

March 21, 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 MARCH 21, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allan Mclachlan
 Bev Wieben Garry Kuriga
 Jack Mehlsen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Kolodychuk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fred Sawchuk – Agricultural Fieldman and Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Bev Wieben called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented with addition to Members Concerns/Reports, shelterbelts.

Allan McLachlan Moved to accept the agenda with the addition.

CARRIED

MINUTES The Minutes from February 3, 2016 were reviewed.

Allan Mclachlan Moved to accept the February 3, 2016 minutes with a change in order of VSI and 2016 budget recommendation for approval to Council.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Katie McLachlan, Akim Omakanye and with Alberta Agriculture John Zylstra arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Katie had given us an update on CAP, (Classroom Agriculture Program), along with some short videos. She also talked about Ag for Life which is another program that teaches both younger students and teachers. John had shared his thoughts on ways of teaching kids about agriculture. One thought of interest was bussing kids to local farms, both cattle guys and grain guys and having those producers talk about their farm and what it takes to operate their farms.

Akim has been nominated for the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame by ASB Chairman Bev Wieben at our February 3, 2016 ASB meeting. The ASB members unanimously agreed he was deserving of the nomination. He was given the application forms from Fred and he stated he had most of it completed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Fred received costs of an alarm system for the Research Farm that would detect low temperature in the building. The idea behind the alarm is so

the water lines won't freeze and burst.

Allan Mclachlan Recommended Fred have Telus re-connect the phone line and then install an alarm that he is to purchase at Home Hardware.

Jack Mehlsen Seconded the recommendation.

CARRIED

The revised MOU between GPRC, PCBFA and the M.D. of Fairview had been signed by all three parties.

Jack Mehlsen Moved for information.

CARRIED

Fred mentioned that Keddies in Grande Prairie has a squeeze with neck extender in stock. The cost is \$6500.00 and was budgeted for the purchase. Fred hopes to pick it up very soon.

Garry Kuriga Moved for information.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURAL
FIELDMANS
REPORT**

Fred presented his reports on Activities of the ASB. Some discussion was had on the reports.

Jack Mehlsen Moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldmans report as presented.

CARRIED

**MEMBERS
CONCERNS/
REPORTS**

Fred and Jack attended a shelterbelt event at GPRC hosted by PCBFA. They shared some information with the members as PCBFA intend on doing a shelterbelt at the Research Farm as it will fall under the Environmental Stream they deliver for us.

Allan McLachlan Moved for information.

FINANCIAL

None

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Quotes for a weed inspector vehicle were discussed.

Gary Kuriga Motion to buy a truck from Campbell Chrysler if they still have what we require on their lot and if not, order a GM model from Adventure Automotive. The truck is priced at twenty eight thousand, six hundred and thirty five dollars, (\$28, 635.00) at Campbell Chrysler, Fairview.

Jack Mehlsen seconded the motion.

CARRIED

There was some discussion among the members on the Regional ASB

Conference the M.D. of Fairview ASB will be hosting in the fall of 2017. Ideas on speakers, door prizes, monetary donations for sponsorship and other thoughts were brought up. There was also discussion on the 2018 Provincial Conference the Peace Region will be hosting. Speakers were the main discussion on that topic. The members will continue to think about ideas for both venues and we will discuss them at our future ASB meetings.

Allan McLachlan Moved for information.

CARRIED

INFO. ITEMS

None presented

ROUND TABLE

At the last ASB meeting, Jack mentioned two plant types he had heard about from a venue he attended. They were Chickory and Narrow Leaf Plantain. Fred mentioned they were not on the Weed Control Act list for noxious or prohibited noxious weeds. He did say that PCBFA will be trying some plots this year with those species if they can find seed.

GMO alfalfa was discussed along with a new Agri-business coming to Fairview, and Bill 6.

ADJOURNMENT

Garry Kuriga Moved to adjourn meeting at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING: UNKNOWN

CHAIRMAN

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2016