

**MINUTES OF ASB
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2007 AT 10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT

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| Mackay Ross | Chairperson |
| Nancy van Herk | Board Member |
| Francis Davis | Council Member |
| Wilbert Bontrup | Board Member |

IN REGRETS

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 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 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

A044-07 (06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda for the June 20, 2007 Agricultural Service Board Meeting agenda. CARRIED

MINUTES

A045-07 (06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the June 20, 2007 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES
OLD BUSINESS

DELEGATIONS

DIRECTOR & AG
FIELDMAN
REPORTS

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

A046 (06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agriculture Service board direct the Agriculture Fieldman to bring back to the July ASB meeting options for encouraging farmers to control high infestations of nuisance weeds. CARRIED

RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that his Agriculture Service Board accepts the Director's report for information. CARRIED

BYLAWS &
POLICIES
OLD BUSINESS
VET BURSARY

At the May 16 meeting the board directed administration to draft a letter the AESA Council encouraging continued support of long term funding and a broad range of environmentally sustainable agriculture practices in their review to the AESA program.

A047-07(06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board approve the letter to the AESA Council encouraging continued support if the long term (3-5 year) funding and a broad range of environmentally sustainable agriculture practices in their review to the AESA program. CARRIED

RIACHARDSON
GROUND
SQUIREEL

At the May 16, 2007 meeting the board directed administration to draft a letter supporting the return the use of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrel (gophers).

A048-07 (06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board approve the letter to the federal Agriculture Minister and local member of Parliament supporting the return to use of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrel (gophers). CARRIED

DROUGHT
ASSISTANCE

At the May 16, 2007 meeting the board directed administration to draft a letter to the Federal and Provincial governments requesting consideration of drought affected Alberta ranchers under the Drought Assistance program that has been approved for ranchers in British Columbia.

A049-07 (06/20/07)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approve the letter to the Federal and Provincial governments requesting consideration of drought affected Alberta ranchers under the Drought Assistance program that has been approved for ranchers in British Columbia as amended. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS
PROVINCIAL
AGRICULTURE
SERVICE BOARD
TOUR

The Provincial Agriculture Service Board Tour is scheduled for July 9-12, 2007 in Yellowhead County.

A050-07(06/20/07) **RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board authorize MacKay Ross and Aaron Zylstra to attend the 2007 Provincial Agriculture Service Board Tour in Yellowhead County.** **CARRIED**

VET BURSARY
APPLICATION

An Application has been received for the Vet Bursary Program.

A051-07 (06/20/07) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approve the Vet Bursary Application and proceed with entering into a return service agreement with Jennifer MacLean, pending written confirmation from Dr. Jim Henderson of the candidate acceptance by the local veterinary stakeholders.** **CARRIED**

BOARD & DIRECTORS
REPORTS

At this time, the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics.

Member Bontrup- April 21, 2007 Municipal Development Plan Amendment Meeting.

Chairperson Ross- Nothing to report at this time

Member Davis- Attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Calgary, Alberta

Member van Herk- Attended the Alberta Stewardship Network.

A053-07 (06/20/07) **RESOLUTION by Member Bontrup that this Agriculture Service Board accepts the Board members reports for information.** **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

WEED INSPECTORS Weed and Pest Control inspectors are appointed as per Section 5 of the weed Control act and Section 9 of the agricultural Pests Act Weed.

A053-07(06/20/07) **RESOLUTION by member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board appoint Landon Larsback, Joyce MacLachlan and Kimberly Rossworm as Weed Inspectors to administer the weed and pest control programs for Clear Hills County for the 2007 season.**

CARRIED

Member Bontrup left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson Ross Recessed the meeting for lunch from 12:02 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Crop Conditions
- Composting Dead Cattle
- Beef
- Agriculture: Poultry, Beef and Dairy
- Self Contained Composting Aerators

A054-07 (06/20/07) RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service board accepts the correspondence presented for information with the additions:

- Water Quality Workshop
- Growing Alberta 2006/2007 Annual Report
- Growing Alberta Annual Report
- Letter from Alberta Agriculture and Food
- 2006 Farm Based Program Year in Review
- AESA News Release **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

A055-07 (06/20/07) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN