

**MINUTES OF ASB
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday, May 16, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Mackay Ross	Chairperson
Nancy van Herk	Board Member
Francis Davis	Council Member

IN REGRETS

Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member
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IN ATTENDANCE

Randy Perkins	Alberta
Agriculture	
Aaron Zylstra	Ag. Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	D.A.U.F
Kimberly Rossworm	A.U.F.C

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA**A028-07 (05/16/07)**

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the May 16, 2007 Agricultural Service Board Meeting agenda with the following additions:

**5A-Gerard Alridge-AESA
8B-AESA survey
6F-Drought Assistance**

CARRIED**MINUTES****A029-07 (05/16/07)**

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the April 4, 2007 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES
OLD BUSINESS**

DELEGATIONS**AESA**

Gerard Alridge, the CHFP AESA Coordinator was in attendance from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to present the 2006 AESA program presentation and discuss 2007 projects.

Consensus was to send a letter to the AESA Council in recognition of the benefit of the funding program in bringing information and workshops on innovate technologies and practices that may be of economic benefit to our local farmers and

ranchers; and encourage them to continue this beneficial funding into the future.

DIRECTOR & AG
FIELDMAN
REPORTS

The Director of Agriculture, Utilities and Facilities and Ag Fieldman reported on meetings attended and other topics.

A030 (05/16/07)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Service board accept the Ag Fieldman's and Director's reports for information. CARRIED

BYLAWS &
POLICIES
ASB POLICIES

Annually ASB reviews Policies and staff update Procedures.

A031 (05/16/07)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this board recommend to Council to adopt Policies 6301, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6305 as presented. CARRIED

Chairman Ross recessed the meeting for lunch from 12:05 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

AESA

An AESA partnership survey was conducted in February 2007. The introductory letter and partnership survey summary were presented to the board.

A032-07(05/16/07)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this agriculture service board accept for information the AESA partnership survey as presented CARRIED

V.S.I

The board was presented with the first quarter report of VSI expenditure for 2007.

A033-07 (05/16/07)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this board accepts the VSI first quarter report of expenditure for information. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ALBERTA
STEWARSHIP
NETWORK
WORKSHOP

The board received for information on the ASN Motion 5 workshop and annual general meeting being held June 11, 2007 in Nisku, Alberta.

A034-07(05/16/07)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Service Board approve the attendance of one or more board members to the Alberta Stewardship Network Motion 5 workshop and Annual General Meeting in Nisku, Alberta on June 11, 2007. CARRIED

GREEN
DISCUSSION
PAPER

A "Green Discussion" paper was received from the Alberta Institute of Agrologists and circulated at the ASB Meeting.

- A035-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the "Green Letter" Discussion paper from the Alberta Institute of Agrologists. CARRIED**

BRONZE LEAF
DISEASE
SURVEY

A letter was received from the Agriculture Information Centre requesting assistance in locating large plantings of tower poplar and Swedish Columnar Aspen that may have Bronze Leaf Disease.

- A036-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the letter regarding Bronze Leaf Disease in Tower and Columnar Aspen. CARRIED**

LETTER FROM
M.P BENOIT

A letter was received from the Vegreville-Wainwright M.P., Leon E. Benoit on the action he is taking on returning the use of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels (gophers)

- A037-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board write a letter to M.P. Warkentin and the Minister of Health, Clement, requesting the return to use the use of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers for the control of the Richardson ground squirrel. CARRIED**

LAND USE
FRAME WORK
UPDATE

The Board was presented with correspondence updating on the Land-use Framework program to date, and upcoming sessions.

- A038-07(05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Land-use Framework update. CARRIED**

DROUGHTASSISTANCE
FOR BC RANCHERS

In BC, the provincial government and the federal government have partnered together to provide drought assistance to BC ranchers.

- A039-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Service Board draft a letter to send to Agriculture Minister Chuck Strahl, copies to the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and**

Alberta Beef Producers expressing the need for similar funding in Northern Alberta. CARRIED

BOARD & DIRECTORS
REPORTS

Chairman Ross – attended the MDP amendment workshop and Tradeshow
Member van Herk – attended the Tradeshow
Member Davis- attended the MDP amendment workshop and Tradeshow

A040-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Board reports for information. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are documents for the Agriculture Service Board's Information:

- o ASB Grant Letter (63-02-02)
- o Agri-News April 30, 2007 (63-10-02)
- o Agri News April 23, 2007 (63-10-02)
- o Agri News April 16, 2007 (63-10-02)
- o Grey Wooded Forage Association News Release excerpts (63-10-02)
- o Prevent Scours without Antibiotics article (63-10-02)
- o CAIS article (63-10-02)
- o Water Quality Awareness release (63-10-02)
- o Clear Hills Watershed Initiative (63-10-02)

A041-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Service board accept the correspondence presented for information. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

A042-07 (05/16/07) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN