

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, April 26, 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  
Amber Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
- IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McInnis, Director, Operational Services  
Jeff Holmes, Manager, Agricultural & Parks Services  
Jane Fulton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman  
Christine Edgar, Recording Secretary
- CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Bruce Beattie called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
- AGENDA: Moved by John Overwater  
ASB10-037 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the April 26, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the following amendment to add the "Outdoor Farm Show" under Information as item 5.8 .  
Carried.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by John Overwater  
ASB10-038 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting,  
Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Agriculture and Food Council Membership Request ASB10-039 Moved by Bill Sheehan  
That the Agricultural Service Board receive the Agriculture and Food Council of Alberta Membership details as information. Carried.

ASB Grant 2009 and Future Changes ASB10-040 Moved by Bill Sheehan  
That the Agricultural Service Board forward a motion to Council recommending that \$8,364.04 be transferred to the Agriculture Reserve Fund. Carried.

Weed Bounty ASB10-041 Moved by John Overwater  
That the Agricultural Service Board implement a bounty of \$50.00 per site of Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa* Lam) and Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*) for 2010. Carried.

Jeff Holmes discussed using residual chemicals as the method of control, and to have the owner sign a "Right of Entry" agreement for liability protection for Mountain View County.

Community Weed Inspector Program and Survey ASB10-042 Moved by Everett Page  
That the Agricultural Service Board review the Community Weed Inspector survey. Carried.

ACA Funds ASB10-043 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld  
That the Agricultural Service Board receives the following as information:

1. The Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) has granted Mountain View County with \$20,000.00 for riparian enhancement projects throughout the County.
2. ACA has granted the County an extension on the remaining \$1,916.38 from the 2009-2010 Grant Eligible Conservation Funds. The extension date is June 30, 2010.

Carried.

2% Liquid Strychnine Distribution ASB10-044 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld  
That the Agricultural Service Board receives the update on the distribution of 2% Strychnine as information. Carried.

Animal Control Bylaw ASB10-045 Moved by Arnold Lachman  
That the Agricultural Service Board review and forward comments on the draft Animal Control Bylaw as follows

- Expand the definition of livestock to include more exotics.
- Temporary housing exemption for gathering, sorting, calving, etc on parcels of 10 acres or less.
- Provisions to allow livestock on parcels of land under three acres in size.
- Animals not identified in Schedule A should be compared to livestock of similar size for determining the animal unit factor.

Carried.

Recess and Reconvene Chair, Bruce Beattie recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

INFORMATION/  
DISCUSSION  
ITEMS: ASB10-046 Moved by Everett Page  
That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items as information.

Carried.

1. Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour
  - Jeff Holmes will provide more information on the tour at the May 17 ASB meeting, in order to meet the early registration deadline of June 1.
2. Wild Boar Bounty
  - Board members notified the committee that a land owner reported that two Wild Boars had been killed off of the Bergen Road, but evidence had not yet been provided to collect the bounty.
3. Alberta Weed Control Act
  - Jeff Holmes reported that it should be in effect on May 1, 2010. He also explained that the "Restricted" category of weeds has now been changed to "Prohibited Noxious" .
4. Website Updates
  - Jane Fulton reported that the Agricultural and Parks Services information has been updated on the website.
5. Fallen Timber Weed Control Workshop – May 14
  - Jane Fulton informed the committee that the workshop is targeted for information on "Range and Pasture Management"

6. Seed Plant Updates

Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant

- Bill Sheehan reported that the plant was up to 300,000 bushels, which is partially due to the Balzac Plant closing down.
- The Plant is still searching for a second employee to assist in the workload.

Olds Seed Cleaning Plant

- Arnold Lachman reported that the bins had been moved in order to generate more space, to allow the trucks to turn around.
- He explained that the summer projects would be
  - raising the door
  - adding a gravity table
- The Seed Plant is currently looking at options to close in the screenings leg. Gerald Ingeveld suggested that Arnold get a quote to take to Council, to request funds for a portion of the cost of the screenings leg.

7. Outdoor Farm Show

- Jeff Holmes informed the committee that the Outdoor Farm Show will proceed in 2011.
- The Outdoor Farm Show chose Crop Production Services (CPS) as their partner in developing the show in Alberta.
- The Outdoor Farm Show is still interested in Mountain View County's Crown land exchange.
- The media release will be circulated by CPS and the Outdoor Farm Show during the promotion of the 2010 Seed & Soil Expo Days.

DELEGATION: ASB10-047 Chair, Bruce Beattie welcomed Grant Lastiwka to the  
Grant Lastiwka Agricultural Service Board at 11:30 a.m.  
Alberta Agriculture  
Liaison

Grant provided information on the

- moisture situation
- feed alternatives
- workshops, conferences and associations working together to assist farmers through the dry conditions
- contact information for provincial dugout assistance
- drop in cow herd numbers
- grasshoppers

Chair, Bruce Beattie thanked Grant Lastiwka for his presentation. Grant left the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

IN CAMERA: ASB10-048 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld  
That the Agricultural Service Board go to  
"In Camera" at 12:08 p.m.

Carried.

ASB10-049 Moved by John Overwater  
That the Agricultural Service Board come out of  
"In Camera" at 12:25 p.m.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

ASB10-050 Moved by Arnold Lachman  
That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday,  
April 26, 2010 be adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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Chair, Bruce Beattie

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Manager, Agricultural and Parks Services