

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, November 7, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by the Agriculture Chairman at 9:03 A. M.

Members Present: *Chantel Timmons
Craig Widmer
Stacey Barrows
Steven Wikkerink
Joan Hughson
Gerald Reimer*

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 September 5, 2017.

CARRIED.

Amendments to the Agenda

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

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

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

CARRIED.

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

The Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed a year end 2017 spray map.

Minister's Roundtable on Fusarium Management

Mr. Matz reviewed with Agricultural Service Board Members the points discussed at the Minister's Roundtable on Fusarium Management Meeting held on October 23, 2017 as follows:

- Corn residue management; corn can be grown back to back but if wheat is planted, the seed has to be zero tolerant on fusarium.
- Corn is not regulated for rotation at all; a management plan in place only on wheat seed and not any other factors
- Corn straw can carry fusarium by the leaves in the wind and moves around considerably
- Resistant varieties are not truly resistant, only some tolerance
- Very little resistance has been developed worldwide

- Need longer rotations between wheat to reduce plant matter
- Fungicides are not very effective (only 50%)
- Need to have an annual surveillance program and increase research capacity
- Need to be able to make changes to program faster
- Need a leader in communication
 - Seed growers and sellers appear self-serving when they do the education
- Need more stakeholders involved; corn growers can grow back to back but cereal needs to be tested for seeding.
- Update economic analysis and Fusarium Graminearum impact
- Zero tolerance was meant to keep Fusarium away, but seed is only one method of spread. Crop residue, corn, straw transportation should have been part of the strategy
- Research and genetics are important
- Need more surveillance
- Teamwork, less duplication, common message

2017 In Service Training

MOVED approval for Dave Matz and Darrell Van Arragon to attend the 2017 In Service Training in Grande Prairie from December 4 - 8, 2017

Delegation Present/ Mr. Patrick Jablkowski, Watership Coordinator and Ms. Marilou Montemayor, Executive Director / SEAWA

Ms. Montemayor presented an update on SEAWA to the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members.

Mr. Jablkowski discussed with the Committee Members the assessment of the riparian conditions in the Seven Persons Creek Watershed.

Ms. Montemayor and Mr. Jablkowski left the meeting.

Occupational Health and Safety on Farms/Consultations

The Committee Members discussed Occupational Health and Safety as it pertains to farms and ranches and noted the public can provide input to the Alberta Government by January 15, 2018.

The Alberta Government will then begin drafting regulations based on both the recommendations of the technical working groups that reviewed the Occupational Health and Safety Code and public feedback.

Farming Smarter Request a Letter for Support

Farming Smarter is looking to leverage their current funding from the Agriculture Opportunity Fund to access Federal funds under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members agreed No Action.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ASB Grant Factsheet
- Pest Insider Newsletter

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:50 A. M.

CARRIED.