

**MINUTES OF ASB
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Mackay Ross	Chairperson
Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member
Brian Backus	Board Member
Frances Davis	Board Member
John Zylstra	Alberta Ag. Rep.
Nancy van Herk	Board Member

IN REGRETS

IN ATTENDANCE

Audrey Bjorklund	D.A.U.F.
Lori Jobson	AUFC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

John Zylstra entered the meeting at 10:25am.

AGENDA

A076-06

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the October 18, 2006 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

MINUTES

A077-06

MOTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the July 21, 2006 Agricultural Service Board meeting as corrected. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES**

BYLAWS

OLD BUSINESS

**VISION, MISSION,
VALUES & GOALS**

At the May 17, 2006 meeting the Board directed administration to bring back the Vision, Mission, Values and Goals to a future meeting for formal adoption.

A078-06 **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the 2006 Clear Hills County Vision, Mission, Values and Goals as presented.** **CARRIED.**

Member van Herk entered the meeting at 10:35am.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 REGIONAL ASB
CONFERENCE

The 2006 Regional ASB Conference will be held at the Nampa and District Complex on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, and the entire board has been registered for the conference.

A079-06 **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board direct it's voting members to vote for the Peace Region Alberta Agriculture Services Boards request that Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development urge the Government of Alberta to maintain or increase previous levels of core funding for applied research associations and forage associations.** **CARRIED.**

A080-06 **MOTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board direct it's voting members to vote for the Peace Region Alberta Agriculture Services Boards request that Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development recognize roadside mowing as a legitimate weed control method and as such, provide funding through ASB Grant at the same level as the other Core Activities.** **CARRIED.**

A081-06 **MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board direct it's voting members to vote against Alberta Agriculture , Food and Rural Development and Alberta Sustainable Resources Development (ASRD) restructure the Alberta Hunting Draw System to address the extremely high number in some Wildlife Management Units (WMU's). This could be done by making X amount (determined by ASRD) of antlerless tags available to eligible hunters after the draw system has been completed for people wanting extra tags, unsuccessful draws and non draw applications.** **CARRIED.**

CONFERENCE The Board was presented with the information about the 12th Annual Canadian Agricultural Safety Association Conference being held in Canmore November 15-17, 2006.

A082-06 **MOTION by Member Bontrup to accept the notification of the 12th Annual Canadian Agriculture Safety Association Conference for information.** **CARRIED.**

AGRICULTURE
STATISTICS FACT
SHEET

The Board was presented with the 2005 agricultural statistics fact sheet.

A083-06

MOTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2005 Agricultural statistics fact sheet for information. CARRIED.

2006 AGRICULTURE
MORNING

Ag morning was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2006. The Board was presented with a list of sponsors and speakers.

Also included is other information provided by Mark Olson, Provincial Pulse Industry Development Specialist, Ag Research Division.

A084-06

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept the update on Ag. morning for information. CARRIED.

VSI

The Board has been presented with the notification letter from VSI regarding time and place of the annual meeting in November, and the letter seeking support from fellow VSI partners to include four services for elk and bison.

A085-06

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept the notification of the annual VSI meeting for information. CARRIED.

ENVIROTHON

Envirothon is a senior high credit course recognized by Alberta Education and launched by Grande Prairie Forest Education Society. The Board has been presented with a brochure and registration package. To date there have been few teams entered north of the Peace River.

A086-06

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Envirothon discussion and forward the information to Mackenzie Forest Education Society . CARRIED.

COW/CALF
PROGRAM

There will be three day courses held in November and December regarding maximum utilization of forage and minimum reliance upon supplemental feeding.

A087-06

MOTION by Member Davis to accept the notification of the Low Cost Cow/Calf Program for information . CARRIED.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

The Board has been presented with the information on a series of upcoming events.

A088-06

MOTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available members to the Biodiesel Conference in Fairview. CARRIED.

Chairperson Ross broke for lunch from 11:56am to 12:25pm. Member Bontrup left during the lunch break.

2006 FARM
WOMENS
CONFERENCE

The 29th Annual Farm Women's Conference will be held November 16 & 17th in Grande Prairie. In the past the County has supported the conference with a \$300.00 contribution and MD promotional items as a door prize.

A089-06

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the sponsorship of the Farm Women's Conference. CARRIED.

2007 BANFF
PORK SEMINAR

The 2007 Banff Pork Seminar will be held January 16-19.

A090-06

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of member(s) Ross and Bontrup to the 2007 Banff Pork Seminar. CARRIED.

FARM SUCCESSION
PLANNING & SELLING
YOUR FARM

As one of our initiatives is to bring more extension services to our community, The Board has been presented with the suggestion that we approach AFSC about partnering on Farm Succession and Selling Your Farm similar to the attached flyer. If the board supports this suggestion, we need to select a location and a desirable time frame.

A091-06

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to pursue a Farm Succession Planning and Selling Your Farm workshop at the location and date discussed. CARRIED.

BOARD & DIRECTORS
REPORTS

Chairman Ross – Attended Agriculture Morning on August 29th
Member Backus – Attended the Feeding Your Cows Through Drought seminar on Oct. 4th.
Member Davis – Attended a Heritage Tree Meeting.

Member van Herk – Also attended the Feeding Your Cows Through Drought seminar on Oct. 4th.

A092-06

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Board & Director of Agriculture, Utilities and Facilities reports for information. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS

The board was presented with the following items of information and correspondence:

- ASB Activity Report (63-10-02)
- Forage Facts (Issue #18, 19) (63-10-20)
- Agri-News (July 24 & 31) (August 7, 14, 21 & 28) (Sept 4, 11, 18, 25) (Oct 2,9) (63-10-20)
- Monthly Livestock Slaughter Summary (June, July) (63-10-20)
- Alberta Conservation Tillage Society II Newsletter (63-10-20)
- Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day (63-10-20)
- Agtech Centre Innovator (Issue 1, 2, 3) (63-10-20)
- The Western Producer, Biodiesel plant to tour Prairies (63-10-20)
- The Western Producer, Firms disagree over glyphosate resistance risk (63-10-20)
- AESA Council Meeting, August 9-10, 2006 (63-20-02)
- Peace County Beef & Forage Association funding cut (63-10-02)
- Western Forage/Beef Group (63-10-20)
- CHFP AESA Quarterly (63-10-20)
- Blackleg Kills Cattle (63-10-20)
- Green Matters (63-10-20)

A093-06

MOTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as presented for information. CARRIED.

MISC. ITEMS

CONFERENCES
AND TRAINING

CONFIDENTIAL
ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

A094-06

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN