

MAR. 29, 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017 COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allan McLachlan
Kent Moskalyk
Jack Mehlsen
Phil Kolodychuk
Bev Wieben

ASB Member
ASB Member
ASB Member – Vice Chairman
Councillor
Councillor – Chairman

REGRETS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fred Sawchuk
Sandra Fox
Shawna Schwerdt

Agricultural Fieldman
CAO
Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wieben called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

AGENDA

Addition: 9B. New Herbicides
10A. Clear Hills County Tradeshow

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB adopt the agenda for the March 29, 2017 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting as presented with the above additions.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – FEB. 15, 2017

Member Mehlsen

Moved that the ASB approve the February 15, 2017 ASB Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement dated March 23, 2017 was reviewed.

Member Mehlsen

Moved that the ASB accept the Financial Statement dated as of March 23, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

AG. FIELDMAN REPORTS

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The Agricultural Fieldman, Fred Sawchuk's reports were provided to ASB for review. Attached as Schedule "A". Discussion on landowner's drainage took place. ASB directed Ag. Fieldman Fred Sawchuk to bring education and awareness to drainage by a flyer, ad in the Fairview Post, put on the Web page and Facebook.

Member Mehlsen

Moved that the ASB direct Ag. Fieldman Fred Sawchuk bring awareness and education to landowners about drainage regulations.

CARRIED.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the ASB accept the Agricultural Fieldman's reports as presented.

CARRIED.

FARM TECH. 2017 REPORT

Reviewed Farm Tech. 2017 Report from Ag. Fieldman, Fred Sawchuk.

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB accept the Farm Tech. 2017 Report from Ag. Fieldman Fred Sawchuk as information.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS CONCERNS/REPORTS

PENDING REPORT FROM FEB. 15, 2017

The Pending Report from February 15, 2017 was reviewed.

Discussed MD of Fairview Veterinarian Incentive program.

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB direct Ag. Fieldman Fred Sawchuk to draft an incentive payment agreement, including a cover letter to the first Veterinarian in the Incentive program and cc to the Fairview Veterinary clinic.

CARRIED.

Member Moskalyk

Moved that the ASB accept the Pending Report dated February 15, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

**10:11 a.m. Break
10:24 a.m. Resumed**

DELEGATIONS

No Delegations.

OLD BUSINESS

**INFO. FROM
PCBFA FUNDING
BREAKDOWN**

An email from Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) was presented to ASB with the breakdown of the funding for 2017.

Member Mehlsen

Moved that ASB accept the email with the 2017 funding breakdown from PCBFA as information.

CARRIED.

ALFALFA INFO.

Discussion on information provided by Peace Region Forage Seed Association on Genetically Engineered Alfalfa (GE). Discussed MD Smoky River No. 130's bylaw on GE Alfalfa. Went over an example from BioVision seed labs that showed Alfalfa in a seed test. AG. Fieldman is waiting to hear back from Clear Hills County regarding their bylaw pertaining to GE Alfalfa.

Member Mehlsen

Moved that the ASB recommend to council that the first and second reading of the bylaw drafted by the ASB to designate GE Alfalfa as a prohibited noxious weed be passed for submission of the bylaw to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry for approval.

CARRIED.

11:05 a.m. Jack Mehlsen left.

**SUMMER TOUR
2017**

Ag. Fieldman requested registration information from ASB members for 2017 ASB Summer Tour to be held July 11-14, 2017, hosted jointly by Red Deer County and Mountain View County.

NEW BUSINESS

**TRUCK TRANSFER
FROM PUBLIC
WORKS TO ASB**

Discussion about accepting a truck from Public Works for use by the ASB weed inspectors took place.

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB accept the truck from Public Works.

CARRIED.

NEW HERBICIDES Discussion about new herbicides took place. A trial of one case of Truvis on the north side of Highway 2 for Range 1 will be tested.

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB direct Ag. Fieldman Fred Sawchuk to test one case of Truvis herbicide on the north side of Highway 2 for Range 1.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10 A. Clear Hills County Tradeshow

Member McLachlan

Moved that the ASB receive the information item.

CARRIED.

ASB MEETING

The Next ASB meeting is unknown.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wieben

Moved that the March 29, 2017 ASB Meeting be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED.



CHAIRMAN



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

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AG FIELDMANS REPORT FEBRUARY 24, 2017

- Brushing has been completed on Rge Rd 11 north of TWP Rd 824 and also TWP RD 822 west of RGE Rd 31 on the south side for ½ mile. We are presently brushing Rge Rd 54 north of Twp Rd 820 or secondary 682. We have a few more requests that came in for brushing so the crew will be busy for a while yet. We have an electrical wiring issue with our Valtra due to a short and we had to order a major wiring harness out of Sweden as most of the wires were burnt in it. The harness should arrive today and hopefully we can get the tractor going as there is some work for it also, especially clean up where the brushing crew has been.
- We held our ASB mtg on February 15th. Among many items discussed, the members have approved the 2017 ASB draft budget and recommended Council to accept it at the next Council meeting.
- This past week has been busy for me with informational workshops. I attended a Soil Health and Carbon workshop Feb 21st in Spirit River, attended a ALUS, (Alternative Land Use Services), mtg Feb 22nd at the DMI that included PCBFA, MD of Peace, Clear Hills Cty and some of our ASB members, and a Living with Wildlife workshop in Grimshaw on Feb 23rd. Friday Feb 24th, I will be attending the PCBFA AGM in the afternoon into the evening. Next week, Feb 27th – March 2nd, I will be attending a PVMA, (Professional Vegetation Managers Association), workshop at River Cree. Hopefully this puts an end to our winter workshops that are out of town any greater distance.
- I received Alberta Ag and Forestry information on the ASB reporting documents and expenditures we get every year at this time so I will be preparing the documentation they require with a deadline of March 31st, 2017.
- It seems I will have last year's staff returning in 2017, the 2 weed inspectors and the ditch mower operator. I am looking forward to having them return.

HAVE A WONDERFUL MEETING

AG FIELDMANS REPORT MARCH 9TH, 2017

- The brushing is going nicely as the cold weather helps with the cutting of the trees with the crawler and of course snapping the trees for piling with the track-hoe is easier also when the trees are cold or froze. Rge Rd 54 for half mile and Rge Rd 55 with a few hundred meters of brush has been completed north of secondary 682. Presently that equipment is working south of secondary 682 on Rge Rd 55 and have a mile to brush there.
- We have the Valtra back in action after installing the new wiring harness as the other was burnt up badly. The harness came from Sweden as there weren't any in Canada nor the U.S. Dan is running the Valtra doing clean-up of snags etc left behind from the larger equipment when they were brushing when it was warmer out.
- The "Living with Wildlife" informational workshop I attended in Grimshaw had a large attendance. The most common concern producers from the Dixonville/Manning area have are the abundance of elk. They say they lose thousands of dollars on hay loss almost every winter and have fencing repairs on a constant basis. They were hoping Sustainable Resources could at least increase hunting tags for those areas. The PCBFA AGM was very well attended also. I did not stay for the entertainment so I am not sure how that went.
- I have been working on the Alberta Ag and Forestry Activity and Results Achieved from our 2016 ASB Program and have that portion completed and I am now working on the ASB Statement of Income and Expenditures they require. These documents are what reflects the amount of ASB granting we receive from the province. It is a bit time consuming but hopefully I will have it completed by the end of today, March 9th although this information is not due until the month end.
- I have intentions of attending the Grande Prairie Ag Classic at Evergreen Park on Friday, March 10th. The tradeshow portion was completely sold out so there will be lots to see and people to network with.
- All in all, things are going fine with a ton of training and meetings behind me and only a few per month for the next few months.

HAVE A GREAT MEETING

AG FIELDMANS REPORT MARCH 23, 2017

- Our brushing program is basically done for this winter. There may be a few small jobs left to do with the mulcher. The Public Works' heavy equipment we used are now busy cleaning ditches in problem areas where water from spring run-off gets trapped.
- I have completed the documents Alberta Ag. and Forestry require for municipal granting and I have sent them in.
- The Peace Region AAAF have been working diligently on making the arrangements for the hosting of the In Service Training (IST), that will be held this December and the Provincial ASB Conference that will be held in January 2018. The various committees have been meeting and making the arrangements that are needed. These included meeting with me, meeting with the hotel staff and meeting with the audio-visual people to discuss all of our various needs. There are four of us on the hotel committee. We all met March 7th in GP. The four of us are also in charge of arranging the food/meal planning.
- The Peace Region Fieldman just had a Fieldmans' mtg hosted by Saddle Hills County on March 22nd. There was a lot of discussion on the IST and Conference committee reports and everything seems to be coming together nicely. We had two delegates also from herbicide companies who presented some new products and label changes. They also discussed the early order program that is directed to our municipalities. The Peace Region is once again hosting a spray crew workshop and a weed inspector workshop and there was discussion on that. We also discussed the possibility of having a ATV course in the spring when most of us will have all our summer staff on board. It was a good meeting with lots covered and plenty of discussion. This was the longest meeting the Fieldman have had in some time.
- The M.D. of Fairview ASB is hosting the 2017 ASB Regional Conference and I have booked the DMI for October 25th. I will start getting pricing for this venue from them for room rental, coffee breaks and lunch etc. and I will proceed finding possible sponsorship from our local businesses to help offset some costs. If any Council members know of a person, possibly within our Peace region that may be a potential speaker for an hour, please let me know.
- I will be placing my order for herbicides soon for ditch spraying and the delivery is expected for mid-May. I am hoping we managed to keep most of the toadflax at bay last year with our spraying. I will see what it looks like this year. Toadflax control herbicides are a bit expensive.
- Things are going fine here as it's business as usual.

HAVE A GREAT MEETING