

March 27, 2024

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 27, 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nolan Robertson	Councillor / Chairman
Phil Kolodychuk	Reeve / Member
Barry Dewitz	Member at Large
Kent Moskalyk	Member at Large
Garth Shaw	Member at Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kaitlin McLachlan	Agricultural Fieldman / Director of Agriculture & Parks
Lyndsey Lawrence	Director of Legislative Services / Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

AGENDA

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) adopt the agenda for the March 27, 2024 ASB Meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

**MINUTES -
January 3, 2024**

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve the January 3, 2024 ASB Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCE

**STATEMENT OF
OPERATIONS**

Members reviewed the ASB Statements of Operations for 2023 Year End, and 2024 Year to Date (January 1 to February 29, 2024).

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the Financial Statement to December 31, 2023 for information.

CARRIED.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the Financial Statement to February 29, 2024 for information.

CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE AND PARKS REPORTS

The Director, Agriculture and Parks, Kaitlin McLachlan, presented her reports to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for review. This included reports from January 4th to March 22nd, 2024.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) receive the Director, Agriculture and Parks' reports as presented.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Akim Omokanye and Shelby Dillman of PCBFA, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Delegation provided an update on the activities undertaken during the 2023 year including, but not limited to:

- Crop Variety Trials (Saddle Hills County);
- Pasture and hayland rejuvenation (Saddle Hills County);
- CAP funded projects(Fairview Research Projects);
- Spring-Winter Cereal Mixes for Forage Production (Fairview Research Farm);
- Soil Amendment – EcoTea (Fairview Research Farm);
- Soil health and crop yield through soil and foliar amendments – PENERGETIC (Fairview Research Farm);
- Impact of nitrogen release fertilizer – Alberta Grains (Fairview Research Farm);
- Comparing multi-species cover crop blend with and without fertilizer – Covers (Fairview Research Farm);
- Screening of perennial forages (Debolt);
- Alberta soil health benchmarking program (Province wide);
- Evaluation of the ecosystem services and profitability of perennial grain crops for the integrated grain and forage production in Alberta (Province wide).

Further, they discussed upcoming plans for 2024 and beyond including, but not limited to:

- Producer-researcher partnership;
- Crop-livestock integration;
- Biostimulants and micronutrients; and,
- Living lab, in general.

Shelby Dillman provided the 2023 Extension Report and advised that the next field day at the Fairview Research Farm will be on July 25, 2024.

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The Board resumed at 10:24 a.m.

MEMBERS/ COUNCILLOR– CONCERNS/REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

**APPOINTMENT OF
WEED INSPECTOR**

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) recommend appointment of Cindy Doll as Weed Inspector and Pest Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agriculture and Pest Act*.

CARRIED.

**TOWN OF FAIRVIEW
WEED INSPECTIONS**

The Board discussed the MOU drafted by the Town of Fairview for 2024 Weed Inspection Services.

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) deny the request from the Town of Fairview for the provision of Weed Inspection Services in 2024, due to shortage of human resource allocation.

Further, that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to draft correspondence to the Town of Fairview detailing recommendations for enhancing their programming pursuant to the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agriculture and Pest Act*.

CARRIED.

**PROPOSED CHANGES
TO WEED CONTROL
ACT REGULATIONS**

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the *Weed Control Act* regulation.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the report regarding the proposed changes to the *Weed Control Act* as information.

CARRIED.

**PCBFA ANNUAL
UPDATE & REQUEST**

The Board discussed the informative presentation provided by the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the presentation provided by the delegation, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, as information.

CARRIED.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) grant the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association the requested \$7,500.00 for the ASB Resource Management Stream Funding.

CARRIED.

The Director of Legislative Services and the Agricultural Fieldman provided the Board an update regarding the path forward for transition from a leasing arrangement to a licensing structure for PCBFA in relation to the municipal airport lands used by PCBFA. Further, they advised of the new policies that will need to be developed, adopted and implemented regarding the use of the municipal airport lands for agricultural purposes.

ACCESS TO WATER FOR LIVESTOCK

The Board discussed the current moisture situation and the options available to livestock producers to increase access to water for livestock producers.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the report provided relating to access to water for livestock producers as information.

CARRIED.

FARM SAFETY CENTER UPDATE & REQUEST

The Board discussed the request for financial assistance from the Farm Safety Centre.

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve the funding request of \$342.00 of the Farm Safety Center. Further, that the Agricultural Fieldman send correspondence to the Farm Safety Centre requesting that they also provide farm safety presentations to E.E. Oliver Elementary School.

CARRIED.

ASB GRANT & STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed the requirement that ASBs draft a strategic plan.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to draft a 5-year strategic plan for the Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

CARRIED.

CHANGES TO FARM FAMILY AWARD

The Board discussed the correspondence from Explore Edmonton regarding changes to the Farm Family Awards program.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the correspondence from Explore Edmonton regarding changes to the Farm Family Awards Program as information.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were presented for review:

- A. VSI Quarter Four Report
- B. 2024 Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation
- C. Maintaining the Integrity of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency
- D. 2024 Provincial ASB Conference
- E. 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Initiative, 2023 Livestock Tax Deferral

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the information items as presented.

CARRIED.

ROUNDTABLE

Member Kolodychuk: Inquired about the utilization and potential dispersal of the mower with the sidearm.

Member Dewitz: None.

Member Shaw: Inquired about tracking the utilization (hours) of the mower and sidearm.

Chairman Robertson: None.

Agricultural Fieldman: None.

NEXT MEETING

The next Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting will be June 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Robertson

Moved that the March 27, 2024, Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting be adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

CARRIED.



CHAIRMAN



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN