

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, May 5th, 2009.

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

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

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

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on March 3rd, 2009.

CARRIED.

Delegations

10:00 A. M. – Bob Kaufman

Items Added to the Agenda

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

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30th, 2009.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman's activities- March / April, 2009:

- Assisted and sponsored a Dugout Workshop on March 26th, 2009 with Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and Alberta Agriculture
- Attended a joint meeting with Southern Agricultural Fieldman, Alberta Transportation and CPR regarding weed issues on right of ways
- The County will no longer be controlling weeds on primary highways under the Volker Stevin Contract. The County will be entering into agreement with Alberta Transportation for the control of weeds on primary and secondary highways
- Primary and Secondary Highway Mowing Contract has been reduced to one pass on all highways
- Summer staff are being re-hired
- Staff are presently spraying Krovar on local roads
- No applications were received for the Shelterbelt Program this year

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's activities:

- A new spray system was built for Unit No. 639
- A Tag Reader was acquired in March, 2009 for use by County residents
- Unit Nos. 538 and 591 were taken to Medicine Hat for Gemni Software updates
- The Agriculture Staff have been getting some calls for the tree planter and tree mover. Scheduling for the drills has also started

Southern Applied Research Association – Partnership Opportunity

MOVED approval for the Agricultural Service Board to provide a \$750.00 financial contribution to Southern Applied Research Association to assist with various research and extension projects.

CARRIED.

Capital Purchase

2009 ¾ Ton 4 x 4 Truck Quotations:

MOVED that the quotation from Lethbridge Dodge be accepted for the supply of a 2009 Dodge Ram ST / SXL Quad Cab 4 x 4 at a cost of \$28,516.00.

CARRIED.

2009 3 Ton Truck with Deck - Quotations:

MOVED that the quotation from Universal Ford be accepted for the supply of one 2009 3 Ton Truck with Deck at a cost of \$64,665.00.

CARRIED.

Bob Kaufman present.

Youth Range Daze Camp – July 15th to 17th, 2009

The County has received a request to support the Youth Range Daze Camp Program.

No action.

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development – Key Contacts

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development has developed an extensive model that will build new relationships, strengthen existing relationships, deliver targeted programming and better enable Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development to understand Agricultural Service Board needs.

Alberta Agriculture is presently reviewing the best fit for a key contact for the County of Forty Mile No. 8 and will notify the County when the key contact is identified. The County has requested that Gerald Ontkean and Phil Merrill be considered for the County's key contact positions.

Packing Plant Competition

A copy of a letter from Parkland County regarding concerns over packing plants owning livestock was presented to the Board.

No action taken.

Fertilizer and Fuel Costs

A copy of a letter from Parkland County regarding concerns over high input costs facing farmers was presented to the Board.

No action taken.

Mosquito Monitoring Program

The Board requested that a follow up letter be sent to Alberta Health and Alberta Environment regarding the need to continue the Mosquito Monitoring Program.

Tree Donation – Bow Island Tourism Committee

MOVED that a tree be donated to the Bow Island Tourism Committee for the placement at the Park in Bow Island from one of the nurseries.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Screenings

Letter to Foremost Seed Cleaning Plant regarding the loading of screenings.

V.S.I. Services

Letter from V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. providing an outline of services available through the V.S.I. Program.

Agricultural Service Board Grant

Letter from Eileen Chauvet approving a second allocation of \$98,800.34 for the 2008 / 09 Agricultural Service Board Grant Program.

Form 8 – Quarterly Report

Letter to Phil Merrill, Inspection and Investigation Branch, providing Form 8 – Quarterly Report for Coyote Control.

Thank You

- Megan Kurtz for 4-H Sponsorship

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:30 A. M.

CARRIED.