

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, November 1st, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Joan Hughson, at 9:39 A.M.

*Members Present: Bruce Robertson
Bryne Lengyel
Ronald Lane
Tom Thacker
Ronald Harty
Craig Widmer*

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

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on September 6th, 2011.

CARRIED.

Delegations

10:00 A. M. – Bob Kaufman

Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman updated Agricultural Service Board Members on the Joint Conservation Contract with Cypress County.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were several items added to the Agenda by Members present.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 25th, 2011.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

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

Items Discussed:

- Reduced roadside spraying due to winds
- Continued effort to spray *Kerb* to control ongoing Foxtail problems
- Volker Stevin Contract – roadside mowing
- Discussed demo on the Schulte Flexarm
- Engine repair – Kubota Mower
- Trees moved from Highway No. 3 Nursery to the Hamlet of Burdett
- Roadside seeding jobs
- Vacation schedule.

Bob Kaufman present.

Mr. Kaufman, Conservation Co-ordinator, reported on activities that he has been involved with for the period of September and October, 2011. A copy of the reports has been attached as Addendum "B" to the Minutes.

Bob Kaufman left the Meeting.

Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

Agricultural Service Board Members discussed the *2011 Strategic Plan*.

Board Members requested Dave Matz make the necessary changes as discussed throughout the Plan. The revised Strategic Plan will be presented at the December 13, 2011 Agricultural Service Board Meeting.

South Region Agricultural Service Board Committee Report

Dave Matz updated Members on the South Region Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting held on October 26, 2011.

Members discussed private seed cleaning units that do not test for *Fusarium Graminearum* and the need for more education and research into resistant grain varieties.

Members also discussed:

- the continuation of the South Region Weed Co-ordinator position
- the need for Provincial funding of rural water co-ops
- the possibility of a permanent registration for 2% Strychnine

Fusarium Graminearum

Agriculture Service Board Members reviewed a letter from the County of Newell No. 4 expressing the following concerns:

- Fusarium Zero Tolerance Policy
- Direction that the County of Newell No. 4 would like to see the South Region Agricultural Service Board Committee encourage the Province to take
- Continue the fight through education and promotion (newsletters and brochures)

2011 In-service Training

MOVED approval for Dave Matz and Kevin Jesske to attend the 2011 Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen In-service Training December 5 to 9, 2011 in Edmonton.

CARRIED.

Meeting Date

MOVED that the December Meeting date be moved from December 6 to December 13, 2011.

CARRIED.

Burdett Cemetery

MOVED approval to contribute \$1,200.00 towards a gate at the Burdett Cemetery.

Resolution responses

Members deferred the review of Resolution responses to the December 13, 2011 Meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Invoice – Highway Mowing and Spraying

- Volker Stevin Invoice – Highway mowing and spraying

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 12:09 P. M.

CARRIED.