

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday, November 7, 2007 AT 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT	Mackay Ross Nancy van Herk Ilene Gellings Frances Davis	Chairperson Vice Chair Board Member Board Member
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REGRETS	William Bontrup	Board Member
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IN ATTENDANCE	Audrey Bjorklund Aaron Zylstra	CDM Ag Fieldman
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CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

AGENDA
A96-07

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda for the November 7, 2007 Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following additions:

- **8B - ASB Act Review**
- **9G - 3-Yr Goals & Priorities**
- **9H – Regional ASB Conference follow up** **CARRIED**

MINUTES
A97-07

RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

CDM/AGF
REPORTS

Community Development Manager Bjorklund and Ag Fieldman Zylstra reported on meetings that they had attended and other topics.

A98-07

RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agriculture Services Board accepts for information the reports from Community Development Manager Bjorklund and Ag Fieldman Zylstra. **CARRIED**

ORDER OF
MEETING
A99-07

RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk to change the order of the meeting and move the ASB Act Review to the end of the meeting. **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS
BUDGET

CDM Bjorklund presented a draft of the 2008 budget to the Board on October 3, 2007 and requested a transfer of the unexpended 2007 weed enforcement funds to the operating reserve.

A100-07 **RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agriculture Services Board recommends to Council that the 2007 weed enforcement funds be transferred to the operating reserve.**
CARRIED

VSI THIRD
QUARTER
REPORT

Dr. Henderson's 2007 Third Quarter Report for VSI was reviewed by the Board.

A101-07 **RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the VSI Third Quarter Report from Dr. Henderson for information.**
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS
CROPPING &
FEEDING
CONFERENCE

Capturing Feed Grain & Forage Opportunities Conference 2007 includes a large session on Biofuels and local research coordinator Garry Ropchan.

A102-07 **RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board authorizes Vice Chair van Herk to attend the 2007 Capturing Feed Grain & Forage Opportunities Conference on December 11 & 12, 2007 in Red Deer. CARRIED**

Chairperson Ross convened the meeting for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

DIRECT SEEDING
ADVANTAGE/07

Direct seeding and reduced tillage continues to be a very effective method of improving soil health and viability.

A103-07 **RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Services Board approves the attendance of Chairperson Ross at the "Direct Seeding Advantage" 2007 Conference in Nisku on November 21 & 22, 2007.**
CARRIED

POWERING THE
PEACE 2007
CONFERENCE

The Fairview Agricultural Society and Economic Development Partnership of the MD and Town of Fairview are co-hosting the 2007 Conference on "Opportunities in Agriculture, Sustainability & the Environment".

A104-07 **RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Chairperson Ross at the 2007 "Powering the Peace" Convention in Fairview on November 30 and December 1.**
CARRIED

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BANFF PORK
SEMINAR

Information regarding the Banff Pork Seminar, "Changing the Industry with New Solutions" was reviewed.

A105-07

RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Member Bontrup to the "Banff Pork Seminar" from January 15 to 18, 2007.

CARRIED

2008 TRADESHOW
THEME

The Board reviewed the 5 submissions received in response to the Tradeshow Theme Contest. The class whose theme is selected shall be treated to a pizza party.

A106-07

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board selects "Clearly the Place to Grow" as the theme for the 2008 Agricultural Service Board Tradeshow and Farmers' Appreciation day.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING
A107-07

RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the December 2007 Agricultural Services Board meeting date be changed to Thursday, December 20, with the time and place to remain the same.

CARRIED

AGENDA
ADDITIONS
3-YEAR GOALS &
PRIORITIES
A108-07

RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Services Board table the ASB 2008 – 2010 Goals and Priorities to the next meeting.

CARRIED

REGIONAL ASB
CONFERENCE
A109-07

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Services Board accepts for information the discussion about the Regional ASB Conference.

CARRIED

ASB ACT REVIEW
A110-07

RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Services Board tables comments on the ASB Act Review until the December Board meeting.

CARRIED

BOARD REPORTS
A111-07

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board verbal reports for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

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A112-07

RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board tables the correspondence until the next meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

A113-06

RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN