

November 7, 2016 Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held November 7, 2016 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

Chairman	Sandra Eastman
Councillor Member	Janice Reyda
Members at Large	Rick Keillor
	Nigel Thorne
	Judy Bowcott
	Brian Grant
	George Leger
Manager of Agricultural Services	Nasar Iqbal
Recording Secretary	Barbara Johnson

**Call to Order**

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

George Leger:            MOVED that the agenda for the November 7, 2016 ASB meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

**Approval of Minutes****1. July 18, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

Rick Keillor:            MOVED that the minutes of the July 18, 2016 ASB meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes****1. Rock Picking Equipment**

Nasar advised the Board that a Model 800 Quicker Picker rock picker has been purchased at a cost of \$9,895.00 plus GST. He discussed its performance with the Board.

**Reports****1. Manager of Ag Services Report**

The Manager of Agricultural Services reviewed his written report, outlining his activities from July - November 2016. The Board discussed methods to resolve mowers hitting culverts and damaging tires due to inability to spot the culverts.

George Leger:            MOVED to enable the M.D. to contract with Alberta Transportation for weed control along the highways in the M.D. if the need arises and if the Manager of Ag Services feels the ASB department will be able to handle the contract.

Carried

Brian Grant:            MOVED that the Manager of Ag Services Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Delegation****1. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association**

Liisa Vihvelin, Jen Allen and Akim Omokanye joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. They reviewed PCBFA 2016 events and projects and also outlined the upcoming projects and events planned for 2017.

Liisa Vihvelin, Jen Allen and Akim Omokanye excused themselves from the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**New Business****1. Regional ASB Conference Voting Members and Resolutions**

Nasar reviewed the procedures for the Regional ASB Conference and the proposed resolution regarding number of voting delegates to be allowed at the regional conferences.

Nigel Thorne:            MOVED that the number of voting delegates at the ASB Regional Conferences be left as is with all members present at conferences being allowed to vote.

Carried

The Agricultural Service Board accepted the resolutions for information only.

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#### 2. Crop in Field Sign/Ag Disaster Declaration

The Board discussed the need for a media blitz to inform the public that there are many crops still in the fields and not to quad or sled on those fields.

The Manager of Ag Services was requested to research free "Use Respect – Ask First" signs that may be available from the Provincial Government for use by M.D. farmers in order to add signage to their fields warning of crop still out.

The Board accepted for information only the notifications of the municipalities who declared an agricultural disaster this fall.

#### 3. BSE Testing

Janice Reyda reported that there are 3 V.S.I. member municipalities who have budgeted to subsidize the cost of BSE testing due to reduced government funding. The Board accepted this item as information only.

#### 4. Scentless Chamomile Control/Weed Notices/Foxtail Control - Esplanade

Nasar reviewed 2016 weed issues and weed notices with the Board. In 2017 Nasar will personally inspect lands near Peace River on which scentless chamomile has already been growing in order to better monitor infestations.

#### 5. Rental Equipment Bylaw

George Leger:            MOVED that the Agricultural Service Board recommend increasing the following ASB rates on the Fees and Charges Bylaw:

- Labor picking scentless chamomile       \$25.00/hour/person
- Spray Vehicles including 2 operators  
and cost of herbicide                                 \$200.00/hour

Carried

The Agricultural Service Board recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 1:07 p.m. with the same members present.

#### 8. ASB Meetings

The Board agreed that the 2017 ASB meetings will be held on February 15, April 26, August 2 and November 8, 2017.

#### 6. ASB Strategic Plan

Janice Reyda:            MOVED that the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan be accepted by the Agricultural Service Board as amended.

Carried

#### 7. 2017 ASB Budget

Janice Reyda:            MOVED that the 2017 ASB Budget be accepted as presented.

Carried

#### 9. Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference: Jan. 24-27, 2017 - Edmonton

Sandra Eastman, Rick Keillor and Judy Bowcott will attend the Provincial ASB Conference in Edmonton. Nasar will book hotel rooms.

#### Members' Business


None

#### Information

Board members reviewed the information items.

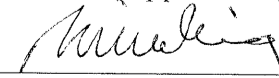
#### Adjournment


Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Manager of Agricultural Services

These minutes approved by Council the 14th day of March, 2017.

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer