

**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 7, 2017.**

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

**Members Present:** *Chantel Timmons  
Craig Widmer  
Bryne Lengyel  
Steven Wikkerink  
Joan Hughson*

**Members Absent:** *Gerald Reimer  
Ronald Harty*

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

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on December 13, 2016.**

**CARRIED.**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

**MOVED that the February 7, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with no amendments.**

**CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2016.**

**CARRIED.**

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

The Agricultural Fieldman's Report was presented by Mr. Matz as per Addendum 'A' to the Minutes.

**MOVED to accept the Agricultural Fieldman's Report as per "Addendum A" to the Minutes.**

**CARRIED.**

**2017 Proposed Budget**

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed the 2017 Proposed Budget.

**2016 Performance Measures**

Performance Measures are required for the Agriculture Service Board Grant submission and were presented for the Committee's review.

**MOVED approval of the Performance Measures and that they be submitted as part of the Agricultural Service Board Grant reporting.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Agricultural Plastics**

The Agricultural Fieldman and Agricultural Service Board. Committee Members discussed what role the Agricultural Service Board would have in assisting farmers with collecting and transporting agricultural plastics.

Agricultural Service Board Members agreed that more information is required to determine the number of bags to be recycled. Mr. Matz to compile questions for survey and obtain information on this from producers.

### **Youth Range Days Sponsorship**

This year's event will be held in the County of Warner at Gold Springs Park from July 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Board has made a \$500.00 donation for a number of years.

- Range Days celebrates our heritage and provides a mentoring environment for youth ages 13 to 18 for fun and learning in an outdoor setting.
- This camp highlights learning about local wildlife, working agricultural landscapes, plant identification, range health field sessions, and riparian health.
- Range Days camp provides information that will increase the participant's knowledge and awareness about the rangelands they live in and the proper management to keep the resources sustainable for future generations.

**MOVED that the County of Forty Mile No. 8 provide a \$500.00 financial contribution to the 2017 Youth Range Days Program.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Safety Smarts Request for Funding**

A request for support in the amount of \$2,467.50 has been submitted for 2017. In 2016, the Board provided \$1,250.00 in funding.

**MOVED to support the Farm Safety Centre in the amount of \$1,250.00.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Farm Family Nomination Process**

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed the nomination process for selecting the Farm Family of the Year and agreed Mr. Matz consult other counties on what process they use and contact the County Commentator regarding continued support.

### **Milk River Watershed Council Sponsorship**

The Milk River Watershed Council requested a donation towards their fundraiser for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Appreciation Forum being held on March 9, 2017.

**MOVED approval for the County of Forty Mile No. 8 to provide a donation to the silent auction for the Milk River Watershed Council 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Appreciation Forum fundraiser.**

**CARRIED.**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

December 2016 Pest Insider Newsletter from Phil Merrill

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:30 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**