

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD
CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 18, 2009**

PRESENT	Mackay Ross Nancy van Herk Wilbert Bontrup Frances Davis Daryl McAllister	Chair Vice Chair Board Member Council Representative Board Member
IN REGRETS	Aaron Zylstra	Ag. Fieldman
IN ATTENDANCE	Audrey Bjorklund	CDM
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.	
AGENDA AG23(03/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 18, 2009 meeting as presented. CARRIED.	
MINUTES AG24(03/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 18, 2009 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 Community Development Manager and the Ag. Field man had the opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics.	
AG25(03/18/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board accepts the Community Development Manager's report and Agricultural Fieldman's report for information. CARRIED.	
DELEGATION	No items on this agenda.	
OLD BUSINESS	No items on this agenda.	
NEW BUSINESS ASB BUSINESS		

PLAN 2009	<p>The Agricultural Service Board Business Plan has been updated for 2009. This is the final year of the 5 year Agriculture Program Management Plan that was developed and implemented in 2004.</p> <p>Chair Ross left the room at 11:14 a.m., returned at 11:16 a.m.</p>
AG26(03/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board adopts the 2009 ASB Business Plan as amended. CARRIED.</p>
CATTLE INDUSTRY UPDATE	<p>The Clear Hills County, MD of Peace and MD of Fairview are organizing the Cattle Industry Update on March 24th, 2009 at the Legion Hall in Grimshaw, AB.</p>
AG27(03/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board accepts for information the Cattle Industry Update agenda and relevant discussion. CARRIED.</p>
PORTABLE LOADING CHUTE	<p>The Agricultural Service Board has purchased a new portable loading chute for the purpose of renting out to local livestock producers.</p>
AG28(03/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Councilor Davis that this Agriculture Service Board recommends Council to amend Bylaw No. 8 to include the portable loading chute as a rental item with a \$50 damage/cleaning deposit and a rental rate of \$25 per day. CARRIED.</p>
TRADESHOW SCHEDULING	<p>The Clear Hills County 15th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow will be held on April 18, 2009 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex.</p>
AG29(03/18/09)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding the Clear Hills County 15th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow. CARRIED.</p>
BOARD REPORTS	<p>At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other topics:</p>

AG30(03/18/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk to recommend that Council provide informative highlights of Council Meeting minutes, as minutes in their entirety, are available online and at the County office. CARRIED.

AG31(03/18/09)

RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that ASB members contribute to the monthly newsletter on a rotational basis. CARRIED.

Chair Ross recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.
Chair Ross reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

AG32(03/18/09)

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

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

- International Livestock Congress, Calgary
- ACCA News and Views
- Lakeside, XL deal
- Fewer Canadian Sheep despite profits
- An Argument for low SBU
- An Argument for high SBU
- Are you making \$100 per hour?
- Growers see advantages....
- 5 indy-link openers compared
- Farm program's \$500 million 'redirected': Ritz
- Organic sector wary of weed act changes
- Manitoba producers face significant flooding this year
- Alberta Pest Roundup
- Pesticide update 2009
- True Value of Crop Residue
- Carbon Offset Solutions
- Alberta Grasshopper Forecast for 2009
- Grass Seed Information
- Agri – News Feb. 9, 2009
- Agri – News Feb. 16, 2009
- Agri – News March 2, 2009
- Farm Safety Newsletter
- 2008 Farm Related Injuries and Fatalities
- ACTS 11

- The Blade
- Best Management Practices
- Alberta Building Tomorrow
- Letter from Agriculture and Rural Development
- Farm Program's \$500 Million 'redirected': Ritz
- Organic sector wary of weed act changes
- Alberta's 2009 Insect Outlook
- Western Producer Feb. 26, 2009 – pg. 3
- Grain News Feb. 23, 2009
- Best Management Practices
- News Release AARD
- Letter from Agriculture and Rural Development
- Carbon Offset Solutions
- Alberta Grasshopper Forecast for 2009
- Grass Seed information

AG33(03/18/09) RESOLUTION by Member van Herk that this Agriculture Service Board receives the correspondence and information as presented on March 18, 2009. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
AG34(03/18/09)

RESOLUTION by Member McAllister that this Agriculture Service Board adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. CARRIED.


CHAIRPERSON


AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN