

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 9th, 2010.

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

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

*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 8th, 2009.

CARRIED.

Delegations

10:00 P. M. – Bob Kaufman, Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician

Items Added to the Agenda

No 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 December 31st, 2009.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- Farmer Pesticide Course
- Capital Budget Preparation
- Reviewing / revising policies
- Agricultural Service Board's herbicide quotes
- Preparation of the 2010 Budget
- Reviewing Agricultural Service Board services for future discussions with the Board
- Currently enrolled in the final course of the Level 1 Local Government Administration Program

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Tom Simanton, reported on the following issues:

- December was a busy month in which considerable time was spent designing and ordering parts for the new spray truck (645)
- In January, most of the time was spent transferring spray equipment from one truck to the other along with adding the new equipment
- Various other pieces of equipment have been in for service and repair

Agricultural Service Board Rental and Service Agreement

Moved approval of the revised Agricultural Service Board Rental and Service Agreement as per Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Hamlet Maintenance Policy

Moved approval of the Agricultural Service Board Hamlet Maintenance Policy as per Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Promotion of Programs

Moved approval of the Agricultural Service Board's Promotion of Programs Policy as per Addendum "C" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Shelterbelt Establishment Program

Moved approval of the Agricultural Service Board Shelterbelt Establishment Program as per Addendum "D" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Bursary

Moved approval of the Agricultural Service Board's Bursary (Bursary Terms and Requirements) as per Addendum "E" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Outdated Policies

Moved to rescind the following policies as the services are no longer provided by the Board:

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| Policy No. 265.27 | - Soil Conservation and Reclamation Program |
| Resol. No. 61/05 | - Grain Fumigants |
| Resol. No. 63/05 | - Fumigation Service |
| Resol. No. 23/05 | - Secondary and Primary Road Systems – Mowing and Spraying |

CARRIED.

2010 Proposed Capital Purchase Plan

A list of proposed 2010 Capital Plan for the Agriculture and Cemeteries Program was presented as per Addendum "F" to the Minutes.

Bob Kaufman, Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician attended the Meeting and provided an update on the following issues:

- Growing forward
- 2010 Youth Range Daze – July 20th – 22nd, 2010
- Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference – very well attended with over two hundred people in attendance
- Water Conference scheduled for the Medicine Hat area on March 11th and 12th, 2010

- Attended an Environmental Farm Planning and Growing Workshop on January 21st, 2010
- Presently working on the first quarter newsletter
- Attended the South Saskatchewan Land Use Meeting and submitted feedback on the meeting
- Future goals
- To assist watershed groups
- Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference Organizing Committee for 2010
- Completion and evaluation
- Four newsletters for the year
- Milk River Watershed – the Milk River Watershed Annual Meeting has been scheduled for April 8th, 2010 at 1:00 P. M. in Milk River

Noxious Weeds

The Agricultural Fieldman informed the Committee that Downy Brome has been designated as a noxious weed.

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 11:35 A. M.

CARRIED.