

A119-07 **RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board accepts for information Gerard Aldridge's 2008 AESA Grant Application presentation.** **CARRIED**

A120-07 **RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board directs administration to write a letter to M.D. of Peace and M.D. of Fairview indicating that this ASB will continue to fund farm based extension and encourage them to continue the CHFP ongoing partnership should AESA funding no longer be available.** **CARRIED**

ORDER OF
AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY Member Gellings that the order of the agenda be changed so that new business is discussed next. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

AGRONOMY
UPDATE 2008

The Agronomy Update 2008 is on January 15 & 16, 2008 at the Capri Centre in Red Deer, Alberta.

A121 -07 **RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Member Gellings to Agronomy Update 2008 on January 15 & 16, 2008 at the Capri Centre in Red Deer, Alberta.** **CARRIED**

FARMTECH 2008 FarmTech2008 is a 3-day conference from January 30 to February 1, 2008 in Edmonton, addressing global perspectives on agriculture in areas of agronomy, environment and farm management.

A122-07 **RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Chairman Ross and Member Gellings at FarmTech 2008 in Edmonton January 30 to February 1, 2008.** **CARRIED**

OUTSTANDING
YOUNG FARMERS'
PROGRAM

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Outstanding Young Farmers Program within the Alberta/NWT Region.

A123-07 **RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the news release and nomination form for the Outstanding Young Farmers' Program.** **CARRIED**

2% LIQUID
STRYCHNINE

2% liquid strychnine is being pursued for emergency use for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels in 2008.

A124-07 **RESOLUTION by Member Gellings that the Agricultural Service Board sends a letter to the local MLA requesting confirmation that the provincial government has sent a letter to the federal health minister requesting emergency use of 2% liquid strychnine in 2008.** **CARRIED**

REGIONAL VARIETY TESTING

The Honorable George Groeneveld has written to the board in regards to the future of Alberta's Post-Registration Regional Variety Testing Program (RVT) for cereals, pulses and flax.

A125-07 **RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the letter from Hon. George Groeneveld about Regional Variety Testing of cereals, pulses and flax.** **CARRIED**

WEEDS ACROSS BORDERS

The 2008 Weeds Across Borders Conference will be held in Banff, Alberta May 27-30, 2008.

A126-07 **RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of two ASB members to the 2008 Weeds Across Borders Conference in Banff, Alberta on May 27-30, 2008.** **CARRIED**

BOARD REPORTS

Board members reported on meetings and other topics.

Vice Chair van Herk reported on:

- **Capturing Feed Grain & Forage workshop**

Councilor Davis reported on:

- **Observed farming practices in California**

Chair Ross reported on:

- **Carbon Credit workshop**
- **Accurate Assessment GIS workshop**
- **Direct Seeding Advantage**
- **Powering the Peace Conference**
- **Environmental Farm Plan Workshop**

Member Gellings left the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

A127-07 **RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members verbal reports for information.** **CARRIED**

A128-07 **RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis to address OLD BUSINESS at this time.** **CARRIED**

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OLD BUSINESS

ASB ACT REVIEW This item was tabled at November 7th meeting.

Chair Ross adjourned the meeting for a short break from 3:03 to 3:05 p.m.

Councilor Davis reentered the meeting at

A129-07 RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board reminds Member Bontrup of the attendance requirements for the Agricultural Service Board. CARRIED

A130-07 RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board submits written comments on this Agricultural Service Board Act review as discussed. CARRIED

3YR GOALS &
PRIORITIES

The Agricultural Service Board developed a draft list of goals and priorities for 2008, 2009, 2010 at the Nov 7th meeting, these were presented for further review.

A131-07 RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board tables the Agricultural Service Board 3 Year Goals and Priorities, 2008, 2009, 2010 to the next ASB meeting. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence and Information tabled at the November 7th ASB meeting is included with this meetings Correspondence and Information.

A132-07 RESOLUTION by Vice Chair van Herk that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the correspondence and information as presented:

- AEFP Report to Industry-October 2007
- Average Farm Input Prices for Alberta (Sept)
- Local Peace Country Grain & Oilseed Prices (Aug-Present)
- Agri-News October 22, 2007
- Woodlot Extension Program
- Agriweek October 15, 2007
- Crop Conditions as of Oct 11, 2007
- ASB Conference – 2008
- ACTSII Newsletter – Fall 2007
- AB Agriculture item
- AAF Letter Oct 10, 2007
- AB Energy Regulatory Structure
- AB Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants
- SRD Mountain Pine Beetle

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- AgriNews December 10, 2007
- Post Conference Commentary
- AAF Conservation Peace

CARRIED

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RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that the Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Chairman Ross at the Forage Agronomy Update at Nisku on February 6 & 7, 2008.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
A133-07

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN