

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 4, 2010.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Joan Hughson, at 9:05 A.M.

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

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

*Absent:*                                 *Councillor Ronald Harty*

### Minutes

Moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, as amended.

CARRIED.

### Delegations

10:00 A. M. – Jack Stewart, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development,  
Regulatory Services

### Items Added to the Agenda

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

### Treasurer's Report

Moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED.

### STAFF REPORTS

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

- An agreement has been reached with CPR to continue performing weed control along their railway lines.
- Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration trees have arrived and been distributed. Agriculture Staff will also be planting a variety of bare root trees at the nursery. The trees are being planted as a display to show what trees do well in the area.
- Krovar Spraying has been delayed due to inclement weather.
- An agreement has been reached with Volker Stevin for the mowing and spraying of various secondary highways in the County.
- All seasonal staff will be hired back at the beginning of May.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report:

- New tank stands have been built for Unit 629, so that all one tons are now equipped the same.
- The new spray truck (Unit 645) is complete except for the mounting of the spray tips.

- Gemni was down and helped install a new computer system in the truck. The Unit installed is a 10 by 12 touch screen that would do all the same functions as a laptop, plus a better weather station.
- All equipment is ready to go.
- The no till drills have been out to several farmers already this year and the list is continuing to grow.
- There is already about a week's work for the tree mover.
- There is also a considerable amount of interest in the Tree Spraying Program.
- Attended meetings in March, 2010 on Leafy Spurge and Bio Bug Control on Spurge.

Jack Stewart from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Regulatory Services, has recently been appointed as the County's key contact.

Mr. Stewart advised that he had recently been assigned to the position and will act as a liaison with Agricultural Service Boards. Mr. Stewart provided an overview of his background and related training and noted that he is prepared to assist the Agriculture Service Board in the areas that they may require some assistance.

A brief update was also provided on the Fish/CARP Program.

Mr. Stewart left the Meeting.

### Reports

Bob Kaufman, Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician, report was presented and attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

### 2010 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour

Strathcona County will be hosting the 2010 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour July 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### ATV Quotations

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board accept the quotations from Agro John Deere for the supply of a 2009 Suzuki 500 King Quad at a cost of \$8,328.00.

CARRIED.

### Cemetery Mower Quotations

Moved that the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Agricultural Service Board accept the quotation from Pinnacle International for the supply of one 2010 Kubota ZD326P 60" deck with two year extended power train warranty at a cost of \$12,600.00.

CARRIED.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 2009 Agricultural Service Board Grant Allocation

Letter from Eileen Chauvet – Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development advising that approval has been given for a second allocation of \$89,017.30 for the 2009/10 Agricultural Service Board Grant Program.

#### Merger of Grant Funds

E-mail from Dale Chrapko and Eileen Chauvet regarding the announcement of the merger of the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture and Agricultural Service Board Grants.

Planning Survey

Letter from Brenda Brindle, Director – Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, regarding the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Planning Survey completed in the Fall of 2009.

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

CARRIED.