

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 7th, 2010.

Chairman Joan Hughson absent.

Moved the appointment of Tom Thacker to act as Chairman of the Agricultural Service Board for the December 7th, 2010 Meeting.

CARRIED.

The Meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Tom Thacker at 9:00 A. M.

Members Present:

***Bryne Lengyel
Bruce Robertson
Craig Widmer
Ronald Lane***

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 2nd, 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 November 30th, 2010.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman's Report – October - November 2010

- Attended In-Service Training in Edmonton November 29th through to December 3rd, 2010.
- Time spent at 40 Mile Park trying to trap a beaver.
- Office work.
- Updating the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan.
- Preparing 2011 Budget Estimates.
- Backing-up 2010 spray data.
- Agriculture and 40 Mile Park Administrative work.
- Instructing a Farmer Pesticide course on December 16th, 2010

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grant

The County of Forty Mile No. 8 / Cypress County have been advised that they will be receiving \$74,000.00 in 2011 for their Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program.

2011 Meeting Dates

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board meet on the following dates in 2011:

- **February 1**
- **March 1**
- **May 3**
- **July 5**
- **September 6**
- **November 1**
- **December 6**

CARRIED.

2011 Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan

Agricultural Fieldman Dave Matz presented a proposed 2011 Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan for the Board's review / comment / approval.

Moved approval of the County's 2011 Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan as per Addendum 'A' to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

2011 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference

The 2011 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference has been scheduled for January 18th to the 21st, 2011 in Edmonton.

Bob Kaufman, Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Technician reported on the following issues:

- Water samples will no longer be taken from the Milk River as of January 2011.
- The 2011 Youth Range Daze will be held at Writing-On-Stone.
- Future Workshops.
- Session Planning.
- Salinity
- Water Well Management.
- Grass Carp (Farm dugouts).

Mr. Kaufman also noted that the next Newsletter will be out shortly.

Fusarium Graminearum

The following concerns were expressed by the Board Members:

- Inconsistency in testing.
- Concerns with the 1% tolerance that is allowed.
- Area farmers avoiding the required testing by taking their product to an outside Seed Cleaning Plant to have their seed cleaned.

The Board overall believes that there needs to be consistency among all Seed Cleaning Plants to address the issue.

Salinity

It was noted that Salinity is becoming an ever-increasing concern in the Community. Richard Fritzler contacted various Members of the Agricultural Service Board and requested them to become more involved with salinity awareness – demo plots – to assist in the control of salinity-related issues in the Community.

It was noted that the Agricultural Service Board is presently participating in salinity-related projects and are proposing a couple projects for 2011 and 2012.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2011 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Agenda

The Board Members reviewed the Conference Agenda.

Letter

- Letter to Mr. Robbie Ost.

Urban Weed Control Grant – Foremost

- Expense Verification for Grant 2010.

Mowing Contract

A letter and invoice has been sent to Volker Stevin for the Mowing Contract.

Youth Range Daze

- Letter from Julie Sisson regarding Youth Range Daze.

Thank You

- Thank you letter from Alberta Farm Safety Centre.

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 11:45 A. M.

CARRIED.