

Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held June 11, 2020 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Chairman	Sandra Eastman
Councillor Member	Janice Reyda
Members at Large	Rick Keillor
	Judy Bowcott
	Nigel Thorne
	Christi Friesen
	George Leger
	Brian Grant
Manager of Ag Service Board	Nasar Iqbal
Recording Secretary	Michele Coutu

Call to Order

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

**Adoption
Agenda**

George Leger: MOVED that the agenda for the June 11, 2020 of the Ag Service Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

**Confirmation
of Minutes**

February 27, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the minutes of the February 27, 2020 ASB meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

**Business Arising
Out of Minutes**

1. Revision of Agricultural Pest Act and Fate of *Fusarium graminearum*

Members reviewed: the Revision of Agricultural Pest Act and Fate of *Fusarium graminearum* document, the ASB letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and the press release from the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of June 3, 2020.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Ag Service Board Chair contact the ASB Regional Representative Corey Beck to consider organizing a regional Ag Service Board Chair's Meeting to discuss the press release from the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry regarding *Fusarium graminearum*.

Carried

Delegations

N/A

Reports

1. Manager of Ag Service Report

The Manager of Ag Service Board reviewed his written report, outlining the salient activities from March 1, 2020 to June 5, 2020.

Judy Bowcott: MOVED that the Manager of Agricultural Service Board's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

1. Emergency Livestock Evacuation Planning

The Manager of Ag Services presented the *Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan* with the accompanying *Emergency Livestock Plan and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* from Mackenzie County.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Manager of the Ag Services:

1. Contact neighboring municipalities to inquire about interest in cooperating in the preparation of a guide that provides resources available during emergency evacuation alerts/orders;
2. Identify available grazing lease sites, transporters, and resources within the region;
3. Create a database of livestock producers within the Municipal District of Peace; and
4. Present the obtained information at the next Agricultural Service Board meeting for discussion.

Carried

2. Manager of Ag Services Hiring, Supervision, Assessment and Termination Policy

The MD of Peace CAO provided the Ag Service Board members with a draft *Manager of Ag Services Policy (ASB-13)* to review as requested.

Board Members agreed to the following amendment:

After consultation with Ag Service Board members, the Chair of the Ag Service Board and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to review all applications and shortlist applications to 2-3 individuals for interviews, which will be scheduled by the CAO.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Manager of Ag Services Policy be approved as amended.

Carried

3. MD of Peace Insect Survey Results 2019

The Manager of Ag Services provided members with a copy of the Insect Survey Results from 2019 carried out by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Members accepted the survey results for information.

4. ASB Essential Services – Assurance Partners

The Manager of Ag Services provided ASB members with an infographic by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry depicting how Ag Services falls under essential services.

Members accepted the document for information.

*Sandra Eastman called a short break at 10:35 am
Members reconvened with all present at 10:44 am*

5. Lac Cardinal Water on Municipal District Producer Agricultural Land

A MD landowner called with a complaint regarding lands south of Lac Cardinal lake which are under lake water due to beaver dams within County of Northern Lights.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Ag Service Board request Municipal District of Peace Council to consider writing a letter to both the County of Northern Lights and Clear Hills County requesting assistance with beaver dams that are causing flooding for Municipal District ratepayers.

Carried

6. PCBFA Summer Extension Event

Members discussed the request from the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) for the Municipal District to host/run a pasture evaluation workshop in July.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Ag Services Board approve PCBFA hosting the pasture evaluation workshop in the Municipal District of Peace ensuring they adhere to Provincial COVID-19 safety precautions.

Carried

Member's Business

1. Nigel Thorne - n/a
2. Brian Grant - noted that some producers are seeding the same crop this year (canola on canola) due to their inability to access certain lands because of wet conditions.
3. Rick Keillor - n/a
4. Judy Bowcott - n/a
5. Sandra Eastman - n/a
6. George Leger n/a
7. Christi Friesen - attended the Alberta Wheat Commission policy meeting. She noted she also attended a very informative Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) event prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.
8. Janice Reyda - sale went very well.
9. Nasar Iqbal - noted that the regional ASB Ag Fieldmen are going forth with the Clubroot Survey this year. The Clubroot Survey Program last year reported that all samples from all municipalities involved tested negative. If MD of Peace Weed Inspectors get questionable samples this year, those samples will be sent out for testing. Nasar also noted that ditch mowing will begin in the SW corner of the MD when weather is permitting.

Information


N/A

Next Meeting

The next Agricultural Service Board meeting will be scheduled prior to the regional meeting - date is unknown at this time. Nasar will notify members of optional dates using Doodle Polls.

Adjournment

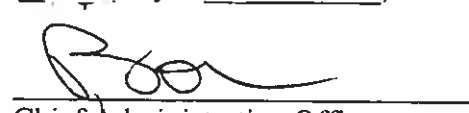
Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.


Chairman


Manager of Agricultural Services

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


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Chief Administrative Officer