

**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, May 5, 2015.**

The Meeting was called to order by the Agriculture Chairman, Craig Widmer, at 9:00 A.M.

**Members Present:** *Steven Wikkerink  
Chantel Timmons  
Gerald Reimer  
Craig Widmer  
Bryne Lengyel  
Ronald Harty*

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

**Absent:** *Joan Hughson*

### **Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on March 3, 2015.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Amendments to the Agenda**

**MOVED that the May 5, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2015.**

**CARRIED.**

Joan Hughson now present at the meeting.

### **Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

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

- In March time was spent working in the Shop on a variety of equipment.
- Hydro seeder completed.
- Soil sterilant sprayed at various shop sites and waste transfer sites. Some roads were sprayed with Gramoxone to burn off the grass before graders pull up the shoulders. Spraying has commenced at 40 Mile Park for weeds and dandelions before campers arrive.
- The tree spade has been busy moving Spruce trees to various locations; Etzikom Cemetery, Nemiscam Cemetery, in Etzikom, 40 Mile Park. Agriculture Staff assisted with mowing when possible. The no-till drills have done over 500 acres with no issues and will continue to be kept quite busy.

- Summer staff will be spraying hamlets, park, and roadsides. Agriculture Staff will start mowing in Burdett and Etzikom.
- 2% Liquid Strychnine being shipped from Africa.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Alberta Agriculture on May 28, 2015 regarding the review of Agricultural Pest Act. Mr. Matz would like to attend the meeting on May 28, 2015 as there is a push from northern counties to keep Fusarium Graminearum on the Declared Pest List. Council agreed Mr. Matz should attend for informational purposes.

### **Highland Cemetery Sign**

Mr. Matz enclosed a proof and pricing for a gate sign approximately 10 feet by 2 feet with poles at each side for Highland Cemetery. Estimate provided by FormTech at a cost of \$1,420.00 (sandblasted and powder coated topper with side poles).

**MOVED to purchase the Highland Cemetery sign from FormTech at a cost of \$1,420.00.**

**CARRIED.**

### **2015 Agriculture Service Board Tour**

**Mr. Matz presented a brochure for this year's Agriculture Service Board Tour from July 14 - July 17, 2015 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.**

### **Report on Bio Control Activities 2014**

Mr. Matz presented a report from Karma Tiberg on the Southern Alberta Program.

- Leafy Spurge
- Knapweed
- Hounds Tongue extremely effective

### **Youth Range Days**

Mr. Matz presented a brochure for the 2015 Youth Range Days event. The County had previously supported this event with a \$500.00 donation.

**MOVED that the County of Forty Mile No. 8 provide a \$500.00 financial contribution to the Youth Range Days Program.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Insect Forecast**

Mr. Matz reviewed Insect Forecast maps prepared by the Pest Surveillance Branch that forecasts the County to be an area at high risk for Bertha Army Worm, Cabbage Seed Pod Weevil, Pea Leaf Weevil and Grasshopper outbreaks all at the same time.

The Board felt this information should be relayed to the producer through an Ad in the County Commentator, on the County Website and Mr. Matz will be compiling a newsletter notifying producers as well.

### **40 Mile Park and Ag Board Update**

- Dave & Darrell to keep each other informed and updated on what is happening between the Departments.
- Prioritize tasks to be completed as Council considers both as one department.
- Co-ordinate tasks to assist each other's department.
- Considerable gravelling completed.
- Storage bins are distributed throughout the Park.
- Set up recycling options for the Park.
- Delegating administrative duties where possible.

- Train permanent staff on certain duties that happen on a yearly basis.

Council to follow-up on the inter-relations between the 40 Mile Park and the Agriculture Department further in the Fall.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Alberta Pork Traceability Regulations**

The Agriculture Service Board received notification on March 11, 2015 that Alberta's Swine Traceability Regulations under the Animal Health Act which regulates full movement of swine and deadstock came into effect on June 27, 2014.

**Thank You Card from District 4-H**

Mr. Matz enclosed a Thank You Card from District 4-H for sponsoring the presentation award.

**Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties**

Representatives from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties will be meeting with the County Council / Agriculture Service Board Committee on May 5, 2015 from 2:15 P. M. to 3:15 P. M. to discuss any municipal / association related issues.

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 10:55 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**