

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, July 19, 2010, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

- PRESENT: Chair Bruce Beattie
Councillor Everett Page
Councillor Gerald Ingeveld
Member Bill Sheehan
Member John Overwater
Member Arnold Lachman
- ABSENT Councillor Lana Yakimchuk
Jane Fulton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
- IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McInnis, Director, Operational Services
Jeff Holmes, Manager, Agricultural & Parks Services
Amber Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
Christine Edgar, Recording Secretary
- CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Bruce Beattie called the meeting to order at 9:05am.
- AGENDA: Moved by Bill Sheehan
ASB10-067 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the July 19, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the following amendment to add the "ASB Grant Update under Information as item 8.8.
Carried.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by John Overwater
ASB10-068 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting.
Carried.
- DELEGATION: Mr. Campbell joined the meeting at 9:06 am. and presented J.W. Campbell his concerns on the land lease of NE 8-33-3 W5. Mr. Campbell left the meeting at 9:21 am.
- IN CAMERA: ASB10-069 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board go IN CAMERA at 9:25 am.
Carried.

ASB10-070 Moved by Arnold Lachman
That the Agricultural Service Board return to Open Meeting
at 9:51 am.
Carried.

ASB10-071 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to
consider leasing the land back to J.W. Campbell for a one year
lease of 40 units for August to September, 2010.
Defeated.

IN CAMERA ASB10-072 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
That the Agricultural Service Board go IN CAMERA at 9:55 am.
Carried.

ASB10-073 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board return to Open Meeting at
10:00 am.
Carried.

ASB10-074 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
That the Agricultural Service Board does not offer this property
for lease this year.
Carried.

ASB10-075 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council that
the riparian area on the NE 8-33-3 W5 be fenced with the
appropriate set back, to ensure the river does not wash out the
fence.
Carried.

Recess and Reconvene Chair, Bruce Beattie recessed the meeting at 10:09 am. and
reconvened at 10:25 am.

Farm Show Update Jeff Holmes informed the Agricultural Service Board that he is
still interacting with Brian Kitchen regarding the Farm Show.
The Agricultural Service Board will continue to be supportive of
an Outdoor Farm Show located in Mountain View County.

NEW BUSINESS
Annual Clubroot
Policy Review

ASB10-076 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board review Policy #6303 and
Procedure #6303-1 Clubroot Management, and forward any
recommended Policy or Procedure changes to Council.
No changes recommended at this time.
Carried.

Alberta Agriculture

Weed Survey ASB10-077 Moved by _____
That the Agricultural Service Board receives the update on the Alberta Agriculture Weed Survey Program as information.
The question on Motion ASB10-077 was not called.

Alberta Agriculture did not provide an update on the surveys, as the individual working on the survey is away on vacation.

Jeff Holmes informed the Agricultural Service Board that the inspections are to be completed by July 30.

2010 Riparian Enhancement

ASB10-078 Moved by John Overwater
That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for the 2010 Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) Riparian Enhancement Projects, as outlined in the project evaluation summary spreadsheet, as amended.

Carried.

INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

ASB10-079 Moved by Everett Page
That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items as information.

Carried.

1. Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour
Bill Sheehan and Arnold Lachman reported that it was a good tour and worthwhile.

DELEGATION:
Grant Lastiwka
Alberta Agriculture
Liaison

- Grant Lastiwka joined the meeting at 11:05am.
- He provided information on the cattle, pasture and crop status.
 - The Agricultural Service Board requested Grant's assistance in helping to
 - Move the Weed Survey process forward with Alberta Agriculture.
 - Recommend greater Provincial coordination in the Weed Control Programs.
 - Open up the communication with Alberta Agriculture in receiving the data from research programs they request the County to complete.
 - The Agricultural Service Board discussed the rationale of requiring both a business plan and a needs assessment.
 - The Agricultural Service Board also informed Grant that the scheduled workshops and locations for the Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment Workshops in August and September are not practical, as farmers are busy harvesting.

- Grant Lastiwka left the meeting at 11:30 am.

2. Seed Plant Updates

Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant

- Bill Sheehan reported that he missed the July meeting as he was attending the ASB Tour.
 - The Plant is handling over 300,000 bushels.
 - The manager was given a bonus.

Olds Seed Cleaning Plant

- Arnold Lachman reported that he missed the July meeting as he was attending the ASB Tour.
 - The Plant is currently cleaning oats.
 - It is cleaning longer this spring than other years.
 - The Plant is lifting the door on the east side to accommodate larger trucks.
 - Four loads of gravel have been hauled into the Plant by Mountain View County.

3. Acme Grazing School

Amber Hines did not find anyone interested in attending, due to scheduling conflicts.

4. Monthly Expense forms.

5. Survey Feedback from Fallen Timber Weed Workshop

The following points were taken from the survey feedback

- Most producers are now aware of the programs.
- The public would be open to the idea of Public Weed Inspectors.
- The workshop had positive feedback and will continue every spring, in a different community.

There was discussion on having more than one workshop next year.

Arnold Lachman informed the Agricultural Service Board that the Lacombe Research Station is hosting a tour on July 22 and Crop Production Services is hosting a "Crop & Pasture Tour" on July 27 and 28.

6. 2% Strychnine Program

Jeff Holmes reported that Mountain View County will no longer be managing the 2% Strychnine Program for 2010, as the number of farmers using the program has

decreased significantly. A total of 35 cases were given out this year and the remaining 65 cases were shipped to Willow Creek. If producers require Strychnine this summer they will be directed to the UFA.

7. 2011 ASB Grant Update

Bruce Beattie expressed his concern over the dates scheduled for the ASB Grant Guidelines Workshops. He said he would lobby to have the dates changed in order to allow staff and farmers to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

ASB10-080 Moved by John Overwater
That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday,
July 19, 2010 be adjourned at 11:55 am.

Chair, Bruce Beattie

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural and Parks Services