

**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 2, 2017.**

The Meeting was called to order by the Agriculture Chairman, Craig Widmer, at 9:02 A. M.

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

**Members Absent:**     **Ronald Harty**  
                              **Darrell Van Arragon, Assistant Agricultural**  
  **Fieldman**

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

**Delegation**

10:00 A. M. - Sheldon Stanley - Committed Ag Supply  
11:00 A. M. - Phil Merrill - Key Contact, Alberta Agriculture

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on March 7, 2017.**

**CARRIED.**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

**MOVED that the May 2, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with no amendments.**

**CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report**

No Report until after budget.

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

The Agricultural Fieldman's Report was presented to the Committee by Mr. Matz.

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

**CARRIED.**

**2017 Agricultural Service Board Tour**

The Committee reviewed the invitation to attend the Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour hosted by Mountain View County and Red Deer County on July 11 – 14, 2017. Members are to advise Mr. Matz if they wish to attend the Summer Tour.

### **Farm Family Award Invitation**

The Committee reviewed a letter from Calgary Stampede inviting a representative to the Farm Family Brunch and Award ceremonies on July 10, 2017 honouring the Dykstra Family.

Councillor Wikkerink will attend the Farm Family Brunch and Award Ceremony on July 10, 2017 at 9:00 A. M. on the behalf of the County of Forty Mile No. 8.

### **Plastic Survey on Website**

Mr. Matz confirmed eight people replied to the plastic survey on the County website.

### **Sheldon Stanley – Committed Ag Supply/Delegation Present**

Mr. Sheldon Stanley discussed with the ASB Members options for recycling plastic grain bags at Committed Ag Supply:

- Make a break even venture; \$25 per bag recycling fee, any type of bags unless severely contaminated, to cover pick up and freight fees
- Committed Ag will pick up at collection site, transport on a 50 foot flat deck trailer strapped down and determine number of bales per load to their Lethbridge location
- 9 mil weight plastic bags recyclable not 5 mil

Mr. Sheldon Stanley left the meeting.

### **Phil Merrill/Provincial Rat and Pest Specialist/Delegation Present**

Mr. Merrill discussed with Members the following:

- Various issues on gophers and rats and methods to reduce them
- Wild boar invasive species in Alberta; enhanced fencing standards legislated in 2014 for wild boar producers
- Bill 6 Farm Safety Program; a manual two day course broken down into two hour workshops

### **Moles Issue**

ASB Chairman Widmer inquired if moles were an issue in Alberta Mr. Merrill advised there is no control measures or program to alleviate issues with moles

Mr. Phil Merrill left the meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Alberta Agricultural Service Boards Brochure
- Report on Weed Bio Control Activities
- The Pest Insider Newsletter
- Highland Cemetery Sign Photo
- Goddard Cemetery Sign Photo
- Letter from Alberta Environment and Parks Regarding Weed Control on Vacant Public Land

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:44 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**