

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, December 6, 2005.

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

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

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

Minutes

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

CARRIED.

Delegations

11:00 A. M. – Warren Burgevitz and Brenda Stryker

Items Added to the Agenda

Two items were added to the Agenda by the Members present.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30th, 2005.

CARRIED.

Reports

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, presented a summary of the Agricultural Fieldman's activities for the month of November, 2005.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, reported on the programs that he has been involved with for the month of November, 2005.

2006 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference

The 2006 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference will be held in Edmonton January 31st to February 3rd, 2006.

Urban Weed Control Program

MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board continue to participate in the Urban Weed Control Program to the maximum contribution of \$3,000.00 each year for the communities of Foremost and Bow Island.

CARRIED.

Irrigated Crop Production Update

The Irrigated Crop Production Update 2006 Conference is scheduled for January 17th, 2006 in Lethbridge.

MOVED approval for Dave Matz to attend the Irrigated Crop Production Conference in Lethbridge on January 17th, 2006.

CARRIED.

2006 Capital Program

A proposed Capital Plan for 2006 was presented to the Committee for their review and comment.

Agriculture and Food Council

Agriculture and Food Council Representative, Brenda Stryker, attended the Meeting to provide an overview of the service they provide.

The Agriculture and Food Council is industry driven and committed to stimulating growth. The Council represents all sectors in the industry and is committed to operating as:

- A strategic leader
- A society not a government agency
- A creator of strategic alliances and value change within the industry
- A catalyst for action and change in growth
- An arms length administrator of funding programs and selected government initiatives
- An organization that explores Agri-food Policy Options for the industry

The Agriculture and Food Council has also defined three long term goals that they wish to achieve:

1. Increase Alberta's share of world food, Agriculture and Agri-business markets
2. Improve sustainable resource and environmental management
3. Engage industry and society in building understanding and awareness in learning and improving quality of life

Brenda Stryker left the Meeting.

Warren Burgevitz, Conservation Co-ordinator for Cypress / Forty Mile, attended the Meeting and reported on activities for the month of November, 2005.

Mr. Burgevitz left the Meeting.

NOON RECESS – 12:35 P.M.

RECONVENE – 1:20 P. M.

Land Under Supervision – NW21 and SW21, 9-7-W4

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, reported that the owner has refused/neglected to follow the plan of proper farming practices as previously established for NW21 and SW21, 9-7-W4.

MOVED that the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Agricultural Service Board recommend to County Council that the control of the land on North West 21, Township 9, Range 7, West of the Fourth Meridian and South West 21, Township 9, Range 7, West of the Fourth Meridian be taken from the owner of the land and that an Order of Reclamation of Land be issued by the Council.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Fieldman, Jon Hood, requested the Board to consider setting a date to review existing programs and staffing.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on the Rat Control Program.

2005 Rabies Report from Mr. Jamie Meeks, Sr. was presented.

Letter to the Pest Management and Regulatory Agency responding to Leon Benoit, M.P., with regard to the use of 2 Per Cent Strychnine for producers.

Newsletters

- SARA Fall 2005
- The Meander – Fall 2005
- Alberta Farm Animal Care

MOVED the Meeting adjourn at 2:35 P. M.

CARRIED.