

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

PRESENT	MacKay Ross Nancy van Herk Frances Davis Ilene Gellings Wilbert Bontrup	Chair Vice Chair Council Representative Member Member
REGRETS	Randy Perkins	Alberta Agricultural Representative
ATTENDING	Audrey Bjorklund Aaron Zylstra Melissa Kamphuis	CDM Ag Fieldman EA
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the agenda for the November 19, 2008 meeting.	
AG134(11/19/08)	MOTION by Member Gellings that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda governing the November 19, 2008 meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10H - Livestock and Meat Strategy CARRIED.	
MINUTES	The board reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2008 meeting.	
AG135(11/19/08)	MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2008 Agricultural Service Board meeting as amended. CARRIED.	
BUSINESS ARISING		
AG136(11/19/08)	MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board table the delegation until the appropriate time. CARRIED.	
CDM/AG FIELDMAN REPORTS	The Manager and Ag. Fieldman had the opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics.	
AG137(11/19/08)	MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board invite Peace Agricultural Research and Demonstration Association to a future ASB meeting to provide an update regarding workshops. CARRIED.	

- AG138(11/19/08)** **MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accept the Community Development Managers report and Agricultural Fieldman's report for information.**
CARRIED.
- DELEGATION
Rick Ratzlaff
- Rick Ratzlaff, CFIB (Canadian Federation of Independent Business) will address the Agricultural Service Board to introduce himself, the CFIB and explain their benefit to farmers. He addressed the board at 11:24 a.m.
- Chair Ross broke for lunch at 12:15 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 1:23 p.m.
- Member Gellings withdrew from the meeting at 1:15 p.m.
- AG139(11/19/08)** **MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation from Rick Ratzlaff, CFIB (Canadian Federation of Independent Business) to introduce himself, the CFIB and explain the CFIB's benefit to farmers.**
CARRIED.
- BYLAWS &
POLICIES
- No items on this agenda.
- OLD BUSINESS
- No items on this agenda.
- NEW BUSINESS
Upcoming
Conferences
- The Agricultural Service Board tabled at the October 15th meeting attendance to the Banff Pork Seminar on January 20-23, 2009. The board passed resolution AG120(10/15/08) authorizing attendance of two ASB members to FarmTech in Edmonton, AB on January 28-30, 2009.
- AG140(11/19/08)** **MOTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorize attendance of Member Bontrup at the Banff Pork Seminar on January 20-23, 2009.** **CARRIED.**
- 2009 ASB Budget
- The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the 2009 draft ASB Budget at the September 24th meeting and accepted the discussion for information. Administration will provide an update on any questions or clarification that was required from the initial review.
- AG141(11/19/08)** **MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the update on the 2009 ASB Draft Budget.**
CARRIED.

Soil Sampling

The ASB had requested further information on soil testing options and potential as a rental equipment item.

AG142(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board not proceed with procurement of soil testing equipment for rental due to availability through other local organizations and businesses; and place a reminder in the August, September and October County newsletters for soil testing.

CARRIED.

Wild Boar at Large

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) has implemented a province-wide Wild Boar at Large Pilot Program, which will run from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. To participate in the program the attached agreement must be completed.

AG143(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board enter into the agreement with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for the October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 Wild Boar at Large Pilot Program.

CARRIED.

VSI Program Updates

Two proposals for the 2009 VSI fee schedule have been brought forward in a letter to the Clear Hills County and will be discussed at the VSI Annual General meeting on November 27, 2008.

AG144(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board direct the VSI representative for the Clear Hills County to show support of the "Inclusive Fee Schedule" at the VSI Annual General Meeting on November 27, 2008.

CARRIED.

Approved Farmer's
Market Program

The board directed administration to research requirements to support an Approved Farmer's Market within the County as a service to the ratepayers.

AG145(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the update on establishing an Approved Farmers' Market.

CARRIED.

AESA

An AESA meeting was held with the joint partners on October 10th to review the 2008 program and discuss the priorities for the 2009 AESA Grant Application. The Board discussed the AESA Grant and passed resolution AG123(10/15/08) to send a letter of commitment to the other CHFP partners for the 2009 AESA Program.

AG146(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for the information the 2009 AESA Grant Application that has been submitted by the CHFP AESA partnership. CARRIED.

Livestock and Meat Strategy

Member van Herk requested this item on the agenda.

AG147(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding the Livestock and Meat Strategy. CARRIED.

BOARD REPORTS

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

- Chairman Ross – attended the Regional ASB Conference and the Nutrient Management Workshop.
- Member van Herk – attended a Verified Beef Production Workshop.
- Councillor Davis – attended the Regional ASB Conference, an Alternate Energy Tradeshow and attended a meeting with the Alberta Agriculture Minister.
- Member Bontrup – nothing to report at this time.

AG148(11/19/08)

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

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

- Best Practices Awards Information Bulletin
- Draft Agenda - 2009 Provincial ASB Conference
- 2008 Clear Hills County Census
- Letter Re: Peace Country Beef & Forage Funding Request
- ACCA News and Views - Nov. 2008
- Letter Re: 2009 AESA Program Participation fro MD of Peace
- Local Peace Country Grain & Oilseed Prices - Aug 08-present
- Commodity Listing
- Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy
- AB Beef Producers Discussion: AB Livestock/Meat Strategy
- Letter Re: ASB Grant Program Audits
- Agriculture & Food Council 2007/08 Annual Report
- Carbon Credit Trading - What's it all about?
- Kalwa Biogenic's - Community Wood Energy Demo. Project
- Letter Re: AESA Program fro Brazeau County
- 2008 Resolutions & Report of 2007 Resolutions
- Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Update - Oct & Nov
- Boreal Forest Research Centre Oct 2008 Newsletter
- Agriweek - Oct 20th and Oct 27th
- Alberta Conservation Tillage Society II - Fall 2008
- Agri-News - Sep 29th, Oct 20th, Nov 3rd
- CHFP Farm Based Extension Quarterly - Fall 2008
- The Blade Oct 2008
- Alberta's New Strategy is Recycled Bureaucracy

AG149(11/19/08)

MOTION by Member Bontrup that this Agricultural Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on November 19, 2008. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT
AG150(11/19/08)**

MOTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. CARRIED.

Date

Chairperson

Date

Agricultural Fieldman