

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2010, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: Chair Bruce Beattie
Councillor Everett Page
Councillor Gerald Ingeveld
Councillor Lana Yakimchuk
Member Bill Sheehan
Member Arnold Lachman

ABSENT Member John Overwater
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 9:00am.

AGENDA: Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
ASB10-081 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the August 16, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the following amendment to add
- Dandelion and weed control article under NEW BUSINESS as (6.3) and
- Update on Riparian Funding under INFORMATION as (7.3)
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by Everett Page
ASB10-082 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the July 19, 2010 Agricultural Service Board meeting.
Carried.

DELEGATION: Grant Lastiwka
Alberta Agriculture Liaison
Grant Lastiwka was unable to attend the meeting.

IN CAMERA: ASB10-083 Moved by Lana Yakimchuk
That the Agricultural Service Board go IN CAMERA at 9:06am.
Carried.

ASB10-084 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board return to Open Meeting
at 9:30am.
Carried.

Moved by Arnold Lachman
ASB10-085 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the land lease
renewals to Council as presented in the "2011 Land Lease
Renewal Recommendations" as follows

Lands to be renewed

- E 1/2 1-32-28 W4	- Dyck Gravel Pit	- Juwill Farms Ltd.	\$5,101.00
- N 1/2 14-27-4 W4	- Bittner Gravel Pit	- Dan Page	\$4,840.00
- S 1/2 5-32-1 W5	- County Office	- Brent Pochapsky	\$9,500.00
- E 1/2 29 & SE 32-32-5 W5	- Newell Property	- Ed Krebs	\$9,000.00

Land should not be renegotiated

- Pt. NW 32-32-2 W5 - White Pit

Land should be retendered

- SE 4-30-5 W5 - Crown Transfer

Land should not be leased

- NE 8-33-3 W5 - Campbell Gravel Pit
- SW 21-32-5 W5 - Crown Transfer

Carried.

IN CAMERA: ASB10-086 Moved by Lana Yakimchuk
That the Agricultural Service Board go IN CAMERA at 9:35am.
Carried.

ASB10-087 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
That the Agricultural Service Board return to Open Meeting
at 9:45am.
Carried.

ASB10-088 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
That the Agricultural Service Board ask the Agricultural
Fieldman to request the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant
and the Olds Seed Cleaning Plant to provide their minutes and
financial reports, which will be attached to the Agricultural
Service Board agendas.
Carried.

Recess and Reconvene Chair, Bruce Beattie recessed the meeting at 10:00am and reconvened at 10:15am.

OLD BUSINESS

Farm Show Update

Bruce Beattie informed the Agricultural Service Board that he had recently taken part in a conference call with Al Kemmere, Steve McInnis, Jeff Holmes and Brian Kitchen from the Farm Show. Bruce reported that the Farm Show is still going ahead and that the Agricultural Service Board will continue to be supportive of an Outdoor Farm Show located in Mountain View County.

NEW BUSINESS

Direct Farm Marketing Support

Gerald Ingeveld declared he had a conflict of interest with this agenda item and would not be voting on it.

ASB10-089 Moved by Lana Yakimchuk

That the Agricultural Service Board develop a policy for "Funding Strategies for Direct Farm Marketing".

Carried.

Gerald Ingeveld did not vote.

ASB10-090 Moved by Everett Page

That the Agricultural Service Board advise the Bergen Market Group to contact the Mountain View County Economic Development Officer for support.

Carried.

Gerald Ingeveld did not vote.

Dandelion and Weed Control Article

Jane Fulton informed the Agricultural Service Board that the Weed Inspectors control the Dandelions under the Olds, Carstairs and Disbury Towns' bylaws and write the notices under the Towns' unsightly Premises Bylaw. She also informed the Board that she has been distributing the Weeds Act and Identification Guides to the surrounding nurseries and greenhouses.

New Agricultural Service Board Grant Training

Jeff Holmes informed the Board that he and Amber Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist, would still intend to attend training as County staff.

ASB10-091 Moved by Bill Sheehan
That the Agricultural Service Board request that Maureen Bolen, Organization and Development Consultant or Dale Chrapko, Program Manager, Agri-Environmental Programs Section (Growing Forward) with Alberta Agriculture provide a presentation regarding the new funding process at the September Agricultural Service Board Meeting.
Carried.

Update on
Riparian Funding

Jeff Holmes reported that the Riparian Fencing Project still has \$3,500.00 available for voluntary Riparian Funding. He informed the Agricultural Service Board that if these funds are not used this year, the amount of dollars available next year will be less, as a result of the amount not used this year. Advertising will continue until the funds are used.

INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The following information items were discussed.
Seed Plant Updates (verbal reports)

Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant

- Bill Sheehan reported that
 - the plant has sold out all of the Norseman hay tarps
 - the Health & Safety Manual is being worked on

Olds Seed Cleaning Plant

- Arnold Lachman reported that
 - the plant is continuing to work on raising the east door for easier truck access
 - installed steel floor to accommodate the raised door
 - the plant expects to be cleaning grain before the end of August
 - the plant is requesting four more loads of gravel

2. Weed Survey (verbal report)

Jane Fulton informed the Board that on July 30 Alberta Agriculture provided her with 33 producer names to conduct a weed survey. She surveyed 34 producers and will send off the report to Alberta Agriculture. The next survey required will be for Clubroot, Fusarium and Grasshoppers. Alberta Agriculture is gearing up for a Weed Free Hay Program next year.

3. Monthly Expense forms.

ADJOURNMENT:

ASB10-093 Moved by Gerald Ingeveld
That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday,
August 16, 2010 be adjourned at 11:00am.

Carried.

Chair, Bruce Beattie

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural and Parks Services