

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

- PRESENT: Chair, B. Sheehan
Councillor B. Beattie
Councillor D. Milne
Councillor K. Good
Member J. Overwater
Member A. Lachman
Member E. Page
- ABSENT: Nil
- IN ATTENDANCE: J. Holmes, Director Legislative, Community & Agricultural Services
J. Fulton, Manager of Agricultural Services
A. Hines, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
J. King, Recording Secretary
- CALL TO ORDER: Chair, B. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- AGENDA: Moved by E. Page
ASB11-078 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the September 19, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting as amended:
Add:
4.3 Electronic Document Library
Carried.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Moved by D. Milne
ASB11-079 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2011 Agricultural Service Board meeting as amended.
Carried.
- NEW BUSINESS
ASB11-080 Moved by A. Lachman
That the Agricultural Service Board go into closed session at 9:15 a.m.
ASB11-081 Moved by B. Beattie
That the Agricultural Service Board return to open session at 10:16.
Carried.

Land Lease
Renewal

Moved by B. Beattie
ASB11-082 That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the land
lease renewal to Council as presented in the “2012 Land
Lease Renewal Recommendations”.
Carried.

Preliminary Budget
Discussion

ASB11-083 Moved by B. Beattie
That the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) instruct Administration
to invite Operational Services to the next ASB meeting to
provide a presentation on their expanded grass mowing
proposal.
Carried.

Electronic Document
Library

ASB11-084 Moved by B. Beattie
That the Agricultural Services Board (ASB) recommend to
Administration that the adopted Ag Service Board minutes be
added to the Electronic Document Library.
Carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS

Moved by K. Good
ASB11-086 That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following items
as information.
Carried.

- a. Olds Seed Plant Update – A. Lachman
 - No meeting in August.
 - Gravity table is in place but not operating as of yet.
- Carstairs Plant Update – B. Sheehan
 - Nothing to report
- b. Canada Thistle
 - Discussion was had on different options to significantly
lessen the problem of Canada Thistle in Mountain View
County.

ASB11085 Moved by E. Page
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to
Administration to investigate a 20% subsidy for Canada Thistle
spraying in the 2012 Budget.
Carried.

Recess and Reconvene

Chair Sheehan recessed the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday, September 19, 2011 at 10:53 am and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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:

- Forage – lower quality but good yields
- Crop disease spraying
- “Feeding is a Changing Game” Seminar to be held in Strathmore on November 22 & 23, 2011.
- The Canadian beef industry may be solid for the next few years because of drought issues in the United States.
- There are indications that the cattle numbers have started to level out but people are still selling their herds.

Councillor Beattie left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

c. Agriculture Appreciation Evening

- A. Hines gave a summary of the details involving the scheduled Agricultural Appreciation Evening.

d. Farm Safety Update

ASB11-087

Moved by D. Milne

That the Agricultural Service Board instruct Administration to contact the local Ag Societies to inquire about their participation in farm safety education.

Carried.

e. Processor Protocol

- J. Fulton presented information received on Protocol for Recyclable Agricultural Films.

NEXT MEETING

October 17, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

ASB11-088 Moved by D. Milne

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting of Monday, September 19, 2011 be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Manager, Agricultural Services