

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 Monday, April 11th, 2005.

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

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

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

Absent: George Henline

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on March 1st, 2005.

CARRIED.

Delegations

11:00 A. M. – MULTISAR

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CARRIED.

Reports

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

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, reported on the activities he is presently involved with and proposed projects for the summer months.

Regional/Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee Structure

MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board submit a letter in support of Wheatland County's response regarding the Regional/Provincial Agricultural Service Board Structure.

CARRIED.

Amendments – Plant Breeders Rights Act

Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed proposed Amendments to the Plant Breeders Rights Act and are concerned with the proposed Amendments to the Act that would provide for a provision to extend the holder's rights to the product of harvest material e.g.: *flour from the grain, juice from the fruit, perfume from the flower, etc.*

Members felt that the Plant Breeders Rights should not extend past what they produce or past the products of the harvested material i.e.: *limited to the seed or the plant material for resale.*

MOVED that a letter opposed to extending Breeders' Rights to include value added products of the harvest material be sent to the appropriate Ministries.

CARRIED.

Forty Mile Newsletter

The first edition of the Forty Miler will be sent to all ratepayers in the County of Forty Mile No. 8 April 15th, 2005.

Milk River Ranchers Off-Stream Watering Demo

MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board support the Milk River Ranchers Off-Stream Watering Demo Project and that a contribution of \$1,970.59 be made towards the Project.

MOTION LOST.

MULTISAR

MULTISAR Representatives, Brad Downey and Richard Quinton, along with Warren Burgevitz attended the Meeting regarding the Milk River Basin Project.

The MULTISAR Stewardship Program is a voluntary agreement between Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Fish and Wildlife and private individuals to conserve habitat for wildlife.

MULTISAR is an innovative approach for management of multi species at risk in the Milk River Basin.

As part of the Project, MULTISAR takes into consideration the needs of the landowners and strives to benefit landowners, who conserve species at risk.

Tools available include up to date information on stewardship, techniques, multi species, habitat evaluation and knowledgeable staff in monitoring programs. These tools will ensure habitat conservation for species at risk while minimizing the impact on the agriculture operation.

Mr. Downey and Mr. Quinton left the Meeting.

Mr. Burgevitz provided the Agricultural Service Board Members with an overview of the activities he has been involved with and proposed programs that he is planning for the future.

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Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed proposed changes to the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act.

Information Items

Pesticide Service and Vendor Registration

County Agriculture Staff have been approved for fumigation services.

Richardson Ground Squirrel Control

Gardex Chemicals Ltd. has received approval for Phostoxin to control Richardson Ground Squirrels.

Proposed Processing Plant

Letter from the Feeder Association with regard to a proposed processing plant here in Alberta.

Funding – Canada-Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program

The County has received 75% funding for the Milk River Aquifer Data Collection and Monitoring Project.

We are currently negotiating with Alberta Environment for the remaining 25%.

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 2:05 P. M.

CARRIED.