

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

PRESENT	Nancy van Herk Frances Davis Daryl McAllister Member Mackay Ross	Vice Chair Council Representative Board Chair
IN REGRETS	Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member
IN ATTENDANCE	Randy Perkins Aaron Zylstra Audrey Bjorklund	Alberta Agriculture Ag. Fieldman CDM
CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair van Herk called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.	
AGENDA AG01(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda governing the February 18, 2009 meeting as Amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. AESA Program 2008 M. Power N. Carbon Credits O. Rental Equipment <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>	
MINUTES AG02(02/18/09)	<p>Chair person Ross entered the meeting at 10:07 and assumed the chair.</p> <p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2008 Agricultural Service Board meeting as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>	
BUSINESS ARISING	No items on this agenda	
DELEGATIONS	No items on this agenda	
CDM/AG FIELDMAN REPORTS	The Manager and Ag. Fieldman had the opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics.	
AG03(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accept the Community Development Managers report and Agricultural Fieldman's report for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>	

DELEGATION	No items on this agenda.
BYLAWS & POLICIES 6307 Draft Roadside Grasshopper Control Policy	Policy 6307 - Roadside Grasshopper Control was tabled from the September 2008 meeting to allow administration to research liability risks.
AG04(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board direct administration to remove the draft Roadside Grasshopper Control Policy and address roadside pest grasshopper concerns on an as needed basis. CARRIED.
OLD BUSINESS	No items on this agenda.
NEW BUSINESS Agri-Environmental Policy Forum	Agriculture and Food Council is putting on a Agri-Environmental Policy in Alberta: An Update and Assessment Forum on March 4, 2009 in Edmonton at the Radisson Hotel
AG05(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the Agri-Environmental Policy in Alberta: An Update and Assessment Forum on March 4, 2009 in Edmonton at the Radisson Hotel. CARRIED.
2009 Agricultural Service Board Resolutions	The 2009 Agricultural Service Board Conference included 13 resolutions and 2 emergent resolution.
AG06(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the report card on the 2008 Provincial ASB Resolutions and the summary of the 2009 Provincial ASB Resolutions. CARRIED.
New AHA & Regulations Summary	Information was received regarding the new Animal Health Act and regulations summary. Also received were Regulations 199,200 and 209).
AG07(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information the new Animal

	Health Act and regulations summary and Regulations 199,200, and 209). CARRIED.
AFC Call for Nominations	A letter was received from the Agriculture and Food Council regarding nominations for members to sit on the council for a three year term.
AG08(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board nominates MacKay Ross as a candidates to sit on as a member on the Agriculture and Food Council. CARRIED.
2009 Human Resource Congress	The 2009 Human Resource Congress will be held on April 7, 2009 at Deerfoot Inn and Casino in Calgary
AG09(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the 2009 Human Resource Congress to be held on April 7, 2009 at Deerfoot Inn and Casino in Calgary. CARRIED.
Alberta Tag Reader Program	A letter was received regarding Alberta Tag Reader Program which is enabling the ASB to purchase hand held RFID Tag Readers with assistance from Alberta Agriculture.
AG10(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board recommend Council add two Radio Frequency Identification tag readers to Bylaw No. 8 with a damage deposit of \$50 and no rental fee. CARRIED.
Farm Safety	An email was received from the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, regarding 2008 Chapter Award and recognition: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Watch-It Award – for consistently promoting your chapter and all of its activities▪ 5-year membership recognition.
AG11(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information from Farm Safety 4 Just Kids the Watch-It award for consistently promoting Farm Safety activities education and the recognition for the 5-year membership. CARRIED.
Year Round Grazing System	The La Glace Ag. Society is hosting a Year-Round Grazing Systems seminar on March 6,7 & 8 of 2009 in La Glace.

AG12(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board sponsor 50% of the registration fee of three farm units residing within the Clear Hills County to the Year Round Grazing Systems Seminar. CARRIED.
VSI Update	The unaudited VSI 2008 statement, the 2009 contract and the 2009 schedule of fees was provided to the board for review.
AG13(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information the VSI 2008 statement, the 2009 contract and the 2009 schedule of fees. CARRIED.
	Chair Ross recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:59 a.m. Chair Ross reconvened the meeting at 12:43 p.m.
ASB Summer Tour	The 2009 provincial ASB Tour will be held in Lacombe County on July 6-9, 2009. This year's theme is Beyond the Horizon.
AG14(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information the 2009 provincial ASB Tour, hosted by Lacombe County. CARRIED.
AESA 2008	The MD of Peace has sent the evaluation and expenditures for the CHFP AESA farm based program for the 2008 year.
AG15(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information the 2009 provincial 2009 Provincial. CARRIED.
Carbon Credits	Member McAllister requested this item on the agenda. There are 667, 161 acres of farmland in the County. Rather than having local farmers go through a private for-profit company to market their credits should pursue options for non-profit negotiation with carbon credit buyers and get the best deal for our local carbon credit sellers.
AG16(02/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board direct staff to research options for negotiating the sale of carbon credits for local carbon credit sellers. CARRIED.
Power	Member McAllister requested this item on the agenda. Need to explore the potential to generate hydro power locally with the goal of lowering the cost to local users and attracting businesses to the area. Excess power could be sold back to

	<p>the grid. With sufficient affordable power manufacturing businesses would be easier to attract to the region to process our local raw products that are currently shipped out of the area, made or processed and shipped back.</p>
AG17(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board recommend Council explore the potential to generate hydro power locally with the goal of lowering the cost to local users and attracting businesses to the area. CARRIED.</p>
Rental Equipment	<p>Member McAllister requested this item on the agenda. The addition of a portable cattle squeeze and land scraper were discussed.</p>
AG18(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board table discussion on purchasing a portable cattle squeeze and land scraper for rental equipment to the 2010 budget deliberations. CARRIED.</p>
BOARD REPORTS	<p>At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics:</p> <p>Chair Ross –attended the Provincial ASB Conference, Direct Seeding workshop in Fairview,</p>
AG19(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board send letters to MLA Goudreau and Minister of Agriculture Groeneveld to continue funding for Reduced Tillage Linkages. CARRIED.</p> <p>Vice Chair van Herk - attended the Provincial ASB Conference, Verified Beef workshop Member Davis- attended the Provincial ASB Conference Member McAllister- Direct Seeding workshop, FarmTech 2009,</p> <p>Councillor Davis left meeting at 2:33pm.</p>
AG20(02/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accepts the Board Reports as information. CARRIED.</p>
INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE	<p>The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Farmer's Union 2008 Report

- Advanced Leadership and Management Development
- Young Tree Pruning and Structural Establishment
- ARD and ASB Extension Model
- Where There's No Smoke There's Fire
- Agri-News Brief
- The Blade – January, 2009
- Agri-News – Jan. 12, 2009
- Letter Re: Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy (ALMA)
- Peace Country Beef & Forage Assoc.
- Commodities
- ALMA Receives Incorporation Status
- Ag-tech Centre Innovator May 2008
- ACCA Jan. and Feb., 2009 Newsletters
- The Catalyst Newsletter Summer 2008

AG21(02/18/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on February 18, 2009.

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT
AG22(02/18/09)**

RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN