

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, December 11, 2018.

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

Members Present: *Chantel Timmons
Craig Widmer
Stacey Barrows
Diane Harty
Steve Wikkerink
Joan Hughson*

Member Absent: *Gerald Reimer*

Also Present: *Dale Brown, County Administrator
Darrell VanArragon, Agricultural Fieldman
Paula Mueller, Executive Assistant*

Absent: *Keith Bodin, Associate Administrator*

Delegation: *Mr. Ken Coles, General Manager and
Mr. Craig Walsh, Board Member /
Farming Smarter*

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on October 2, 2018.

CARRIED.

Amendments to the Agenda

MOVED that the December 11, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Pest Management
- Meeting on Club Root

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2018.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

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

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

CARRIED.

2019 Meeting Dates

MOVED approval of the 2019 Meeting Dates of February 5, March 5, May 7, June 4, September 3, October 1, and December 10.

CARRIED.

Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association

Committee Members reviewed a request for sponsorship from Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association and the Alberta Farmers Market Association for the 2019 Farm to Market to Table Conference.

Agricultural Service Board Members agreed No Action.

2019 Provincial A.S.B. Conference

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed the 2019 Provincial ASB Conference Agenda and registration information scheduled for January 21 - 24, 2019.

Councillors Widmer, Harty, Timmons, Barrows, Reimer and Reeve Wikkerink will attend. Councillor Hughson will not be attending. The Administrator and Agricultural Fieldman will be attending.

2019 Proposed Budget

Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed the proposed budget for 2019.

Delegation Present / Mr. Ken Coles, General Manager and Mr. Craig Walsh, Board Member of Farming Smarter

Mr. Coles provided a presentation to the Committee Members on farm innovation and adaptive research areas. Farming Smarter is an organization that provides research and information to farmers and is a producer directed, non-profit organization that conducts research for Alberta farmers.

Lethbridge College has partnered with Farming Smarter, to work together on research programs and become more involved with agriculture.

Mr. Ken Coles and Mr. Craig Walsh left the meeting.

2019 Equipment Rates

The Agricultural Service Board Committee reviewed the Equipment Rental Agreement and recommended no change in the rates for 2019.

Laptop for Manager's Truck

Mr. VanArragon reviewed with the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members about purchasing a Manager's laptop for his truck to track sprayers and mowers.

MOVED approval to purchase a Manager's laptop to enable the Agricultural Fieldman to track sprayers and mowers.

CARRIED.

Mr. Dale Brown left the meeting.

Ms. Kerri Buis present in the meeting.

Agricultural Funding Workshop for Producers

The Agricultural Service Board Members reviewed with the Agricultural Fieldman about hosting a Producer Workshop in February 2019. The Agricultural Fieldman will provide a list of topics for discussion.

Members agreed a Producer Workshop would be a benefit.

Agricultural Service Board Resolutions

The Committee Members reviewed the following Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions that will be discussed at the ASB Conference in January 2019.

	<u>Support</u>
• Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine	Y
• Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	Y
• Deadstock Removal	N
• Carbon Credits for Permanent Pasture and Forested Lands	Y
• Multi-Stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta	Y
• Step Program Agricultural Eligibility	N

Pest Management

Reeve Wikkerink reviewed with members the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Policy of zero percent tolerance for Fusarium Graminearum.

Club Root Meeting

A meeting on club root is scheduled for January 7, 2019. Reeve Wikkerink to attend the meeting. The Agricultural Fieldman will e-mail information to all Councillors.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2018 In Service Training

- 2018 In Service Training Agenda for Agricultural Staff
- Photos of the recent cemetery sign upgrade south of Etzikom.
- Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator Activity Report for October to November 2018.

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 11:29 A. M.

CARRIED.