services should follow up on to
ensure all community clubs are recognized consistently.

d) 2% Strychnine
Information was provided at the meeting.

e) Wildlife Impact on Forage
Discussion on the problems with ungulates feeding on forage supplies. Possible presentation to be made regarding predation issues by Fish and Wildlife and the Agricultural Financial Services Corporation, regarding wildlife damage compensation programs at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.

NEXT ASB
MEETING

March 29, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

ASB10-039 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday,
February 22, 2010 be adjourned at 12:20pm.

Carried.

Chair, Bruce Beattie

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural and Parks Services