

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

- PRESENT: Chair, B. Sheehan
Councillor B. Beattie
Councillor D. Milne
Member J. Overwater
Member E. Page
- ABSENT: Councillor A. Lachman
Councillor K. Good
- IN ATTENDANCE: M. Vadnais, Acting Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program
D. Brennan, Agricultural Service Board Program Specialist
J. Holmes, Director Legislative, Community & Agricultural Services
J. Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services
A. Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
N. Madson
J. King, Recording Secretary
- CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Bill Sheehan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Sheehan made introductions.
- AGENDA: Moved by J. Overwater
ASB11-064 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the June 20, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented:

Carried.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by J. Overwater
ASB11-065 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented.

Carried.
- Chair Sheehan asked if Foothills Forage & Grazing Association responded to the Board's offer to help sponsor Temple Gradin. A. Hines stated that they have accepted the offer.

DELEGATIONS

Agricultural Service Board
Program

M. Vadnais, Acting Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program and D. Brennan, Agricultural Service Board Program Specialist attended the meeting as part of a Field Investigation.

Mr. Sheehan asked Ms. Vadnais if she would like to make any comments to the Board.

A presentation by Ms. Vadnais, along with questions by the Board provided the following information:

- Field inspections are required by the Auditor General for Alberta Agriculture to visit Ag Service Boards to ensure that the money received from the Province is spent appropriately and to make sure the focus is correct.
- Mountain View County was chosen for a field inspection because of the incentive programs offered; as well as the substantial turnover in their Agricultural Service Board.
- A consultation process with the Ag Service Board will be forthcoming.
- Environmental stream funding allocation status.
- Resolution responses.
- A website is being designed specifically for the Ag Service Boards throughout the province.

Reeve Munro joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Plastics Recycling Event

ASB11-066

Moved by D. Milne

That the Agricultural Service Board approve allocating funding from the Agricultural Recycling project to the Sundre One Day Agricultural Plastic Recycling Event, offering participants bringing in agricultural plastic recycle a \$100.00 incentive.

Carried.

Riparian Funding

Project Amendment

ASB11-067

Moved by B. Beattie

That the Agricultural Service Board approve funding an additional \$750.00 for the Riparian Enhancement Project located on SW 24-31-3-W5M.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Clubroot

Policy Review

ASB11-068

Moved by E. Page

That the Agricultural Service Board review Policy #6303 and Procedure #6303-1 Clubroot Management and recommend that the CAO make changes to Item #7 in Procedure #6301-1 to reflect the provincial changes.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Grant Lastiwka, Forage/Grazing/Beef Specialist provided information on current and future issues and projects.

Questions from the Board provided information on the following:

- 6.5 million acres could possibly go unseeded this year across the prairies because of the wet weather this spring. Normal numbers that go unseeded is around 500,000 acres.
- Land use framework discussions.
- The role of Mr. Lastiwka with the Ag Service Board.

Recess and Reconvene

Chair Sheehan recessed the meeting for a break at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by B. Beattie

ASB11-069 That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items as information.

Carried.

Carstairs Plant Update – B. Sheehan

- 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 24, 2011
- The plant has cleaned just under 400,000 bushels
- Seed treating was higher than anticipated

b. Strategic Business Plan and Programs Review

- J. Fulton provided a Power Point presentation on Agricultural Services

NEXT MEETING

Third Monday in August.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB11-070 Moved by E. Page

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday, June 20, 2011 be adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services