

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 3, 2012.

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

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

*Also Present: Dale Brown, County Administrator
Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman
Sandra Reid, Secretary to the County Administrator*

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on May 1st, 2012.

CARRIED.

Items Added to the Agenda

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

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31st, 2012.

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.

- Spring weather has presented some difficulty completing spraying and weed control.
- No-till drills have been out steady.
- Tree spraying is ongoing.
- Spraying and Mowing has been completed in all the Hamlets, shop yards, waste collection sites at least once, and 40 Mile Park twice.
- Roadside spraying has been completed on the new construction on Highway No. 879 and Highway No. 61.
- Cemetery mowing is ongoing.
- Rain days have presented the opportunity to complete some miscellaneous tasks – trees were trimmed at ball diamonds, railway ties removed at Burdett campground, new gate installed at Whitla Cemetery, bathrooms painted at 40 Mile Park, rocks picked at the old tree nursery, trees planted at the Foremost nursery, landscaping began at the Administration Office.
- A new sign was constructed for the Agricultural Shop and signs will be built for 40 Mile Park.
- Roadside mowing began in early June.
- Highway mowing began June 21.
- Mr. Wentz has declined the Salinity Project due to lack of interest from Ratepayers. The Environment Grant funds were allocated for this project This funding must be used for wages and will be put towards such projects as tree spraying, tree-moving, planting, and bio-bug for example.
- The Project Tracking System has had to be revised to accommodate the Environment Grant fund requirements.

- Mr. Matz has been involved in some planning for Youth Range Daze as well as participating on the Review Committee for the Agricultural Service Board Act.

The Committee discussed the power and water in the Burdett Campground. Mr. Matz will inquire if power and water is on.

Mr. Matz presented the Performance Measures to date for the Agricultural Department Services.

Resolutions and Report Card

The Committee reviewed the 2012 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions and completed a Report Card to grade the response for each Resolution.

Agricultural Service Board Program Review

The Members reviewed an invitation for two Agricultural Service Board Members to attend a Grant Review Meeting to be held in Airdrie on August 28th, 2012. Chairman Joan Hughson, Darrell Van Arragon and Dave Matz will attend.

Calgary Stampede

Agricultural Chairperson, Joan Hughson will attend the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award Ceremony, July 9, 2012 on behalf of the County.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Prairie Shelterbelt Program

Council reviewed the letter of support sent for the re-instatement of the Shelterbelt Program.

Landfill Spraying

Mr. Matz informed Council that the Landfills have been sprayed.

Float

Council reported the float constructed by the Seasonal Agricultural staff was well done.

Cenotaph

Agricultural Fieldman, Dave Matz reported he has been in contact with Mr. Sprenkles regarding the cement work for the cenotaph and Mr. Sigglekow regarding the stucco. The wet weather has affected the completion of this project.

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

CARRIED.