

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 12, 2006.

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

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

Absent: *Ronald Harty*

Also Present: *Sharon Burgess, Director of Finance*
 Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman
 Tom Simanton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on November 7, 2006.

CARRIED.

Items added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the Agenda by the Members present.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30th, 2006.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

The Agricultural Fieldman's Report was presented by Dave Matz and attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

Dave Matz discussed with Council the following items:

- ◆ Hamlet and Cemetery Maintenance
- ◆ Bug problems
- ◆ Ventilation Filtration System
- ◆ Distribution of trees
- ◆ Local Government Course
- ◆ 2007 Calendar (Invasive Plants)

The Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Tom Simanton, reported on the activities up until the end of November, 2006 as per Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

Also discussed were:

- ◆ Use of Drills
- ◆ Conference
- ◆ Replacement of Truck Seats

Conservation Co-ordinator Monthly Activity Report

The Conservation Co-ordinator's Monthly Report was reviewed and attached as Addendum "C" to the Minutes.

Weed Inspector

MOVED to appoint Tom Simanton as the County's Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act.

CARRIED.

Pest Control Inspector

MOVED to appoint Tom Simanton as the County's Pest Control Inspector under the Agricultural Pests Act.

CARRIED.

2007 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference

Dave Matz advised Council of the 2007 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Edmonton on January 30, 2007 to February 2, 2007.

Representative for South Region Agricultural Service Board Committee

MOVED that Craig Widmer attend the South Region Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting on January 31, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta as the Agricultural Service Board Representative.

CARRIED.

Council reviewed the Resolution package.

Agronomy 2007 Conference

MOVED approval for Tom Simanton and Craig Widmer to attend the 2007 Agronomy Conference in Lethbridge on January 16 and 17, 2007.

CARRIED.

Dave Matz advised that the Agricultural Service Board will have to prepare a Strategic Business Plan.

2007 Capital Budget

Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman presented a list of potential capital items for 2007 as per Addendum "D" to the Minutes.

Council discussed the following:

- ◆ Roadside Grass Seeding
- ◆ 1-Ton Truck
- ◆ Suzuki ATV

INFORMATION ITEMS

Letters

- ◆ Town of Bow Island – Urban Weed Control Grant
- ◆ V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.

MOVED the Meeting adjourn at 11:50 A.M.

CARRIED.