

**MINUTES OF ASB
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Friday, November 17, 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 9:55 a.m.

AGENDA

A103-06

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the November 17, 2006 Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following additions:

- 7D – FarmTech 2007
- 7E – ILO Tour
- 7F- Ag Society

CARRIED.

MINUTES

A104-06

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the October 18, 2006 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.

REGIONAL ASB
CONFERENCE

The 2006 Regional ASB Conference was held on Tuesday October 31st in Nampa.

The outcome from the resolutions were presented to the Board.

A105-06

RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the outcome of the 2006 Regional ASB Conference resolutions. CARRIED.

BIODIESEL
CONFERENCE

The Board was presented with the updated agenda for "Powering The Peace" Biodiesel Conference on December 1 & 2nd.

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A106-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the updated agenda for the “Powering The Peace” Biodiesel Conference. CARRIED.**

VSI THIRD
QUARTER
REPORT

The 2006 Third Quarter Report for VSI was forwarded to the Board from Dr. Henderson.

A107-06 **RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the VSI Third Quarter Report; and the discussion pertaining to the elk & bison VSI service inclusion Member Davis will be lobbying for at the VSI Annual General meeting. CARRIED.**

FARM
SUCCESSION
PLANNING

The Board has been presented with handouts from the Farm Succession workshop Member van Herk attended.

A108-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to pursue a Farm Succession Planning and Selling/Renting Your Farm Workshop . CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

2007 BUDGET
PRESENTATION

Council's 2007 budget review is November 20-22. ASB has an allocated 15 minutes at 1:00 pm on Monday November 20th to present highlights or special requests that are included in the 2007 ASB draft budget.

A109-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Chair Ross and Deputy Chair Bontrup to participate in the 2007 ASB budget presentation. CARRIED.**

2008 PROV ASB
CONFERENCE

The Peace Region is hosting the 2008 Provincial ASB Conference. There was a general consensus from ASB representatives that each Board would be willing to fund up to \$5,000.00 to hire an event planner to assist in the planning of the 2008 Provincial ASB Conference due to multiple Ag. Fieldman vacancies in the region.

A110-06 **RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board support funding up to \$5000.00 for an event planner to assist in the planning of the 2008 Provincial ASB Conference. CARRIED.**

A111-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board advise the Peace Region AAAF that we are agreeable to taking into consideration budgetary circumstances of individual ASB's in regards to funding an event planner.** **CARRIED.**

Chairman Ross called a lunch break from 12:00p.m. to 12:37p.m. Councilor Davis left the meeting during lunch.

REGULATORY
AMENDMENTS

There have been regulatory amendments to the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) and the Manure Characteristics and Land Base Code.

A112-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the letter from the Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Technical Services Division regarding the regulatory amendments to the Agriculture Operation Practices Act and the Manure Characteristics and Land Base Code.** **CARRIED.**

FARMTECH

FarmTech 2007 will be held January 24-26, 2007 at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton.

A113-06 **RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of one Member to FarmTech 2007.** **CARRIED.**

CFO TOUR

Member Davis requested that the Board revisit previous discussion around increasing Board and Council awareness of confined feeding operations by participating in a joint tour of various CFO sites within the province.

A114-06 **RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board support all ASB members and Councilors participate in a tour of various ILO sites in Alberta, such as Iron Creek Colony, Highland Feeders at Vegreville, and Sunterra near Calgary, in early summer 2007.** **CARRIED.**

AG SOCIETY

Member Bontrup informed the Board that the Worsley Agricultural Society received \$45,000.00 for their volunteering at the Great Northern Casino; proceeds will be used to upgrade the Worsley Arena facilities.

A115-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Worsley Ag Society update.** **CARRIED.**

BOARD & DIRECTORS
REPORTS

Chairman Ross – nothing to report
Member Backus – attended Farm Fair & CFR
Member Bontrup – nothing to report
Member van Herk – attended Farm Succession Planning and
Selling Your Farm Workshop & Regional ASB Conference

A116-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Board & Director of Agriculture, Utilities and Facilities verbal reports for information. CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE The Board was presented with the following items for information and correspondence.

- o Forage Facts (63-10-20)
- o Agri-News (October 16,23 & 30) (November 30) (63-10-20)
- o The Catalyst (63-10-20)
- o Western Forage/Beef Group (63-10-20)
- o 2005 Alberta Farm Fatalities (63-10-20)
- o The Blade (63-10-20)
- o ACTS II (63-10-20)
- o Green Matters (63-10-20)
- o Math Skills Needed To Measure Manure (63-10-20)
- o Agriculture And Food Council Annual Report (63-10-20)

A117-06 **RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as presented for information. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

A118-06 **RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 2:04p.m. CARRIED.**

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN