

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, September 5, 2017.

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

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

Members Absent: *Dale Brown, County Administrator*

Also Present: *Kerri Buis, Director of Finance
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 June 6, 2017.

CARRIED.

Amendments to the Agenda

MOVED that the September 5, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with the following amendment:

- **Yellow Lake**

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CARRIED.

Councillor Ron Harty present in the meeting.

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.

Roadside Spraying Map

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed a map of sprayed roads as of August 10, 2017; map is two to three weeks behind due to computer issues.

Committee Members agreed spraying should be done earlier in the season preferably the end of May or the first couple of weeks of June and objectives be reviewed by the Agricultural Fieldman regarding various spraying options to bring up the efficiency of the spraying program.

Fusarium Head Blight Summary

Committee Members discussed the Fusarium Head Blight Summary that was performed last summer and noted Fusarium at the current time has been reduced considerably to last year.

Proposed Corporate Tax Changes

Committee Members reviewed a letter regarding proposed corporate tax changes pertaining to the family farm and the lifetime capital gains deduction.

Agricultural Service Board Bursary

Members reviewed an application for this year's Agricultural Service Board Bursary from Mattias Crooymans.

Members agreed an ad be placed in the Commentator with a picture presenting the Agricultural Service Board Bursary, as this would provide information for future applicants.

MOVED that a \$1,000.00 Agricultural Service Board Bursary be awarded to Mattias Crooymans for the 2017 school year.

CARRIED.

Yellow Lake

Councillor Reimer updated Committee Members that Yellow Lake has different shelves located in it and at certain shelves in the lake it is almost dry. There is alkali blowing over the road at the east end of Yellow Lake.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Halfbreed Creek Leafy Spurge before and after pictures
- Milk River Watershed Council Canada Letter to Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the Proposed Action Plan for Milk and St. Mary River Basins

MOVED that a letter be sent to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in support of the comments/concerns that were expressed in the Milk River Watershed Council Canada's formal response dated June 9, 2017 regarding the need for significant revision, clarification, and consultation to be conducted before any further or future action is taken to address Species at Risk concerns within the proposed Action Plan for the Milk River and St. Mary River Basins in Canada.

- SAEWA Brochure regarding Riparian Areas Restoration around Seven Persons

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 10:39 A. M.

CARRIED.