

PRESENT	MacKay Ross Nancy van Herk Frances Davis Ilene Gellings	Chairperson Vice Chair Council Representative Member
REGRETS	Wilbert Bontrup	Member
ATTENDING	Audrey Bjorklund Aaron Zylstra Randy Perkins	CDM Ag Fieldman Alberta Ag. Rep.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

ADOPTION OF
AGENDA

AG001 (011608) MOTION by Vice Chair van Herk to adopt the agenda governing the January 16, 2008 meeting with the following additions:
H. Farmers' Market
I. Grasshopper roadside control
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS
MINUTES

AG002 (011608) MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the December 20, 2007 Agricultural Service Board Regular meeting with corrections as discussed.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING There was no business arising from previous minutes

DELEGATION There was no delegation

CDM/AG FIELDMAN REPORTS The Manager and Ag. Fieldman had the opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics.

AG003 (011608) MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Ag. Fieldman and Manager's reports for information.
CARRIED.

BYLAWS & POLICIES There was no item on the agenda

OLD BUSINESS
3-Yr Goals & Priorities The Agricultural Service Board developed a draft list of goals and priorities for 2008, 2009 and 2010 at the November 7, 2007 meeting and tabled this item at the December 20, 2007 meeting.

AG004 (101608) **MOTION by Vice Chair van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approves the 2008 ASB Business plan as amended.**
CARRIED.

Chairman Ross adjourned the meeting for lunch from 11:43 to 12:53 p.m.

AG005 (101608) **MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approves the 3 year goals and priorities for 2008, 2009, 2010 as updated.**
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Invitation to Council

Council has invited the Agricultural Service Board to a joint early-supper meeting on February 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss items of mutual concern.

AG006 (011608) **MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept the invitation to a joint supper meeting with Council on February 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss items of mutual concerns and submit the following items for inclusion on the agenda:**

- **VSI – herd health, remove/change service caps and necropsy/mortality exams;**
- **Roadside vegetation control/beautification program;**
- **Economic Development opportunities
(i.e. wood biomass combustion);**
- **ASB 3 year goals & Priorities (for information).**

CARRIED.

Clear Hills Country
Cruise

The Clear Hills Country Cruise is the unofficial name for the County's summer agricultural tour day and a date should be selected for 2008.

AG007 (011608) **MOTION by Vice Chair van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approves "Clear Hills Country Cruise" as the Clear Hills County agricultural summer tour day.**
CARRIED.

AG008 (011608) **MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approves Wednesday August 13, 2008 .**
CARRIED.

Member Gellings left the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

AESA CHFP
Application

The CHFP application for 2008 funding from the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural (AESA) Program has been tentatively approved.

AG009 (011608) **MOTION by Vice Chair van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the letter from Alberta Agriculture and Food approval for the AESA program.**
CARRIED.

- AG010 (011608)** **MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board supports the previous decision to send a letter of support to the MD of Peace and MD of Fairview to pursue an ongoing partnership similar to the AESA CHFP after the conclusion of the current ASEA funding program.**
- CARRIED.**
- Member Absence Member Bontrup was absent from the December 20th, 2007 Agricultural Service Board meeting. He has indicated that he will be absent on January 16 in order to represent the County at the Banff Pork Conference.
- AG011 (011608)** **MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approves the absence of Member Bontrup from the December 20, 2007 ASB meeting due to family matters, and excuses him from the January 16, 2008 meeting as he is representing the County at the Banff Pork Conference.**
- CARRIED.**
- Going Organic Alberta 2008 Conference Going Organic Alberta 2008 Conference is being held March 4-5, 2008 in Camrose, Alberta.
- AG012 (011608)** **MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives for information the Going Organic Alberta 2008 Conference notification.**
- CARRIED.**
- Step It Up Conference Step It Up conference will be held in Leduc, Alberta on February 6 & 7, 2008. The conference is designed for farm direct marketers, famers' market managers, vendors and supporters.
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- AG013 (011608)** **MOTION by Councillor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approves the attendance of Member van Herk at the Step It Up Conference in Leduc, Alberta on February 6 & 7, 2008.**
- CARRIED.**
- 2008 ASB Provincial Conference Resolutions The 2008 Resolutions package for the 2008 ASB Provincial Conference are provided for the board's consideration.
- AG014 (011608)** **MOTION by Vice Chair van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board tables direction to the voting delegates for the resolution session at the Provincial ASB Conference to a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, time and location to be decided amongst ASB members.**
- CARRIED.**
- Farmers' Market Vice Chair van Herk requested this item be added to the agenda.
- AG015 (011608)** **MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to investigate development of a Clear Hills County ASB sponsored Farmers' Market in County communities.**
- CARRIED.**

Grasshopper Control in Road Allowances Councilor Davis requested this item be added to the agenda.

AG016 (011608) MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board directs administration to bring back information that was adopted at a previous ASB meeting to the February ASB meeting regarding the grasshopper control in road allowances.
CARRIED.

BOARD REPORTS At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics:

- o Councillor Davis reported that she was at Northern Reeves and Mayors meeting last week in Grande Prairie and attendees were looking forward to the Provincial ASB Conference being hosted in this region.
- o Vice Chair van Herk – nothing to report
- o Chairman Ross – nothing to report

AG017 (011608) MOTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts member reports as information.
CARRIED.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

AG018 (011608) MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on January 16, 2008.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT Councilor Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Date

Chairperson

Date

AG Fieldman