

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

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

*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 November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

CARRIED.

### Delegations

10:00 A. M. - Ken Coles, Southern Applied Research Association  
                  - Richard Fritzler, Alberta Research and Extension Council of Alberta  
11:00 A. M. – Bob Kaufman

### Treasurer's Report

Moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

CARRIED.

### STAFF REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz, reported on the following issues:

- Attended In-Service Training that covered a significant amount of Legislation including the update of the Weed Act, Animal Health Act, Agriculture Pest Act, Review of the Agricultural Service Board Act and taking land under supervision/reclamation.
- Information was also provided on a new herbicide available for environmentally sensitive areas.
- Presently completing year-end Budget work and preparing to teach a Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report:

- Drills were used to seed the slopes on Secondary Highway Nos. 501 and 879 after work was completed by Public Works Staff.
- Attended In-Service Training Conference in Edmonton.
- Presently designing the set-up for the new spray truck.

### Ford Spray Truck

The Agricultural Fieldman informed the Committee that he is experiencing some issues with *Universal Ford* in getting the truck setup as per specifications.

### 2009 Vacation Carryover

Moved approval for Tom Simanton to carry over four (4) days of his 2009 Vacation Entitlement into 2010.

CARRIED.

Bob Kaufman present.

Ken Coles and Richard Fritzler present.

Ken Coles provided the Committee with an overview of the Southern Applied Research Association and research sites in the area. Their Association is trying to establish a regional plan for the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program in Southern Alberta. Their main focus is production agriculture and they inquired to see if there were any common objectives in the area that the County would be interested in partnering. Soil and Water Conservation are current issues in the County of Forty Mile No. 8 and may be projects for consideration for partnering in the future.

The delegation left the Meeting.

### 2010 Meeting Dates

Moved that the 2010 Meeting dates be scheduled as follows:

- February 9
- March 2
- May 4
- July 6
- September 7
- November 2
- December 7

CARRIED.

### Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Report

Bob Kaufman presented his Report for the period of October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and updated Agricultural Committee Members on activities to date.

Several items discussed were:

- Manure Management and Storage Plan.
- Youth Range Daze is on schedule.
- Invitation to Council to attend and participate in the Youth Range Daze being held on July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.
- Requested feedback on Speakers for the 2010 Conference.
- Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture funding for 2011 being redistributed to Municipalities demonstrating partnered programs.
- Irrigation Salinity Project a possibility for the County of Forty Mile No. 8.

Mr. Kaufman advised that he would update Council at a future Meeting regarding the South Saskatchewan Land Use Forum he would be attending in the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Bob Kaufman left the Meeting.

### Review of Agriculture Service Board Policies

The Agricultural Committee reviewed several Agriculture Policies as presented by Dave Matz.

Council advised Mr. Matz to make the necessary changes as suggested, review them with the Administrator and bring back to a future Meeting.

### Rabies Update

Dave Matz advised the Agricultural Committee Members where rabies control had taken place in the County and advised that in 2010 there would be a \$500.00 contribution requested for testing services.

Council's consensus is that the Rabies Program was a worthwhile Program and as such would be supported.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### Letter

Letter to Mr. Ost regarding rental of farmland.

#### Alberta Sustainable Development

Invoice to Alberta Sustainable Development for Weed Inspections.

#### Agriculture and Rural Development

- Invoice to Agriculture and Rural Development for Weed Survey.
- General Services Contract.

#### Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Application and Business Plan

- Grant Application
- Budget
- Business Plan

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 12:15 P. M.

CARRIED.