

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 20, 2009**

PRESENT	Mackay Ross Nancy van Herk Frances Davis	Chair Vice Chair Council Representative
IN REGRETS	Daryl McAllister Wilbert Bontrup	Board Member Board Member
IN ATTENDANCE	Randy Perkins Aaron Zylstra Audrey Bjorklund Charlotte Parker	Alberta Agriculture Ag. Fieldman CDM EA
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.	
AGENDA AG37(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 20, 2009 meeting with the following additions: ASB Summer Tour Weed Inspector Appointments Carbon Credit update Rental equipment Portable loading chute rental Fees National Farmers Union Conference CARRIED.	
MINUTES AG38(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the March 5, 2009 Conference Call Meeting and the March 28, 2009 Regular Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.	
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.	

AG39(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Community Development Managers report for information. CARRIED.
AG40(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Agricultural Fieldman's report for information. CARRIED.
DELEGATION	No items on this agenda.
BYLAWS & POLICIES	
OLD BUSINESS	No items on this agenda.
NEW BUSINESS Rental Equipment	A letter was received from a contractor that provides corral cleaning services in the County expressing concerns with the decision to replace the manure spreader.
AG41(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board approves the letter of reply, as amended, to the local corral cleaning service provider, regarding the replacement of the manure spreader that is part of the fleet of rental equipment provided by the ASB rental equipment program. CARRIED.
Tradeshow 2009	The Clear Hills County 15 th Annual Agricultural Trade Show is in the past and the board is asked to evaluate its success.
AG42(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding the Clear Hills County 15th Annual Agricultural Trade Show. CARRIED.
ABP Stewardship Nominations	Alberta Beef Producers is seeking nominations for the 2010 Environmental Stewardship Award.
AG43(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the call for nominations from the Alberta Beef Producers for the 2010 Environmental Stewardship Award and include in the June Newsletter a request for nominees. CARRIED.
2008/2009 ASB	

Grant Program

The 2nd allocation of the ASB grant is \$74,936.66 for the 2008/09 ASB grant program, for a total allocation of \$134,936.66.

AG44(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the letter from the Agricultural Service Board Program supervisor regarding the 2008/09 ASB grant allocation. CARRIED.

First Quarter
Claims for 2009

VSI claims for the first quarter of 2009 were \$3,011.00.

AG45(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the first quarter report from VSI Services (1980) Ltd. CARRIED.

Chair Ross called a recess at 11:31 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

2009 ASB
Conference
Resolution
Responses

June 15th is the deadline for feedback to the Peace Region Representative for the ASB Provincial Committee on the 2009 Provincial ASB Resolution responses.

AG46(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the 2009 Provincial ASB Resolution responses and that this Agricultural Service Board directs administration to send a letter of appreciation to the Provincial ASB Committee for providing the responses to the 2009 Provincial ASB Resolutions, as discussed. CARRIED.

Chair Ross called for a break for lunch at 11:54 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

International
Livestock Congress
2009

International Livestock Congress 2009 will be held at the Stampede Park in Calgary on Friday, July 10, 2009.

AG47(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board authorizes MacKay Ross to attend the International Livestock Congress 2009 on July 10, 2009. CARRIED.

ASB Summer Tour	The 2009 Agriculture Service Board Summer Tour is being held in Lacombe County from July 6-9 and the board is requested to select those members that will be attending.
AG48(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board authorizes Councilor Davis and Chair Ross to attend the ASB Summer Tour in Lacombe, July 6-9, 2009. CARRIED.
Weed Inspector Appointments	Weed and Pest Control inspectors are appointed as per Section 5 of the Weed Control Act and Section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act.
AG49(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board appoints Joyce McLaughlin, Patty McLarty, Bailey Larsback, Alex Tanguay and Amanda Nykolyshyn as weed inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2009. CARRIED.
Carbon Credits	Member Van Herk requested this item be put on the agenda.
AG50(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board include in the next newsletter information where to source brokerages for carbon credit solutions. CARRIED.
Rental Equipment Update	Member Van Herk requested this item on the agenda. It was suggested that a rock picker, a rock rake and a tree spade be purchased to rent.
AG51(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board directs administration to research for the 2010 budget the costs of a rock picker, a rock rake and a tree spade for rental equipment. CARRIED.
Portable Loading Chute	The Clear Hills County purchased a portable loading chute in 2009 to add to the list of rental equipment available for livestock producers.
AG52(05/20/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council to add the portable loading chute to Bylaw No. 8 with a \$50 damage/cleaning deposit and \$25 per day rental fee. CARRIED.

National Farmer's
Union Conference

Council received an invitation to the National Farmer's Union Conference at Calmar, AB. They made a resolution for an ASB member to attend.

AG53(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board appoints Daryl McAllister to attend the National Farmer's Union Conference at Calmar, AB., June 13, 2009. CARRIED.

BOARD REPORTS

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

Chair Ross –attended the Tradeshow
Vice Chair van Herk - attended the Tradeshow
Member Davis- attended the Tradeshow

AG54(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board Reports as information. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPOND-
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The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

1. ACTS II Newsletter
2. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Newsletter
3. Agri-Invest Industry Advisory
4. Pioneer Tech Update
5. Letter from Parkland County
6. Letter from Alberta Environment
7. Agriculture & Food Council
8. Dow AgroSciences
9. Letter from County of Grande Prairie No. 1
10. Pioneer Tech Update
11. AFSC News release
12. Agri-News
13. Crop Rotations in Direct Seeding
14. Update on Tolerance of Grass and Legume Seed crops to Herbicides
15. Rhodiola Rosea Information
16. Innovator April 2009
17. Innovator May 2009

AG55(05/20/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on May 20, 2009. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT
AG56(05/20/09)**

RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m. CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN