

March 28, 2018

Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held March 28, 2018 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

Chairman  
Councillor Member  
Members at Large

Sandra Eastman  
Janice Reyda  
Rick Keillor  
Judy Bowcott  
Nigel Thorne

Manager of Agricultural Services  
Recording Secretary

Nasar Iqbal  
Lelia Sumner

**Call to Order**

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Judy Bowcott: MOVED that the agenda for the March 28, 2018 ASB meeting be adopted with the addition of the following:

7. Farmers' Appreciation Night Questionnaire  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**November 8, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

Judy Bowcott: MOVED that the minutes of the November 8, 2017 ASB meeting be approved.

Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**1. Genetically Engineered Alfalfa/Roundup Ready Alfalfa**

Nasar advised the Board that the Provincial Government will not approve the MD's GMO Alfalfa Bylaw because the purpose and intent of the Weed Control Act is to safeguard against the introduction and spread of invasive weeds, not to regulate commerce or the marketplace.

Member at Large Christi Friesen joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Nigel Thorne: MOVED that a letter be addressed back to the Provincial Government following the existing letter that was previously sent by some of the Peace region municipalities, adding that this decision curtails the municipality's efforts in keeping this Genetically Engineered Alfalfa out of the Peace region.

Carried

**Delegation**

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

Liisa Vihvelin and Lekshmi Sreekumar entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and presented activities of the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association from 2017 and upcoming events.

Member at Large George Leger joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Chairperson Eastman recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Liisa Vihvelin and Lekshmi Sreekumar left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Chairperson Eastman re-convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**Reports**

**1. Manager of Ag Services Report**

The Manager of Agricultural Services reviewed his written report, outlining his activities from November 2017 - March 2018.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Manager of Ag Services Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

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### 1. Rural Acreage Owner Herbicide Weed Control Program

The board discussed the program regarding spraying on acreages.

George Leger: MOVED that the Rural Acreage Owner Herbicide Weed Control Program Contract be approved for the 2018 year and be reviewed each year.

Carried

### 2. Clubroot of Canola Policy

The policy was reviewed and the Board was updated on the Municipal District requirements of road use permits issued to oil companies and the possibility of contamination. The ATCO pipeline project in the Municipal District was also discussed and pinpointed for sampling for Clubroot.

### 3. Benefit Cap for Producers Under VSI Program

Nigel Thorne: MOVED that Municipal District impose a temporary cap under the VSI Program of \$1000 per producer subject to a review at the next A meeting.

Carried

### 4. MD of Peace Field Visit by Alberta Agriculture Representative

Alan Efetha, Agriculture Extension Specialist with the Agriculture Development Unit met with Nasar Iqbal, Ag Fieldman for the MD of Peace on July 20, 2017. The MD receive funding under the Legislative Funding Stream of the ASB Grant and were able to demonstrate that they had programs related to each of these funding streams indicating effective use of ASB Grant dollars. Recommendations were also listed and discussed by the Board and Nasar was asked to check into funding for programming.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that Nasar Iqbal research funding for the Emergency Preparedness Program for livestock.

Carried

### 5. 2018 Shelterbelt Program

Nasar informed the Board that the 2018 shelterbelt program has been advertised on Facebook and the Municipal District website.

### 6. ASB Rental Mower Breakdown and Producer Request to cover Cost

The Board accepted for information.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Board authorize Nasar and Nigel to inspect and assess damages on the rental mower and advise the renter to proceed with repairs at the renter's expense as per contract.

Carried

### 7. Farmer's Appreciation Night 2018

Nasar asked for a Board member to pick up the entertainer on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in Grande Prairie and bring to Grimshaw. Janice Reyda offered to pick up the entertainer in Grande Prairie and Nasar will be able to take him back to Grande Prairie on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 8. Purchase of Mower, Tractor and Truck

Nasar provided an update on this item. He is checking to see if the Rural Municipalities of Alberta would have prices to compare to with local suppliers.

### 9. Provincial ASB Summer Tour July 10 - 13, 2018 in Sherwood Park

Judy Bowcott, Janice Reyda, Sandra Eastman, Christi Friesen and Nasar Iqbal will attend the Provincial ASB Summer Tour in Sherwood Park.

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**Information** Board members reviewed the information items.

A letter was written to the Alberta Minister of Labour requesting an extension of comment period to April 30, 2018 regarding recommendations by Occupational Health and Safety on the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, however, the date was only extended to February 26, 2018.

Results from the insect survey were reviewed.

**Next Meeting** The next Agricultural Service Board meeting will be held Monday, June 25, 2018 at 9: a.m.

**Adjournment** Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Chairman

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Manager of Agricultural Services

These minutes approved by Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer