

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, September 6th, 2005.

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

Members present: Lynden Hutchinson
Ronald Harty
Ronald Lane
Tom Thacker

Also present: Sharon Burgess, Director of Finance
Jon Hood, Agricultural Fieldman
Dave Matz, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Absent: George Henline
Otto Gross

Minutes

MOVED that the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on June 7th, 2005 be adopted as written.

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31st, 2005.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

Jon Hood presented a summary of his activities for the months of June, July and August, 2005.

Other items discussed were:

- Spray truck replacement
- Water truck upgrade
- Shelterbelt trees

Council discussed the spraying of pesticides on public property in Burdett and the ramifications of what could result in having a non-supervised staff member applying the chemical.

Consensus of the Agricultural Service Board Members was that Jon Hood or his supervised licenced staff continue to do the spraying in the Hamlet of Burdett as required.

Jon Hood also discussed the work done for Volker Stevin without appropriate work orders or contracts in place. Council requested that Jon Hood set up a meeting with Volker Stevin to discuss these concerns.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Dave Matz reported on the activities that he was involved in for the months of June, July and August, 2005.

Council also reviewed a quote from Green Power on a 1590 No Till Drill and deferred this item to a future Budget Meeting.

Cemetery and Hamlet Maintenance Reports

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, presented a summary of work completed in various cemeteries over the summer.

Survey Results

Jon Hood presented results of a survey completed to date by ratepayers on Agricultural Service Board Services and Programs over the last five years.

Newsletter

Dave Matz, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, requested input into the next Forty Miler Newsletter being prepared for publishing in the Fall, 2005.

Council discussed Grant Programs available to ratepayers and, then, requested that Brenda Stryker (Representative for the Agricultural Food Council) be extended an invitation to attend the next Agriculture Meeting.

Notice to Remedy Weed Problems (2005)

Jon Hood, Agricultural Fieldman, presented a list of people that were issued Weed Notices and warnings in 2005 and the process involved in the enforcement of Notices to remedy weed problems.

Agricultural Service Board Regional Conference

Jon Hood presented a Draft Agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Regional Conference to be held on October 28, 2005 in Oyen, Alberta.

Councillors Ronald Harty, Tom Thacker, Ronald Lane advised that they will be attending the Conference along with Jon Hood and David Matz.

Storage Facility Lockable Building

Councillors discussed the following options for a storage facility unit:

- Skid Type building
- Enclosing one bay of the Agriculture/Public Works Storage building

MOVED approval to proceed with enclosing one unit of the Agriculture/Public Works storage building at an estimated cost of \$4,540.24 for material as per Addendum "A" to the Minutes. This estimation did not include labour, concrete or a change to the overhead door size.

CARRIED.

Cereal Leaf Beetle

Jon Hood, Agricultural Fieldman, updated Council on the confirmed Cereal Leaf Beetle, a designated pest in cereal and grass forage crops, which has been located in the County of Lethbridge No. 26 and the Municipal District of Taber No. 14.

Council discussed the implications this designated pest has on the movement of specified crops in both the domestic and export markets.

Information Items

Agricultural Service Board Grant Funding

Letter and e-mail from Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development with regard to grant funding.

Weed Control

Public Lands Meeting update regarding weed control along the main rivers in Southern Alberta. A meeting is being planned with Montana counterparts this Fall to discuss these issues.

Mowing and Spraying Report

Cost breakdown for work done for Volker Stevin on Secondary and Primary Highways within the County.

Olds College Training – Dave Matz

Dave Matz is completing his Olds College Training and will become a Certified Fieldman this year. He will be acknowledged for his accomplishment at the Agricultural Service Board Conference in January, 2006.

Newsletters

- The Meander – Summer 2005
- The Catalyst – Summer 2005
- Environmental Farm Plan – June, 2005

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 12:05 P. M.

CARRIED.