

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

The Meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Lynden Hutchinson, at 9:00 A.M.

**Members Present:**            *Ronald Lane*  
   *Tom Thacker*  
   *Otto Gross*  
   *Ronald Harty*  
   *Joan Hughson*

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

**Absent:**                         *Craig Widmer*

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

**CARRIED.**

**Delegations**

10:00 A. M. – Bob Kaufman, Conservation Co-ordinator

**Treasurer's Report**

**MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

**CARRIED.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Agricultural Fieldman Activities to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008:

- Instructed a Pesticide Applicator's Course (5 people in attendance)
- Prepared year end budget reports and also prepared an agenda for the Strategic Planning Meeting
- Met on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with Floyd Hawes, Jason Storch and Craig Widmer in order to identify the terms for the 2008 Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Tech Conference and also to set the goals and objectives for the joint Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program
- Met with representatives from the Town of Bow Island regarding re-establishing the Self-guided Agriculture Tour of the County

The Agricultural Fieldman's written report has been attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 was presented and attached as Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

**2008 Agricultural Service Board Capital**

A proposed list of capital items to be purchased in 2008 was presented to the Board Members for their review prior to the County Budget Meeting.

## **Bob Kaufman - Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Tech Report**

- A meeting of the Southern Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Techs was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Lethbridge to discuss the broad scope of the 2008 Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program, to correlate possible Program delivery between two or more counties and to network with Alberta Environmentally Sustainable experience as well as Alberta Ag expertise.
- Meetings were held with Sustainable Resource Development Staff regarding upcoming field day / workshops involving southern Alberta 4-H Clubs for a two day Youth Range Camp, possible one day range days at BT Co-op, Rainy Hills and Tide Lake. Expectations are to organize the Youth Range Camp for approximately 50 youth and about 10 leaders with Sustainable Resource Development Staff, Cows and Fish and the interpretive staff present.
- Two one day range courses will involve co-op members and are geared toward interactive extension relative to range land interests, weed concerns and specific interests of co-ops including Environmental Farm Planning.
- Involvement with the Milk River Watershed Group will be oncoming with water sampling to continue on behalf of Cypress and the County of Forty Mile No. 8. Reports of the Erosion Study, water quality and other summaries will be available to both Counties.
- Participation with the South East Alberta Watershed Alliance Group will be ongoing to assist South East Alberta Watershed Alliance in going through the stages of development and completion of a Watershed Report and working towards a management plan.

Mr. Kaufman's written report has been attached as Addendum "C" to the Minutes.

### **Agricultural Service Board Committee Bursary Program**

**MOVED approval of the following Terms of Reference and requirements for the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Agricultural Service Board Committee Bursary Program:**

#### **BURSARY TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS**

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##### **PURPOSE**

**To assist County students planning a post secondary education in an Agricultural related field.**

##### **REFERENCE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. A Bursary will be available to anyone wishing to continue their education at a college or university studying any Agricultural or related program. The Bursary is not available to persons qualifying for or participating in Federal or other job training assistance grants.**
- 2. A Bursary worth \$1,000.00 is available each year. Applications must be in the hands of the undersigned by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 3. The Bursary will be split into two allocations of \$500.00 each semester. The allocation for winter semester will be awarded upon confirmation of continued enrolment in the applied program of studies.**
- 4. Each student may obtain a Bursary once.**
- 5. Applicants must be County residents.**
- 6. The applicant is required to submit a copy of his/her marks from the last year of high school attendance, together with a letter of acceptance and course studies planned from the post secondary institution to be attended.**

7. The Bursary will be awarded by recommendation from the Agricultural Committee, based on the applicant's academic standing, social and community activities.
8. The Bursary will be delivered in the form of a cheque made payable to the applicant.
9. All applications should be forwarded to:

Agricultural Fieldman  
County of Forty Mile No. 8  
Box 160  
FOREMOST, AB T0K 0X0

CARRIED.

#### **Agricultural Service Board Equipment, Rental and Service Agreement**

MOVED approval of the Agricultural Service Board Committee Rental and Service Agreement as per Addendum "D" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

#### **Tree Mover Service Agreement**

MOVED approval of the Agricultural Service Board Tree Mover Service Agreement as per Addendum "E" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

#### **Farmer of the Year**

Councillor Otto Gross informed the Board Members that six nominees had been received for Farmer of the Year and that the Ray Hammel Family had been selected as the recipient of the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Farm Family Award.

MOVED that the County's Farm Family nomination (Ray Hammel Family) be forwarded to the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award Selection Committee.

CARRIED.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Letter – Mr. Robert Ost**

A letter was mailed and hand delivered to Mr. Ost's door outlining the County's next steps.

##### **Letter – Ponoka County to Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

Letter regarding the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's refusal to inform municipalities of active quarantines.

##### **Funding – Agriculture Research and Forage Association**

Letter to George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture, from the Municipal District of Smoke River No. 130 regarding funding for Agriculture Research and Forage Association.

##### **Town of Bow Island – Urban Weed Control Grant**

Letter to Town of Bow Island outlining the eligible funding allocation for the 2007 Urban Weed Control Grant.

### **Liquid Strychnine**

Letter from Leon E. Benoit, M.P., providing an update on 2% strychnine.

### **Bio Weed Control Program**

Letter, invoice and breakdown from the Municipal District of Taber for the Biological Weed Control Program.

### **Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Funding**

Letter from Alberta Agriculture and Food informing that we have been recommended to receive funding.

### **University of Calgary – Prion Study**

Letter regarding the progress of studying the effect of BSE (Mad Cow Disease) on farm families.

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:05 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**