

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

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

CALL TO ORDER Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the agenda for the September 24, 2008 meeting.

AG091(09/24/08) MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda governing the September 24, 2008 meeting with the additions of:

- **10H - AESA Update**
- **10I - Member at Large**
- **10J – Clubroot**
- **10K – Alternative Energy Tradeshow**
- **10L – Soil Testing**
- **10M – Rise and Shine Breakfast Forum CARRIED.**

MINUTES The board reviewed the minutes from the July 16, 2008 meeting.

AG092(09/24/08) MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the July 16, 2008 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

DELEGATION There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

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

AG093(09/24/08) MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Community Development Managers report and Agricultural Fieldman’s report for information. CARRIED.

BYLAWS &
POLICIES

6307 – Roadside
Grasshopper Control
Policy

Council was presented with the Roadside Grasshopper Control Policy 6307 as recommended by the County Agricultural Service Board. The point was brought up that perhaps there could be safety risks with the County endorsing people using pesticides and the potential liability risks involved. Council referred the policy back to ASB for further research.

AG094(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board table to the next ASB meeting the Roadside Grasshopper Control Policy to allow administration to research liability risks.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no item on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Peace Region ASB
Conference

Peace Region ASB Conference will be hosted by the MD of Greenview on November 5, 2008 at Sturgeon Lake Hall, near Valleyview, AB.

AG095(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board table to the next meeting the discussion on attendance and accommodations for the Peace Region ASB Conference, near Valleyview on November 5, 2008.

CARRIED.

2009 Provincial ASB
Conference

The 2009 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference will be held in Medicine Hat, AB on January 26 - 29, 2009.

AG096(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board table to the next meeting the discussion on attendance and accommodations for the 2009 Provincial ASB Conference.

CARRIED.

Provincial ASB
Committee Notes

The board was provided, for discussion, notes from the secretary of the Provincial ASB Committee regarding a series of conference calls that followed Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development news release - "Department's strategic refocus to revitalize Alberta's agriculture industry".

AG097(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion regarding the notes from the secretary of the Provincial ASB Committee regarding a series of conference calls that followed Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development news release - "Department's strategic refocus to revitalize Alberta's agriculture industry".

CARRIED.

Review of Bill 23:
Weed Control Act

The Weed Control Act is under review and input has been requested by the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, by August 29th, 2008.

- AG098(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Letter to ASB Chairman Ross, Bill 23: *Weed Control Act*, the response letter from County of Grande Prairie No.1, and the response letter from MD of Pincher Creek.**
CARRIED.
- Western Canadian Grazing Conference The Western Canadian Grazing Conference & Tradeshow is a two day conference, from December 3 - 5, 2008, on the topic *Grass to Cash: Building a Plan that Works.*
- AG099(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of two ASB members to the Western Canadian Grazing Conference & Tradeshow on December 3 - 5, 2008.**
CARRIED.
- ASB Grant A letter has been sent to the Clear Hills County ASB regarding the 2008/2009 ASB grant allocation.
- AG100(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the letter from Eileen Chauvet, ASB program supervisor, regarding the allocation of the 2008/2009 ASB grant.**
CARRIED.
- 2009 ASB Budget The 2009 ASB Budget was be provided, reviewed and discussed at the meeting.
- AG101(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board table the 2009 ASB budget to the end of the meeting.**
CARRIED.
- ADDITION - AESA Update* The Municipal District of Peace has sent the 2nd interim AESA report to the Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board.
- AG102(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board request a joint meeting with the MD of Peace, the MD of Fairview Agricultural Service Board's and a Peace Agricultural Research and Development CHFP representative to review the 2008 and discuss 2009 AESA Grant Application.**
CARRIED.
- AG103(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board table to the next meeting setting priorities for the 2009 AESA Grant Application.**
CARRIED.
- ADDITION – Member at Large* The board discussed the potential member at large appointment required due to the relocation of a current board member outside of County boundaries.
- AG104(09/24/08)** **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept with regrets the resignation of Member at Large Ilene Gellings and request Council authorize her to remain a member until the member at large position is filled.**
CARRIED.

Chair Ross broke for lunch at 11:55 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

ADDITION – Clubroot

Chair Ross requested this item on the agenda. There was question to whether or not clubroot was confirmed in the Grande Prairie area. The Agricultural Fieldman informed that it was confirmed.

AG105(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update on clubroot. CARRIED.

ADDITION –
Alternative Energy
Tradeshow

Chair Ross requested this item on the agenda. There is an Alternative Energy Tradeshow coming up in Peace River on November 15 & 16, 2008.

AG106(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize attendance of two ASB members to the Alternative Energy Tradeshow on November 15-16, 2008 in Peace River. CARRIED.

ADDITION – Soil
Testing

Chair Ross requested this item on the agenda. The board discussed the merit of purchasing a soil tester.

AG107(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to research options to offer soil testing equipment and/or services. CARRIED.

ADDITION – Rise &
Shine Breakfast Forum

Agricultural Fieldman Zylstra requested this item on the agenda. This runs on October 15, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to noon in Leduc, Alberta.

AG108(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update on the Rise and Shine Breakfast Forum in Leduc, Alberta on October 15, 2008. CARRIED.

BOARD REPORTS

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

- Chairman Ross – spoke with a Rotowiper representative to obtain information on using Grazon with the Rotowiper.
- Councillor Davis – attended a Peace Air Quality Monitoring meeting in Grande Prairie and the Dunvegan Hydro Glacier Power Public Hearing in Fairview.
- Member Gellings – nothing to report at this time.

AG109(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept member reports as information. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

- Department's Strategic Refocus to revitalize Alberta's Agriculture Industry
- Branding the Peace Fact Sheet
- ASB Provincial Committee Mtg Minutes – July 17th
- Clubroot Update
- ASB Grant Program Random Audits
- Continuation of AESA Letter
- Agricultural Disaster Declared - Clear Hills County & AAMD&C
- VSI First and Second Quarter Payments
- Pesticide Traces in Surface Water Letter by Clearwater County
- Commodity Listing and Seed/Grain Pricing
- Conservation Peace – July 2008
- The Blade – July 2008 & August 2008
- The Invader (AB Invasive Plants Council) – Spring 2008
- Alberta Farm Safety Newsletter – Fall 2008
- What's New in Publications – Summer 2008
- The AB Environmental Farm Plan Company Annual Report 07/08
- Spring 2008 – The Catalyst
- AB Community and Cooperative Association Summer 2008
- Agri-News – July 28th, August 18th, August 11th
- Declaration of Drought Response Letters (Addition)

AG110(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on September 24, 2008. CARRIED.

2009 ASB Budget

This item was tabled to the end of the meeting.

Alberta Agriculture Representative Randy Perkins withdrew from the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Chair Ross called for a break at 2:37 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

AG111(09/24/08)

MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2009 ASB budget discussion for information. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT
AG112(09/24/08)**

MOTION by Councillor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. CARRIED.

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

Date

Chairperson

Date

Agricultural Fieldman