

Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held November 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Chairman Sandra Eastman
Members at Large Rick Keillor
Judy Bowcott
Nigel Thorne
Christi Friesen
Brian Grant

Manager of Agricultural Services Nasar Iqbal
Recording Secretary Michele Coutu

Regrets

Councillor Member Janice Reyda
Members at Large George Leger

Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Judy Bowcott: MOVED that the agenda for the November 8, 2019 ASB meeting be approved with additions:

- G.12. Mowing Rotation Guidelines
 - G.13 ASB Giveaway Goodies
 - G.14 Farmer's Appreciation Night 2020
 - G.15 Manager of Ag Services Performance Review
- Carried

Christi Friesen joined the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

April 3, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the minutes of the April 3, 2019 ASB meeting be approved.

Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. Seed Royalty

Members accepted the Comparing Value Creation Models document from Value Creation Working Group for information as presented.

Reports

1. Manager of Ag Services Report

The Manager of Ag Services reviewed his written report, outlining his activities.

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

Carried

New Business

1. Strategic Plan and 2020 ASB Budget

Members reviewed the Strategic Plan updated Goals 1-6, and suggested adding information regarding well water testing to the website.

*Sandra Eastman, Chair called for a short recess at 9:50 a.m.
Members resumed the meeting with all present at 9:55 a.m.*

Members reviewed the 2020 ASB Budget. The Manager of Ag Services recommended a four month employment term for the weed inspector in order to attract an individual going into or already attending post-secondary education. Members also discussed capital assets, sale of equipment, possible future provincial grant funding cutbacks, VSI and future tractor/mower purchases.

Rick Keillor: MOVED to accept the Strategic Plan as amended.
Carried

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Nigel Thorne: MOVED to accept the proposed 2020 ASB Budget with the following amendment: ~~remove ASB Federal Grant Canada Summer Jobs of \$4,000~~ and increase \$1,000 to NPARA. *ms. dw*

Carried *P*

Nigel Thorne: MOVED to have the Board review the purchase and disposal of equipment on an annual basis. *AL*

Carried

2. Declaring Ag Disaster in the MD of Peace

Members reviewed the report presented, discussed the Alberta Crop Report and crops left in the fields this winter. The Board suggested providing notification to Municipal District residents and producers that "Use Respect Ask First" signs are available at the office free of charge.

Christi Friesen: MOVED that the ASB recommend to Council that the Municipal District of Peace be declared an agricultural disaster in order to support its local producers.

Carried

3. Clubroot Policy Review

The Board reviewed, discussed, and recommended additional amendments to the Clubroot Policy.

Brian Grant: MOVED to table the Clubroot policy to the next ASB meeting.

Carried

4. Equipment Rental Agreement Review

The Board reviewed the recommended amendments to the Equipment Rental Agreement.

Brian Grant: MOVED that the Equipment Rental Agreement be accepted with the proposed amendments as presented.

Carried

5. MD of Peace Fees and Charges Bylaw Review

Board members reviewed Agricultural Services section of the current MD of Peace Fees and Charges Bylaw.

Brian Grant: MOVED that the Agricultural Services section of the Fees and Charges Bylaw remain the same.

Carried

6. Sale of Equipment & Agreement with Auctioneering Firm

Board Members discussed the recent tender for ASB equipment, and the process required when selling ASB equipment. Board members suggested that the Manager of Ag Services and CAO discuss and propose a Sale of Equipment policy for the next meeting.

Rick Keillor: MOVED to not accept the current tender bids for the 2009 Case IH Farmall 105U Tractor or the 2010 Schulte 10 ft Mower with Flexarm and try to resell them in 2020.

Carried

*Sandra Eastman called for lunch at 12:05pm
meeting resumed with all members present at 12:15 p.m.*

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7. Jimsonweed in the MD of Peace

The Manager of Ag Services provided an update on the discovery of Jimsonweed in the Municipal District of Peace for Board information.

8. 2020 Shelterbelt Program Update

The Board reviewed the 2020 Shelterbelt Program and accepted it for information.

9. Writing a Letter in Support of Clubroot Pathotype Testing

Rick Keillor: MOVED to send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry reiterating the importance of the University of Alberta's Clubroot Pathotype Testing and in support of their CAP Application.

Carried

10. Letter of Invitation to Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, and Minister of Environment & Parks to attend the Provincial ASB Conference Ministerial Forum

Rick Keillor: MOVED to have ASB Chair write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Minister of Environment and Park encouraging them to attend the Minister's Forum at the Provincial ASB Conference held January 21-24th, 2020 in Banff.

Carried

11. ASB Conference – Banff

The Board reviewed the Provincial ASB Conference brochure. Nasar Iqbal, Christi Friesen, Rick Keillor, Sandra Eastman and Judy Bowcott will attend January 21 to 24th, 2020.

12. Mowing Rotation Guidelines

Members discussed the rotating mowing schedule.

Judy Bowcott: MOVED to accept the rotating mowing schedule as presented.

Carried

13. ASB Giveaway Goodies

Members discussed promotional/giveaway items for ASB events. Buckets, rain gauges and grain scoops were suggestions to purchase.

14. Farmer's Appreciation Night 2020

Board Members discussed tentative dates of March 20th and 27th for Farmers Appreciation Night 2020. Christi and Sandra to suggest entertainment options.

15. Manager of Ag Services' Performance Review

The Board will contact the CAO to discuss the Manager of Ag Services Performance review.

Members' Business

1. Christi Friesen

Is the new Region 5 representative/delegate for Alberta Wheat Commission and she looks forward to be a representative on various committees and boards.

2. Judy Bowcott

Suggested researching regulations and fines regarding trespassing. If such information is available, Judy Bowcott suggested putting the information in the newspaper, on the MD website, and Facebook.

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Information

1. Nomination for Farm Family Award

Board Members accepted this item for information

2. Agricultural Service Board Grant Review

Board Members accepted this item for information.

Next Meeting

The next Agricultural Service Board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

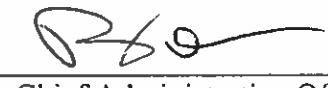
Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.


Chairman


Manager of Agricultural Services

These minutes approved by Council the 10 day of March, 2020.


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Chief Administrative Officer