

Present

Chairman	Sandra Eastman
Councillor Member	Janice Reyda
Members at Large	Rick Keillor
	Judy Bowcott
	Nigel Thorne
	Christi Friesen

Manager of Agricultural Services	Nasar Iqbal
Recording Secretary	Lelia Sumner

Regrets

George Leger
Brian Grant

Call to Order Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda Janice Reyda: MOVED that the agenda for the July 25, 2018 ASB meeting be adopted. Carried

Approval of Minutes **March 28, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**
Janice Reyda: MOVED that the minutes of the March 28, 2018 ASB meeting be approved. Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes **1. Genetically Engineered Alfalfa/Roundup Ready Alfalfa**
Nasar explained to the board that he did not send out a second letter as was directed at the March 28, 2018 meeting for the fact that the government had stated that they would not approve the bylaw. He mentioned that County of Northern Lights is going ahead with implementing their own MGA bylaw, but the costs associated with it will be very high. Nasar will keep the board informed on the status of a proposed regional bylaw.

Delegation **1. MD of Peace Livestock Producers/VSI Cap Discussion**
Glen Leitch, Paul Kinnee, Allan Landaker and Darcy Eastman and Bonnie Wanchuk entered the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Delegation asked how the board can change what a signed contract states when it has already been in place. Janice Reyda explained that the contract is signed to cover the procedures and the level of service. The producers expressed that they would like to see the VSI program stay in place, keep the cap but set at a higher amount. The delegation suggested \$2000 to \$2500 and to notify the producer by letter informing when/if they are close to the limit.

The board and delegation also discussed the theft issues in the municipality and the possibility of Rural Crime Watch in the area.

The delegation left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

The board discussed options regarding a cap on the VSI program.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Municipal District impose an annual cap under the VSI Program of \$1,800 per producer subject to review and that each producer with a VSI number be informed by letter explaining the process.

Carried

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1. Manager of Ag Services Report

The Manager of Agricultural Services reviewed his written report, outlining his activities from April 2018 - July 2018.

Nasar would like to get the same speaker in for a workshop next year that presented the early prediction of Clubroot Rotation Risk Index at the Grande Prairie workshop.

Judy Bowcott: MOVED that the Manager of Ag Services Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

New Business

1. Update on our ASB Program/Feedback

Nasar updated the board on the progress to date.

2. Shelterbelt Program 2019

Nasar met with Woodmere Nursery regarding items that were ordered but were not available. To ensure the supply, the nursery would like a pre-order a year ahead.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the board set a spending limit of \$1000 for pre-ordering shelter belt trees.

Carried

3. Rural Acreage Owner Herbicide Weed Control Program

Nasar informed the board that no acreage owners requested weed control through this program this year.

4. Fence Line Spray Program/Contract with Alberta Transportation

Nasar informed the board of an issue that happened on a portion of last year's fence line spraying. Damage was done to a producer's crop due to the herbicide that was used and the way this spring runoff occurred.

Christi Friesen: MOVED to limit the use of Tordon 22 K to areas where there is no chance of runoff affecting crops.

Carried

Nigel Thorne: MOVED that a letter of apology be written to Bob and Kim Alexander for the incident and include a \$100 gift card to Mr. Mikes.

Carried

5. Sale of ASB Rental Mower

Nasar updated the board that the mower has been listed for sale by tender.

6. Provincial ASB Summer Tour July 10-13, 2018 Sherwood Park

Members commented on the tour.

Members' Business

None

Information

Nasar brought promotional information on the Cleanfarms Recycling Program. It was asked that it be shared on the website and Facebook page.

Next Meeting

The next Agricultural Service Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 12:13p.m.

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Chairman

Manager of Agricultural Services

These minutes approved by Council the _____ day of _____,
2018.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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