

November 14, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kaitlin McLachlan	Agricultural Fieldman / Director of Agriculture & Parks
Lyndsey Lawrence	Interim CAO / Recorder
Fiona Ness	Administrative Assistant / Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA

Addition:

- Information Item 10D – Letter from Wheatland County

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) adopt the agenda for the November 14, 2024 ASB Meeting as amended.
CARRIED.

**MINUTES –
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve the October 9, 2024 ASB Meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members reviewed the Financial Statement to October 31, 2024.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the October 31, 2024 Financial Statement as information.
CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

**DIRECTOR,
AGRICULTURE AND
PARKS
REPORT**

The Director, Agriculture and Parks, Kaitlin McLachlan-Harter, presented her report for the period from October 9 to November 7, 2024, to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for review.

Member Dewitz

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

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

**MEMBERS/
COUNCILLOR-
CONCERNS/REPORTS**

The Regional ASB Conference Report was discussed.

Member Moskalyk has been hearing concerns regarding MD budget restraints, concerned about whether we will have Weed Inspectors next spring, and concerns about the future of roadside mowing.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) receive the Regional ASB Conference report as presented.

CARRIED.

Lyndsey Lawrence, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Fiona Ness left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

BILL C-293

The Board reviewed and discussed Bill C-293 and the potential implications for agriculture and in general.

The Board revised tense from "I" to "We" in the template advocacy letter relating to C-293 provided. Further, the Board removed, from body paragraph three "without a thorough and transparent process."

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) revise the templated correspondence provided and provide to the ASB Board for review. Following review, that the ASB direct the Agricultural Fieldman to send the correspondence to the Senate of Canada, Federal and Provincial Ministries relating to agriculture, MP Arnold Viersen, RMA and any other individual or entity deemed relevant by the Agricultural Fieldman.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

**VSI – REQUEST FOR
ADDITION OF BISON**

Member Shaw

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) to add bison to the Municipal District of Fairview No. 136's VSI Program, with the same rates and restrictions as cattle, to be effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED.

**2025 – 2029 ASB
PROVINCIAL GRANTS**

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the 2025-2029 Legislative Stream Funding as information.

Further, that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to apply for the Resource Management Stream Funding on behalf of Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, MD of Peace, MD of Spirit River, and Birch Hills County and to administer the same.

CARRIED.

Member Moskalyk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) provide matching funding to PCBFA in the amount of \$7,500.00, with deliverables as set by the Agricultural Fieldman and approved by the ASB.

CARRIED.

DRAFT 2025 ASB OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Director of Corporate Services and Finance, Sarah Borchuk, joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

ASB reviewed the draft 2025 ASB Operations and Capital Budget and directed revisions thereto.

Member Dewitz

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) recommend the draft ASB Budget to Council for incorporation into the Municipal Budget, as amended.

CARRIED.

2025 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE

Sarah Borchuk left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Member Kolodychuk

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve two members and the Agricultural Fieldman to attend the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Edmonton from January 20-22, 2025.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were presented for review:

- A. ARECA – Update on AgKnow
- B. VSI – 3rd Quarter Report
- C. County of Stettler – Letter of Support for AgKnow
- D. Letter from Wheatland County re: Richardson Ground Squirrels

Member Dewitz

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

CARRIED.

ROUNDTABLE

Member Moskalyk – Expressed concerned with the grass on the shoulders of the road.

There were no other items brought forward for discussion.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting will be on January 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Robertson

Moved that the November 14, 2024, Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting be adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

CARRIED.



CHAIRMAN



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN