

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

PRESENT: Chair, Bill Sheehan
Councillor Bruce Beattie
Councillor Duncan Milne
Member John Overwater
Member Arnold Lachman
Member Everett Page

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve McInnis, Director, Operational Services
Jeff Holmes, Acting Director of Legislative Services
Jane Fulton, Acting Manager of Agricultural and Parks Services
Amber Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
Christine Edgar Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Councillor Kevin Good

CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Bill Sheehan called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

AGENDA: Moved by Duncan Milne
ASB11-016 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the February 14, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the amendment of the additional items under

INFORMATION

- (6.6) Update on Staff Changes
- (6.7) Review of Expand Local Foods/Local Markets Workshop
- (6.8) Review of Ranching Opportunities 2011: From Farm to Finish

IN CAMERA

- (7.2) Public Request

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by Duncan Milne
ASB11-017 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Carried.

INFORMATION: Steve McInnis informed the Agricultural Service Board that Jeff Holmes has taken the position of Acting Director of Legislative Services, and Jane Fulton has taken the position of Acting Manager of Agricultural and Parks Services, until the position of the Director of Legislative Services has been filled.

DELEGATIONS:

Foothills Forage Association Laura Gibney, Manager of the Foothills Forage Association gave an overview of what the Association has done over the last year. She reported that funding is used for conferences, workshops, grazing clinics, educational research projects, extension work, etc.

Rick Kohut, member of the Board of Directors, explained the communications part of their strategic plan, to include a facebook page, website and email newsletter.

Brian Rodger, member of the Board of Directors, informed the committee of their involvement with educating youth, in the form of a \$500.00 scholarship in Forage Production studies at the Olds College.

Grant Lastiwka
Alberta Agriculture
Liason

Grant Lastiwka was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BearSmart Carcass Removal Project ASB11-018 Moved by Bruce Beattie
That the Agricultural Service Board support the Mountain View BearSmart Society in furthering their efforts to gain producer support and participation in their proposed initiatives to reduce Grizzly Bear and livestock predation.

That the Agricultural Service Board decline to accept Sustainable Resource Development funding for a carcass removal program.

Carried.

Livestock Emergency Response Plan

ASB11-019 Moved by Everett Page
That the Agricultural Service Board receive the Livestock Emergency Response Plan as information, and direct the Agriculture Department to update the Emergency Response Plan.

Carried.

The Foothills Forage Association Members
left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

ASB Conference

Follow-up

Moved by Bruce Beattie
ASB11-020 That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter on behalf of the Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board, to the organizers of the 2011 Agricultural Service Board Conference. Compose a letter of appreciation and thanks for their efforts, but also give suggestions for next year's meeting.

Carried.

Red Deer County

Appreciation

Evening

Moved by Everett Page
ASB11-021 That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter on behalf of the Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board, thanking Red Deer County for their Agriculture Appreciation Evening held on November 18, 2010.

Carried.

ASB11-022 Moved by Everett Page
That the Agricultural Service Board direct the staff to investigate the cost of hosting one of these events, and working it into the budget.

Carried.

Recess and

Reconvene

Chair Sheehan recessed the meeting for a break at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Foothills Forage

ASB11-023 Moved by Arnold Lachman
That the Agricultural Service Board give the Foothills Forage Association \$2,000.00 and request advertising, so that producers know what the funds are for and get more involved.

Defeated.

ASB11-025 Moved by Bruce Beattie
That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter to the Foothills Forage Association, to thank them for their February 14 presentation, and ask them to provide a proposal for a joint project/day in Mountain View County, in which we would provide support.

Carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Moved by Bruce Beattie
ITEMS ASB11-026 That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items as information.

Carried.

1. Seed Plant Update

a) Olds Seed Cleaning Plant

Arnold Lachman reported

- 39,000 bushels have been cleaned since the last meeting.
- Germination is not as bad as predicted but still varies quite a bit.
- Rebates from maintaining chemical checks on seed cleaning will go towards purchasing a new auger.
- More cleaning is being done.

b) Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant

Bill Sheehan reported

- Contract negotiations for the manager are ongoing.
- An advertisement was placed in the newspaper for a second person for the plant.
- Working on new accounting system.
- Working on a safety and hazard booklet.
- Two financial advisors will be working on an accounting report in March and April.
- 2010 was a poor year.
- Keeping rates competitive with Beiseker and Olds.

2. Farm Family Award

- Jeff Holmes reported that Larry Mullen accepted the nomination and it has been completed and submitted.
- After the Stampede presentation Council will follow-up with the Mountain View County award presentation.

ASB11-027 Moved by John Overwater
That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter of congratulations on behalf of Mountain View County, to Clint and Marsha Aarsby, and Brad and Cheryl McDermid, for being nominated for Outstanding Young Farmers of Alberta.

Carried.

3. IVM Stewardship Nomination

- Jeff Holmes reported that Jane Fulton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and himself, Manager, Agricultural and Parks Services, have been nominated for the 2010 IVM Stewardship Award for the organization/company category.

ASB11-028 Moved by Bruce Beattie

That the Agricultural Service Board recognize Jeff Holmes and Jane Fulton on their nomination for the IVM Stewardship Award.
Carried.

4. Agriculture Plastic Recycling

- Amber Hines informed the committee that she had spoken with Don Reid of the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission, and he confirmed that plastics have to be clean and placed in clear plastic bags at the transfer station or they will be dumped into the landfill.

ASB11-029 Moved by Bruce Beattie

That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter to the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission to request a special plastics day at Sundre and Water Valley, and also give our support for their ongoing efforts.
Carried.

5. Expense Forms attached to back of agenda.

Carried.

IN CAMERA:

ASB11-030 Moved by Arnold Lachman

That the Agricultural Service Board go IN CAMERA at 11:43 a.m.
Carried.

ASB11-031 Moved by Everett Page

That the Agricultural Service Board return to Open Meeting at 12:02 p.m.
Carried.

ASB11-032 Moved by Bruce Beattie

That the Agricultural Service Board clarify Motion ASB11-014 to reflect that the Agricultural Service Board is recommending that no funding be provided to the Olds Agricultural Society for their Youth Funding request.
Carried.

ADOPTED

ASB11-033 Moved by Everett Page
That the Agricultural Service Board reschedule the March 21,
2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting to March 28, 2011.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB11-034 Moved by Bruce Beattie
That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday,
February 14, 2011 be adjourned at 12:06 p.m.
Carried.

Adopted and Signed March 28, 2011