

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, November 7, 2006.

The Meeting was called to order by the Administrator, Dale Brown, at 9:00 A.M.

*Members Present:*     *Craig Widmer*  
                              *Lynden Hutchinson*  
                              *Ronald Harty*  
                              *Ronald Lane*  
                              *Tom Thacker*  
                              *Otto Gross*  
                              *George Henline*

*Also Present:*         *Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman*  
                              *Tom Simanton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman*

#### Nominations for Chairman

The Administrator opened the Meeting and called for nominations for Chairman of the Agricultural Service Board.

Ronald Harty nominated Craig Widmer.

Nominations were called three times, and since there were no further nominations, Craig Widmer was declared elected to serve as Chairman of the Agricultural Service Board.

#### Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Chairman.

#### Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

CARRIED.

#### Delegations

10:00 A. M. – Warren Burgevitz

#### Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

CARRIED.

#### REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz's written report for the months of September and October, 2006 was presented to the Board Members and attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Tom Simanton, reported on the activities that he has been involved with since the middle of October, 2006 and his report has been attached as Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

Warren Burgevitz, Conservation Co-ordinator for Cypress/Forty Mile County, presented his activity report for the months of September and October, 2006 and attached as Addendum "C" to the Minutes.

Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference – Medicine Hat - Sponsorship

MOVED approval for the Agricultural Service Board to contribute \$750.00 to the Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference being held in Medicine Hat.

CARRIED.

Conferences / Seminars

- December 6–8, 2006 – Edmonton – Western Canadian Grazing Conference
- January 16 and 17, 2007 – Lethbridge – Agronomy Update 2007
- January 23-27, 2007 – Sherwood Park – Partners in Conservation Conference

December, 2006 Meeting Date

The Agricultural Service Board will meet on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 9:00 A. M. in the County Office.

Agricultural Service Board Meeting Dates - 2007

MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board meet on the following dates in 2007:

*February 6; March 6; June 5; September 5; November 6 and December 11.*

CARRIED.

Workplace Health and Safety Inspection

Occupational Health and Safety has inspected the Agriculture Shop, Chemical Storage and Pole Shed. A number of hazards were identified in the Inspection Report and Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, reported that they have all been addressed except for the Certification of the A-frame for their chain hoist.

2006 Rabies Report

Skunks were trapped and tested for rabies in the following sectors in the County of Forty Mile No. 8:

- Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and Townships 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Total number of trap sites:	65
Total number of Skunks caught:	17
Total number of Skunks that tested positive for rabies:	0

Other animals live trapped:	
- Coyotes	6
- Domestic cats	10
- Rabbits	3
- Raccoons	25

All animals were live trapped and released except for the skunks and raccoons.

2006 Agricultural Fieldman Annual In-service Training

MOVED approval for Tom Simanton, Dave Matz and Kevin Jesske to attend the Agricultural Fieldman In-service Training December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

CARRIED.

MOVED approval for the purchase of a new injection system and GIS System for unit number 538 at a cost of \$20,436.00.

CARRIED.

## MIG Welder

The following quotations were received:

	<u>Granberg Hardware</u>	<u>Foremost Building</u>
Millermatic 350	\$3,724.00	
Millermatic 350P	\$3,970.00	\$4,400.00
Millermatic 251	\$2,251.00	\$2,400.00
Millermatic 210	\$1,625.00	\$1,790.00
Hobart Ironman 210	\$1,450.00	\$1,650.00

MOVED approval for the purchase of a Millermatic 251 MIG Welder from Granberg Hardware at a cost of \$2,251.00.

CARRIED.

## Extended Warranty – John Deere 6420 Tractor

The purchase of extended warranty on the John Deere 6420 Tractor was deferred to the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting.

## Rural Alberta Development Fund

A copy of the Press Release, Backgrounder and Expression of Interest Form for the Rural Alberta Development Fund Program was presented to the Board, along with the following suggested Programs:

- Ag Tour (south guided tour)
- Ag Tourism
- Cemetery mapping
- 4-H Club Arenas
- Establishment of Scholarship Fund

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, was requested to research other possible projects for consideration of the Program.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

A written summary of the work completed in the various hamlets and cemeteries was presented to the Board.

### Rotary Cutter

Letter to Green Power regarding purchase of Rotary Cutter.

### Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Position

Letter to Mr. Tom Simanton.

### West Nile Surveillance Program

Financial expenditures for West Nile Surveillance Program.

### Weed Control

Town of Bow Island Urban Weed Control Expense Verification for 2006 Grant.

### Code of Practice for Pesticides

Letter from Alberta Environment on Review of Code of Practice for Pesticides.

## Confined Feeding Operations

Letter from Natural Resources Conservation Board regarding changes to application process for Confined Feeding Operations.

## Newsletter

- Agri-Food Industries: *Key Indicators*

MOVED the Meeting adjourn at 12:30 P.M.