

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, July 6, 2010.

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

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

Also Present: *Sharon Burgess, Director of Finance*
 Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman
 Tom Simanton, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Minutes

Moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on May 4th, 2010.

CARRIED.

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 June 24th, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

The Agricultural Fieldman's Report was presented by Dave Matz and attached as Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

Items discussed:

- 40 Mile Park Planners Open House
- 40 Mile Park Administrative Duties
- 40 Mile Park Security Company
- Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program
- Farm Family Award – Calgary Stampede

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Tom Simanton's report for the months of May and June, 2010 was presented and attached as per Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

Other items discussed:

- Spray truck computer system
- Etzikom Cemetery Plot
- Tree Plot discussion – Corner Secondary Road No. 879 and No. 3

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician's Report

The Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician's Report for the period of April 8 to June 17, 2010 was presented and attached as per Addendum "C" to the Minutes.

Alberta Farm Safety Centre

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members discussed Safety Smart Programs for education of rural elementary children in Farm Safety.

Moved Ronald Harty to contribute \$1,400.00 towards the Safety Smart Program.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Contribution towards the Safety Smart Program was discussed and deferred to the next regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting.

Agricultural Service Board Grant Merger

Agricultural Service Board Members discussed a letter received from Maureen Bolen, Facilitator, New Agricultural Service Board Grant Program regarding the Application for the Environment Component of the Agricultural Service Board Grant as per Addendum "D" to the Minutes.

Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed key points from the meeting on June 2nd, 2010 when Agricultural Service Board Committee Members attended a discussion with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Managers and Staff regarding the new Agricultural Service Board Grant Program. The purpose of the meeting was to understand, review and provide input into the draft guidelines for the new Agricultural Service Board Grant Program.

Some items discussed:

- Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture targeted due date October 1, 2010
- Partnership with Cypress County
- Possible Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program suggestions
- Environment Issues – Soil Erosion

Dave Matz advised Members that he has to update the Business Plan.

Moved to continue with the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Partnership with Cypress County.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Letters

- *Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development:*
 - Letter from Rick Atkins regarding 2010 Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Funding
 - New Weed Control Act

Pest Inspector

Letters from Town of Bow Island and the Village of Foremost regarding appointment of the Agricultural Fieldman as Pest Inspector.

Weed Survey

Letter to Joanne Phillips regarding the General Services Contract to perform a Weed Survey.

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 11:08 A. M.

CARRIED.