

**Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of the County of Forty Mile No. 8 of the Province of Alberta held in the Board Room of the County Office, Foremost, Alberta on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.**

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Craig Widmer, at 9:00 A.M.

**Members present:** *Lynden Hutchinson  
Ronald Lane  
Ronald Harty  
Otto Gross  
Tom Thacker  
George Henline*

**Also present:** *Dale Brown, County Administrator  
Jon Hood, Agricultural Fieldman  
Dave Matz, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman*

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.**

**CARRIED.**

**Delegations**

11:15 A. M. – Farm Family Award Presentation

**2005 Budget**

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, presented the proposed 2005 Budget.

**REPORTS**

**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report**

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, presented a summary of his activities for the month of February, 2005.

**Agricultural Fieldman Report**

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, presented a summary of the activities he is presently involved with.

**POLICY REVIEW**

**Cemetery Policy:**

**MOVED approval of the following Cemetery Policy:**

***“Scheduling and supervision will be performed by the Agricultural Fieldman for all mowing and maintenance of cemeteries within the County of Forty Mile No. 8 other than those cemeteries that are looked after by local community groups.***

***Staff will mow cemeteries twice a year and herbicide spraying to be conducted or supervised by County Licenced Pesticide Applicators.***

***Maintenance work such as painting, fencing and general repairs will be provided on a yearly basis or as requested by Council.***

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*The County of Forty Mile No. 8 will provide and maintain all records and files with regard to cemeteries."*

CARRIED.

**Grain Fumigants:**

MOVED approval of the following Grain Fumigants Policy:

*"Grain fumigants will be provided to local producers, who hold a valid Pesticide Licence recognized in Alberta or who have successfully completed the olds College Farm Pesticide Certification Course, at cost plus G.S.T.*

*The fumigation products are to be used on the producer's grain only.*

*Signs of Caution, provided by the County of Forty Mile No. 8, must be posted on each bin that is to be fumigated.*

*All M.S.D.S. Safety Data sheets and safe handling procedures for fumigants will be provided to the producer."*

CARRIED.

**Fumigation Services:**

MOVED that Resolution be rescinded.

CARRIED.

MOVED approval of the following Fumigation Services Policy:

*"The Agricultural Service Board to provide bin fumigation services to local producers within the County of Forty Mile No. 8.*

*Fumigation products will be applied into the stored grain by one of the following two methods:*

- *Probing from outside the bin, by the roof vent or*
- *By the grain auger as grain is put back into storage*

*Agriculture Department Staff will not enter a confined space to apply fumigation products.*

*Cost is \$30.00 per person per hour plus fumigation products plus \$20.00 service fee per call.*

*When probing, the Agriculture Department will have two members onsite for safety precautions."*

CARRIED.

**Hamlet Clean-up:**

MOVED approval of the following Hamlet Clean-up Policy:

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*"The Agricultural Service Board will provide mowing and maintenance work as follows:*

*Hamlets:*

*Mowing and weed whipping of County owned lots, roadways and property will be done twice yearly as scheduled by the Agricultural Fieldman.*

*Spraying of all County owned property will be done once yearly by Agriculture Department Staff, supervised by or performed by a Licenced Pesticide Applicator.*

*Tree pruning of trees on County property will be done as required or requested by Council.*

*Maintenance work such as painting of fences and buildings or general repairs will be done as required or requested by Council."*

CARRIED.

Gopher Poison Outlet and Fees:

MOVED to rescind Resolution.

CARRIED.

MOVED approval of the Gopher Poison Outlet and Fees Policy:

*"The Agricultural Service Board to provide local ratepayers gopher control products at cost plus G.S.T. These products will be distributed out of the Agricultural Service Board Shop located in Foremost. "*

CARRIED.

Highway Weed Control Policy

MOVED to rescind Resolution.

CARRIED.

2005 Capital Purchase

MOVED approval for the purchase of one new 15 foot Degelman Rotary Mower at a cost of \$18,500.00.

CARRIED.

The Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting recessed for the presentation of the Farm Family Award.

The Agricultural Service Board Meeting reconvened at 12:45 P. M.

West Nile Control/Mosquito Larva Program

MOVED approval of a Mosquito Larvicide Program for 2005.

CARRIED.

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A proposed Agriculture Service Survey was presented by Dave Matz.

**April, 2005 Agriculture Meeting Date**

**MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board April, 2005 Meeting date be rescheduled until April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 9:00 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Program Application**

An application has been submitted under the Canada Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program.

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, reported on the Rabies Monitoring Program, Weed Control services, and Tree Applications – Shelterbelt Establishment Program.

**Pheasants Forever**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pheasants Forever Banquet will be held on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, in Medicine Hat.

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 1:25 P. M.**

**CARRIED.**

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County Administrator