

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, February 5, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Joan Hughson, at 9:05 A.M.

Members Present: *Ronald Lane*
 Bryne Lengyel
 Craig Widmer

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

Absent: *Bruce Robertson*
 Ronald Harty
 Tom Thacker

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on December 11, 2012.

CARRIED.

Delegations

Items Added to the Agenda

One item was added to the Agenda by the Members present.

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.

- Mr. Matz taught a *Farm Pesticide Course* to thirty-five farmers. The Committee discussed the course content and the difficulty of the program.
- MSDS binders are being brought up to date.
- Inventory counts have begun.
- Unit 591, the 3-ton spray truck, has been stripped of equipment to accommodate the installation of a large water tank and reconfigure the location of the pumps and controls.
- 2013 Budgets and Capital Plan are being prepared.
- Initial planning for next year's Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference to be held in Medicine Hat has begun. The Committee discussed potential speakers for the Conference.
- Servicing of equipment will be commencing.
- Future Plans - Updates for the Safety Program, preparation of a Training Plan for the Summer Staff return, preparation of articles for a Spring Newsletter and a Work Plan for the Environmental Program.

Preliminary Budget

The Members reviewed and discussed the preliminary Budget for 2013. The Committee considered various options of reducing the Budget and options for wages and hiring Agricultural Staff.

Mr. Matz will be sending out the callback letters for the summer positions.

Mr. Matz presented the services the Agricultural Department performed in 2012 and is attached as Addendum 'B' to the Minutes. The Report provided the Committee Members with a detailed breakdown of the cost per project.

Rabies Surveillance Program

Mr. Matz reported the Rabies Surveillance Program is being brought back with an estimated cost of \$2,000.00 per week of surveillance. The Committee discussed the breakdown of the wages. The County of Warner will be administrating the Program.

MOVED approval to participate in the Rabies Surveillance Program at a maximum cost of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED.

2012 Performance Measures

The Committee reviewed the Final Report for the 2012 Agricultural Service Board Grant.

MOVED approval of the Final Report for the 2012 Agricultural Service Board Grant.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Bursary

An error was made at the November Meeting and a Resolution was made to award a Bursary to Ashton Wikkerink in the amount of \$500.00. The amount should have been \$1,000.00 split into two amounts.

MOVED approval to award the second payment of the Agricultural Service Board Bursary to Ashton Wikkerink in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED.

Burdett Days

Mr. Matz provided an update on the Burdett Days Centennial Committee Meeting.

The County has been requested to repair the current outhouses at the Ball Diamonds. As they are in disrepair the best solution would be to demolish them. Therefore, the County has received a request to provide two portable outhouses and a wash station for the Centennial Weekend, at an approximate cost of \$200.00, plus pick-up and delivery. The consensus of Council was to repair the outhouses to a usable condition. Mr. Matz will provide the Centennial Committee a breakdown of assistance already being provided.

Mr. Matz has received a request from the Village of Foremost to mow the Rodeo Grounds a few times this year. Mr. Matz will discuss with the Village the amount of mowing expected.

Mr. Matz is considering requesting the Town of Bow Island or the Village of Foremost to perform street sweeping services in Burdett.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Letter

The Members reviewed a letter from Wheatland County regarding the expiry of 2% strychnine registration. Mr. Matz believes there was a typographical error when establishing the retail sale date and the registration expiration date.

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 12:05 P. M.

CARRIED.