

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, February 6, 2007.

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

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

*Also present:*            *Dale Brown, County Administrator*  
                                     *Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman*  
                                     *Tom Simanton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman*

### Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

CARRIED.

### Items Added to the Agenda

Several items were added to the Agenda by the Agricultural Fieldman.

### Treasurer's Report

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

CARRIED.

### Reports

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, presented a summary of the Agricultural Fieldman's activities for the month of December, 2006 and January, 2007 attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Tom Simanton's written report was presented and attached as Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

### Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, presented a proposed Agricultural Service Board Business Plan for the Board's review and comment.

### Capital Purchase – Spray Truck

The following tenders were received for the supply of a 2007 One Ton Diesel Spray Truck as per tender specifications:

Bridge City Chrysler	-	\$35,539.00
Chinook Chrysler Ltd.	-	\$37,741.00
Jackson Dodge Chrysler	-	\$44,181.86
Bow Island Chev Olds	-	\$44,801.00
Sorensen Pontiac Buick GMC	-	\$45,680.00
Taber Ford Sales Inc.	-	\$46,123.00
College Ford Lincoln	-	\$46,133.00
Milk River Farm Supply	-	\$46,321.00
Raymond Motors	-	\$46,334.00
Big-M Ford Lincoln Ltd.	-	\$47,878.00
McDonald Chevrolet Ltd.	-	\$47,942.00
Davis Pontiac Buick Ltd.	-	\$54,057.00

MOVED that the quotation from Bridge City Chrysler be accepted for the supply of one new 2007 Diesel One Ton Truck at a cost of \$35,539.00.

CARRIED.

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician

Warren Burgevitz has submitted his letter of resignation as the County of Forty Mile No. 8 / Cypress County's Sustainable Agriculture Conservation Agronomist effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

MOVED approval for the Agricultural Service Board to proceed with the hiring of a half time Technician on a contract basis.

CARRIED.

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician – Selection Committee

The Interview/Selection Committee will consist of Lynden Hutchinson, Craig Widmer and Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz.

Farmer of the Year Award

No applications were received for the 2006 Farmer of the Year Award.

Canada/Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program / Milk River Aquifer Data Collection Project

The data that was produced by the above noted project will provide a valuable base line for current water levels within the Milk River Aquifer.

Alberta Environment – Milk River Aquifer Data Collection and Website Development Project

In 2006, Lifewater Drilling Ltd. was contracted to conduct, draw down and recovery tests on forty two Milk River Aquifer Wells within the County of Forty Mile No. 8. The data collected has been compiled and submitted to all managing partners for internal use. The final phase of this project involves the creating of an internet web-page for public access and dissemination of the data gathered.

Cemeteries

Ongoing maintenance of the various rural cemeteries within the County was discussed.

Capital Purchase – 400 Gallon Tank

The following quotations were received:

UFA – Lethbridge	-	\$556.85
AgroPlus Sales Service Ltd.	-	\$577.99

MOVED that quotation from AgroPlus Sales and Services Ltd. be accepted for the supply of one 400 Gallon Tank at a cost of \$577.99.

CARRIED.

South Region Agricultural Service Board Meeting

The following topics were discussed by the Southern Boards in attendance:

- Fusarium Graminearum
- Bio-fuels
- Urban Weed Control
- Cereal Leaf Beetle
- Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Funding

6240 Extended Warranty

MOVED approval for the purchase of a three year extended warranty package for the County's John Deere 6240 at a cost of \$2,394.00.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Pest Registration Renewal

A letter and Pesticide Registration Renewal Application forwarded to Alberta Environment was presented for review.

2006 Agricultural Service Board Grant

Letter to Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development verifying final expenditures and year end budget for the 2006 Agricultural Service Board Funding Program.

Urban Weed Control Grant

Letter to the Village of Foremost with respect to the Urban Weed Control Grant.

Fusarium Best Management Practices

Letter to Rick Proud with recommendations for Fusarium Best Management Practices.

Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course

Letter from Alberta Environment regarding the Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course.

Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development Specialists

Letter from Clearwater County regarding Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development Specialists.

General Manager Position – Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants

Letter from Brazeau County regarding the General Manager Position for Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants.

Encana Project

Letter and map from Ghostpine Environmental Services Ltd. regarding the Encana Project.

Alberta Environmental Farm Plan

- Thank you card from Brenda Stryker – Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company
- Newsletter – December, 2006

Prion Research

Letter from the University of Calgary regarding Prion Research.

Seed Cleaning Plant Inspection

Dave Matz reported on the Foremost Seed Cleaning Plant Inspection.

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:55 A. M.

CARRIED.