

**MINUTES OF ASB
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday, April 4, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Mackay Ross	Chairperson
Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member
Nancy van Herk	Board Member

IN REGRETS

Brian Backus	Board Member
Frances Davis	Council Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Randy Perkins	AlbertaAgriculture
Aaron Zylstra	Ag. Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	D.A.U.F.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

AGENDA**A015-07**

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the March 21, 2007 Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following additions:

- 6B2 – AESA First Quarter Report
- 7C - Municipal Development Plan Amendment
- 7D – Wild Boar Under Agricultural Pest Act

CARRIED.

MINUTES**A016-07**

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2007 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS**STACKED HAY PROGRAM**

The Board has been presented with the response from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development regarding the amendment to the Wildlife Damage For Stacked Hay Program that the Agricultural Service Board suggested.

A017-07

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the letter from Alberta

Sustainable Resource Development regarding the suggested amendment to the Wildlife Damage For Stacked Hay Program. CARRIED.

AESA PROGRAM
REPORT

The Board has been presented with the 2006 AESA Program report

A018-07

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the 2006 AESA Program Report. CARRIED.

AESA FIRST
QUARTER

The Board has been presented with the AESA first quarter summary for 2007 from Gerard Aldridge.

A019-07

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information this first quarter summary for 2007. CARRIED.

TRADE SHOW

The Board has been presented with the 13th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow Schedule of Events for Saturday April 14, 2007.

A020-07

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update on the 13th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow. CARRIED.

Chairperson Ross recessed the meeting for lunch between 12:12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

4-H INTERCLUB
DONATION

The Board has been presented with the letter from the North Peace District 4-H Interclub requesting a donation of \$500.00 to be used for their photographer, photo and media expenses.

A021-07

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the donation of \$500.00 to be used for their photographer, photo and media expenses/ accept for information the letter from the North Peace District 4-H Interclub regarding a donation. CARRIED.

WORKSHOPS &
SHORT COURSES

The Board has been provided with information on the Energy Efficiency Workshop in Peace River and the Biodiesel Short courses in Fairview and Grimshaw.

A022-07

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the schedules for the

Energy Efficiency Workshop and the Biodiesel Short Course. CARRIED.

MDP AMENDMENT
PLAN

Gary Wilson has been working on the Municipal Development Plan Amendments and is seeking input from Council, ASB, producers and ratepayers

A023-07

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of all available board members to the workshop meeting on April 21, 2007 from 10 – 2:30pm at the Eureka River Hall. CARRIED.

WILD BOARS

A survey received requesting input/feedback on the issue of wild boar. The survey was sent out by Alberta Agriculture and Food (AF) to evaluate how much of an issue wild boar is and to evaluate the potential effectiveness of various control methods.

A024-07

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board direct the Ag Fieldman to respond to the survey as discussed. CARRIED.

BOARD & DIRECTORS
REPORTS

Chairman Ross – no activity to report
Member Bontrup – no activity to report
Member van Herk – no activity to report
Ag. Fieldman Zylstra - attended Energy efficiency workshop, attended Technical Assistant training session for Environmental Farm Plan.

A025-07

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Board and the Agricultural Fieldman's reports for information. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- AEFB Report To Industry (63-10-20)
- Agri-News (December 18) (January 1,) (63-10-20)
- CHFP AESA Quarterly (63-10-20)
- Watering Cows With Snow FAQ (63-10-20)
- Forage Facts (63-10-20)
- Letter Re: General Manager Position of the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants
- Farm Credit Canada Newsletter

A026-07

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

ADJOURNMENT

A027-07

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN