

Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held March 19, 2021 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

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

Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the agenda for the March 19, 2021, Ag Service Board meeting be approved with addition New Business 6. Audio Visual Equipment.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

January 15, 2021 Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the minutes of January 15, 2021 ASB meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Delegations

1. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association 9:10 am to 9:40 am
Liisa Jeffery and Akim Omokanye joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.
Buthaina Al-Maqtari joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Liisa Jeffery, Akim Omokanye and Buthaina Al-Maqtari excused themselves from the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. MD of Peace Draft Emergency Livestock Response Plan
Board Members accepted the draft plan as information, giving direction to administration to clean up and add appendix for emergency contact information, cattle haulers, grazing leases and livestock producers at the end. Ag Service Board Chairman will then take to the producers.

Reports

1. Manager of Ag Services Report
The Manager of Ag Services reviewed his written report, outlining the salient activities from January 16, 2021 to March 15, 2021.

George Leger: MOVED that the Manager of Agricultural Service's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

New Business

1. Invasive Species Bylaw and *Fusarium graminearum* Policy

Christi Friesen: MOVED to accept the *Fusarium graminearum* policy and Invasive Species Bylaw and forward to Council for their approval.

Carried

2. Alberta Invasive Species Council Request for increase in Sponsorship Funding

Janice Reyda: MOVED to maintain the yearly contribution of \$500 to Alberta Invasive Species Council.

Carried

3. MD Producers Nominations for Farm Family Award

Board nominated Kelly & Christi Friesen, Paul and Sherri Franz and Gosse and Hilda DeJong. The Board also gave direction to the Manager of Ag Services to compile a list of previous farm families, who have accepted, rejected, and won the Farm Family Award.

4. Changes to MD of Peace Rental Agreement

Rick Keillor: MOVED to have a line added for a return date and a space for the lessee's initials, which will indicate the renter acknowledgement that the rented equipment will be returned by the specified date or they will be liable for the full replacement cost as determined by the MD of Peace staff.

Carried

5. Response to Resolution 6-21, Agricultural Research Association Check off Option

Rick Keillor: MOVED to have the Ag Service Board Chairman write a letter to the Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) and cc local MLA's in regard to support funding for the ARA's and further, to write a letter to Provincial ASB Committee in response letter to the Agricultural Products Marketing Council.

Carried

6. Audio Visual Equipment

Sandra updated the board on where Council is at with getting Audio Visual Equipment setup

Recessed for lunch at 12:18 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Member's Business Information

Christi Friesen – Informed Board regarding a potential Board Member who has recently moved to the area who has an agricultural background. Board directed the Manager of Ag Services to discuss with Brian Grant about his possible resignation and having a new member appointed.

George Leger excused himself at 1:16 p.m.

Christi Friesen – Update on *Fusarium graminearum* head bight. Blake Gaugler, Norm Boulet, Sheila Kaus working with *Fusarium graminearum* Action Committee to come up with *Fusarium* strategies and their objective regarding post harvest testing.

Christi Friesen also summarized her article in Canola Digest. The Dean of Grande Prairie Regional College stated that agricultural courses need to come to Fairview College and he asked her to be on the advisory committee.

Sandra Eastman – Informed the Board that Shelley Barkley from Alberta Agriculture is pest scouting for pea leaf weevil in 2021. Shelley had also advertised on Twitter that she is looking for pea leaf weevil survey fields.

1. Letter from Minster of Agriculture and Forestry to ASB Chair

Board Members accepted this item for information

2. Letter from the County of Northern Lights Reeve to MD of Peace Reeve

Board Members accepted this item for information

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**3. Letter from Northern Sunrise County ASB to MD of Peace ASB
Chair**

Board Members accepted this item for information

4. Letter from Red Deer County ASB to MD of Peace ASB Chair

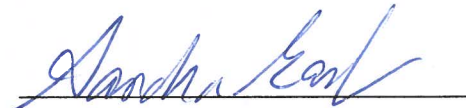
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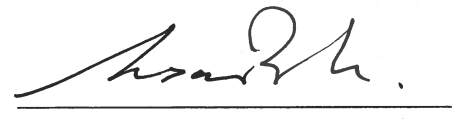
Next Meeting

The next Agricultural Service Board meeting will be June 25, 2021 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 10th day of August, 2021.


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer