

February 3, 2016

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW ALBERTA ON February 3, 2016 AT 9:00A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bev Wieben, Chairman	Phil Kolodychuk
Jack Mehlsen, vice chairman	Alan McLachlan
Garry Kuriga	

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fred Sawchuk – Agricultural Fieldman and Recording Secretary
Sandra Fox, CAO

CALL TO ORDER Bev Wieben called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA The agenda was reviewed with additions to 7)a, 8)d, and 9)b.

Allan McLachlan Moved to accept the agenda with the additions.

CARRIED

MINUTES Garry Kuriga Moved to accept the November 25, 2015 minutes.
as presented.

CARRIED

The minutes of a special meeting held December 17, 2015 were reviewed.

Garry Kuriga Moved to accept the December 17, 2015 minutes
as presented.

CARRIED

The minutes of a special meeting held January 13, 2016 were reviewed.

Jack Mehlsen Moved to accept the January 13, 2016 minutes
as presented.

CARRIED

The minutes of a special meeting held January 22, 2016 were reviewed.

Garry Kuriga Moved to accept the January 22, 2016 minutes
as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS None

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

The MOU between GPRC, PCBFA and the M.D. of Fairview was presented for the new board members to review. There was plenty of discussion and some changes made that the members felt would

clarify some items. Fred is to make the changes and send copies to GPRC and PCBFA to view.

During the discussion, an idea was brought up to possibly install a alarm system in the heated shop at the Research Farm that would indicate low heat. The thought was to have a system where the alarm would indicate low temperature in the building and a phone call to numbers that are installed would then be made. This will help prevent the water system in the building from freezing up. Fred is to look into a system and get costs.

Garry Kuriga Moved for information.

CARRIED

Fred brought information about the upcoming PCBFA AGM that is being held February 26, 2016 and needed a head count of the members attending.

Jack Mehlsen Moved for information.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMANS REPORT

Fred presented his Agricultural Fieldmans reports.

Phil Kolodychuk Moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldmans reports.

CARRIED

MEMBERS CONCERNS

Discussion on having agriculture related classes in schools was discussed. The members would like to see that brought back to classrooms to educate students more about the industry and where our food comes from.

Allan McLachlan Motion to have Fred draft a letter with input from Allan and Bev and send it to various ministries, school boards including both public and Catholic, and also to municipalities so that they can initiate a letter of support.

CARRIED

Another members concern was about weather stations in our Peace Region. There was discussion on the lack of them and that makes it difficult for AFSC to accurately predict where weather is a problem, such as rainfall.

Garry Kuriga Moved for information.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Information on VSI was discussed. Fees will be increased for 2016 to municipalities so changes would have to be made for the ASB budget.

Allan McLachlan Motion to increase the 2016 ASB budget to accommodate the VSI increase.

CARRIED

The Farm Safety Centre request for funding was discussed. We have

budgeted and funded them for a few years previously and the members wish to continue.

Garry Kuriga Motion to fund the Farm Safety Centre \$2012.50, (two thousand and twelve dollars and fifty cents), as they requested.

CARRIED

Fred discussed the purchase of a new squeeze that was brought up at a previous ASB meeting and had prices for it.

Jack Mehlsen Motion to purchase the new squeeze from Keddie's in Grande Prairie in the amount of \$6500.00, (sixty five hundred dollars).

CARRIED

The 2016 ASB draft budget #2 was presented and discussed.

Jack Mehlsen Motion to recommend to Council to approve the 2016 ASB budget with the changes that were discussed.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Mehlsen discussed the resolution on GMO alfalfa that was defeated at the 2016 Provincial ASB Conference. A letter from Clear Hills County was received January 13, 2016 on GMO wheat. The members felt that they could possibly include GMO alfalfa and take the lead on trying to see this through.

Allan McLachlan Moved to have Fred draft a letter supporting Clear Hills County and share it with the members prior to sending it out.

CARRIED

INFO. ITEMS

Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show

Phil Kolodychuk Moved to accept information item.

CARRIED

ROUND TABLE

Bev indicated she would like to have a "Round table" area included in our ASB meetings. Everyone was given a chance to bring up anything they wanted to discuss. Jack indicated that during a venue he attended, 2 types of plants, Chicory and Narrow Leafed Plantain, were named for use of forages and thought that if they are not on our Weed Control Act, possibly PCBFA can do a demonstration plot at the research farm. Fred will check the status of the 2 plants and if they are not on the list, he will contact PCBFA to see if a trial is possible. No one else had anything to bring up.

ADJOURNMENT Bev Wieben Moved to adjourn meeting at 12:01 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING: Unknown

CHAIRMAN

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Approved this _____ day of _____, **2016**