

**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 6, 2018.**

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

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

**Members Absent:** *Steven Wikkerink  
Darrell Van Arragon, Assistant Agricultural  
Fieldman*

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

**Delegations:** *10:00 A. M. - Cst. Matt Kennedy / R. C. M. P.  
11:00 A. M. - Mr. Tim Romanow, Executive Director /  
Milk River Watershed Council of Canada*

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on December 12, 2017.**

**CARRIED.**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

**MOVED that the February 6, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with the following amendment:**

- **Digging Graves**

**CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**No Report**

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

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

**CARRIED.**

**Digging Graves**

Mr. Matz discussed with the Committee Members the digging of graves in close proximity to each other in. The Ag Department does not have the proper equipment to do this in order to prevent headstones and other graves from being disturbed. Mr. Matz informed Committee Members there is a plot in Highfield Cemetery that will require a mini track hoe to dig the grave and will be an additional expense to rent.

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members agreed the rental cost of the mini track hoe be covered by the family and the labour be provided by the County at no charge.

The Ag Department is currently repairing the Faith Union Cemetery sign and building a gate for it. The Ag Department will also be placing new signs at Burlington and Ebenezer Cemeteries.

Cst. Matthew Kennedy of Foremost / Bow Island RCMP Detachment and David Hoekstra / Executive Assistant to MP Glen Motz / Delegation Present

### **Alberta Crime Watch**

Cst. Matthew Kennedy discussed with the Agricultural Service Board Members how to set up a rural crime watch and keep it rolling in our area. The crime watch will include meetings, executive board set-up, and the whole organization of the rural crime watch.

The initial meeting will be informational on set up and include a layout process, board set up, and liaison with the RCMP. The RCMP will provide information to determine crime and be in constant communication with the board. RCMP will require local people to be on the board to increase support from the community. Cst. Kennedy will request the Alberta Provincial Crime Watch to conduct the first meeting and provide all the information. The rural crime watch board will include all of the County of Forty Mile and be divided into sectors with individual representatives from each area of the County.

Cst. Kennedy plans to arrange several public meetings to determine if there is enough interest in creating a rural crime watch by advertising in the County Commentator, the Cypress County Newsletter, and placing posters in various communities to inform the public when the meetings will be held in Bow Island and Etzikom. The RCMP will provide essential information to individuals on the tips and tricks of what to report as a crime and be aware of in the circumstances around them. There will be roving patrols and signs available for purchase.

Cst. Kennedy and Mr. Hoekstra left the meeting.

### **Bill 6 Consultations**

Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed a letter from the United Conservative Party requesting Bill 6 Consultations be extended to April 30, 2018 with at least two town hall meetings. Consultations have been extended to February 26, 2018. Mr. Matz updated members that the Occupational Health and Safety Code requirements apply to all municipalities and farms.

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

The Farm Safety Centre has requested financial support in the amount of \$1,039.50. Funding in the amount of \$1,250.00 has been provided the past three years.

**MOVED approval to provide \$1,039.50 in financial support to the Farm Safety Centre.**

**CARRIED.**

Tim Romanow, Executive Director / Milk River Watershed Council of Canada / Delegation Present

Mr. Romanow provided a presentation to the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members on what the Milk River Watershed Council represents, what its' objectives are, their approach to watershed management, and their new three year strategic plan.

The Milk River Watershed Council requested support for their Annual Community Appreciation Forum on March 27, 2018. Last year an item was donated to the Silent Auction.

Mr. Romanow left the meeting.

**MOVED approval to donate a booster pack to the Milk River Watershed Council for their silent auction.**

**CARRIED.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Farm Family Nomination for this year's Farm Family Award
- Pest Insider Newsletter

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:47 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**