

**MINUTES OF ASB  
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Wednesday, December 20, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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PRESENT

Mackay Ross	Chairperson
Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member
Brian Backus	Board Member
Frances Davis	Council Member
Nancy van Herk	Board Member

IN REGRETS

John Zylstra	Alberta Ag Rep.
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IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

AGENDA

**A119-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the December 20, 2006 Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following additions:**

- **7C Special Crop Demonstration** **CARRIED.**

MINUTES

**A120-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2006 Agricultural Service Board Organizational meeting as presented.** **CARRIED.**

MINUTES

**A121-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2006 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented.** **CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET  
UPDATE

At the December 12, 2006 Regular Council Meeting the 2007 Interim Budget was adopted.

The Board was informed of the changes to the budget.

**A122-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board discontinue funding for the Peace Agriculture Research and Demonstration Association for**

the Special Crop Demonstration due to budgetary constraints and review in the 2008 budgetary process based on producer feedback. **CARRIED.**

**A123-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board direct the Director of Agriculture, Utilities and Facilities to amend the 2007 Ag Improvement budget as discussed to achieve the 25,000.00 reduction needed to balance the 2007 Agricultural Service Board budget. CARRIED.**

VSI

VSI's Annual General Meeting was held on November 23, 2006. Clear Hills County's lobby for the inclusion of four specific services for elk and bison was included in the Annual General Meeting agenda and was approved for a one year trial.

**A124-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update on the VSI program. CARRIED.**

FARMTECH  
CONFERENCE

At the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board authorized the attendance of one member to the 2007 FarmTech conference in Edmonton, from January 23 - 26, 2007.

**A125-06**

**RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Backus at FarmTech 2007. CARRIED.**

ASB COMMITTEE  
UPDATE

The Board has been presented with an update from the Chair of the Peace Region Agriculture Service Boards regarding the Provincial ASB Committee.

**A126-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information, the update from Tim Stone, Regional ASB Chair. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

PROVINCIAL ASB  
CONFERENCE

The 2007 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference will be from January 30 to February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton.

**A127-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Backus that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member van Herk, Member Bontrup, Councilor Davis and up to two ASB staff members to the 2007 Provincial ASB Conference in Edmonton Alberta from January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 2, 2007. CARRIED.**

SPECIAL CROP  
DEMONSTRATION

The Board has been presented with the final report from Peace Agriculture Research and Demonstration Association for the 2006 Special Crop Demonstrations.

**A128-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the final report from Peace Agriculture Research and Demonstration Association for the 2006 Special Crop Demonstration.**

**CARRIED.**

BOARD & DIRECTORS  
REPORTS

Chair Ross broke for lunch from 12:06 p.m. to 12:29 p.m.

Chairman Ross – attended the Budget meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> and the BioDiesel Conference on December 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Member Backus – nothing to report

Member Bontrup – nothing to report

Member van Herk – attended the AESA Annual General meeting.

Councilor Davis – attended the VSI annual General Meeting, and the BioDiesel Conference.

**A129-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Board & Director of Agriculture, Utilities and Facilities 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 (November 13,20,27) (December 4,11) (63-10-20)
- o AESA Annual Report 2005/06 (63-10-20)
- o The Standard (October 2006) (63-10-20)
- o Report To Industry (October 2006) (63-10-20)
- o Letter Re: Farm Women's Conference Sponsorship (63-10-20)
- o Monthly Livestock Summary (October 2006) (63-10-20)
- o Powering The Peace (63-10-20)
- o Letter Re: Alberta Agri-Business Network Forum (63-10-20)
- o AESA Industry Update (63-10-20)
- o The Blade (December 2006) (63-10-20)
- o NRCB Quarterly Review (63-10-20)
- o Letter Re: Farm Family & Community Health

**A130-06**

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

NEXT MEETING

There will not be enough Members for Quorum on January 17, 2007, and an alternate date needs to be chosen for the next meeting.

**A131-06**

**RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept January 10, 2007 for the next Agricultural Service Board meeting date. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

**A132-06**

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

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CHAIRPERSON

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN