

**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, March 5, 2019.**

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*  
   *Gerald Reimer*

**Also Present:**                *Keith Bodin, Administrator*  
   *Darrell VanArragon, Agricultural Fieldman*  
   *Paula Mueller, Executive Assistant*

**Delegation:**                 *11:30 A. M. - Mr. and Mrs. Jos and Bea Langeweg*  
   *2018 Farm Family of the Year*

**Minutes**

**MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on February 5, 2019.**

**CARRIED.**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

**MOVED that the March 5, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with the following amendments:**

- **Ag Service Board Review**

**CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report**

No Report

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

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

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

**CARRIED.**

**4H District Communications Day**

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members discussed a request by a local 4H group for a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for their District Communications Day being held in Bow Island.

**MOVED approval to donate \$500.00 in support of the District Communications Day being held in Bow Island.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Ag Plastics Recycling**

The Agricultural Fieldman reviewed with the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members about his discussion with the CEO of EcoGenX Ag Recycling Ltd. on their requirements for picking up used grain bags.

### **Rabies Surveillance Program**

The Agricultural Fieldman reviewed with the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members about continuing their partnership with a similar amount of \$5,000.00 that is budgeted annually to provide about two weeks of surveillance.

**MOVED approval to continue with the Rabies Surveillance Program at a cost of \$5,000.00 to provide two weeks of surveillance.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Youth Range Days Sponsorship**

The Youth Range Days will be based out of the Grain Hall at Aden this year.

**MOVED approval to sponsor Youth Range Days being held in Grain Hall at Aden in the amount of \$500.00.**

**CARRIED.**

### **Ag Service Board Review**

Councillor Barrows and Councillor Hughson reported to the Agricultural Service Board Committee Members on the review of the Agricultural Service Boards they had attended of the following:

- the Board was requesting feedback from each municipality on their Agricultural Service Board of what works and what isn't working and is it worth having an Agricultural Service Board in all counties
- funding should continue and not be reduced
- education on agriculture for rural and urban areas
- determine who the County's key contact is to utilize this person for Agricultural Service Board Meetings to provide presentations on various grant programs and event happening in government
- more communication is required from the government level to the Agriculture Offices and then to the Agricultural Service Boards
- educate the general public about agriculture by providing positive information on social media

**MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 9:59 A. M.**

**CARRIED.**