

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, September 7, 2010.

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

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

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 July 6th, 2010.

CARRIED.

Delegations

10:00 A. M. – Bob Kaufman

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 August 31st, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman's Report – July / August, 2010

- Roadside Mowing / Spraying of Provincial Highways has been completed.
- Staff are now presently spraying County local roads.
- ATV Crew have completed spraying all the Leafy Spurge and Knapweed Sites.
- Spraying has also been completed along rail lines, dump sites, hamlets, and 40 Mile Park.
- A new Knapweed Site was discovered by Murray Lake and Toadflax was found along Highway 501.
- Existing Knapweed Sites still require continual spraying and inspections are being conducted to ensure new plant populations are under control.
- Leafy Spurge Beetles released along the South Saskatchewan River last summer have shown very good survival rates and are beginning to control plant populations.
- Staff Member, Matt Karl, completed the weed survey in July, 2010 and Staff from Southern Applied Research Association were out in August to complete the Fusarium Head Blight survey for Alberta Agriculture.
- The South Region Agricultural Service Board Conference will be held in Taber on October 28th, 2010.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report – July / August, 2010

- Rental equipment was not as busy as in the past.
- Tree moving was also down in the County as a result of the wet weather conditions.
- Staff will be moving the trees from the Bow Island plot to the new Foremost Shop Site.
- Tree Spraying Program was very similar to the last few years.
- Leafy Spurge Bugs were released north of Bow Island.

Agricultural Service Board Bursary

Two applications were received for the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Agricultural Service Board Bursary.

Applications were received from Ilona Bastiaasen and Cord Sturtevant.

Moved that the County of Forty Mile No. 8 Agricultural Service Board Bursary be awarded to Cord Sturtevant.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Grant / Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grant

The combining of the Agricultural Service Board Grant and Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grant requires that an application for the Environmental Stream be submitted by October 31st, 2010.

Moved approval for the submission of the County's proposed Strategic Plan and Budget as per Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

Bob Kaufman present.

Alberta Farm Safety Centre Program

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board contribute \$1,015.00 towards the Alberta Farm Safety Centre Program that is provided yearly to students in the County of Forty Mile No. 8.

CARRIED.

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician's Report

Mr. Kaufman presented his report and highlighted activities that he had been involved in for the months of June, July and August, 2010.

Planned Activities / Tours / Workshops:

- September 9th, 2010 – South East Alberta Water Association Meeting
- September 9th, 2010 – Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grant Meeting – Lethbridge
- September 14th, 2010 – Water Sampling Eastern Tributaries
- September 15th, 2010 – Milk River Water Sampling

Goals:

1. CLO Man made wetland
2. Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference organizing committee for 2010.
3. Two additional newsletters

4. Youth Range Days 2010
5. Review of four new additions to the Environmental Farm Plan
6. Assist with Growing Forward interests

Surplus Equipment

Moved approval for the following items to be offered for sale at Schlenker's Public Auction on October 23rd, 2010:

No. 846 – Suzuki ATV
No. 832 – Quadivator cultivator
No. 718 – Pull behind brush mower
No. 413 – John Deere F911 front mount mower
1 axle and rims
1 400 gallon tank

CARRIED.

Councillor Ronald Harty expressed concerns with the increasing fuel costs during harvest time and suggested that this issue should be discussed at the next Foothills Little Bow Association Meeting and also at the Southern Agricultural Service Board Conference to see if any action can be taken to address the issue.

Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board provide \$1,500.00 in sponsorship funding for the Fall Southern Alberta Conservation Association Conference being held in Medicine Hat.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mowing Contract

A letter to Volker Stein and invoice for mowing was presented for review.

2010 Weed Survey

Letter and invoice to Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2010 Weed Survey was presented.

Weed Notice – NW17, 10-12-W4

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 11:15 A. M.

CARRIED.