

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON JANUARY 16, 2008.**

CALL TO ORDER Chairman B. Kitching called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT B. Kitching, Chairman
 M. Schwab, Member
 P. Monteith, Member
 R. Robb, Member at Large
 B. Urchyshyn, Member at Large
 C. Kappler, Agriculture Fieldman
 T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT C. Sekura, Member at Large
 T. McGinn, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman

ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA **ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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6g) Forage Association Annual Meeting
 h) Ag Choices workshop
 7k) Correspondence re: Peace Region AAAP
 7l) Correspondence regarding West Blade
 mower research project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

08/02 Moved by M. Schwab to approve the December Service Board minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS **OLD BUSINESS**
Business Plan – January 2008-2012

Members reviewed the revised draft of the business plan.

08/03 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to approve the revised Business Plan – January 2008-2012 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Final Provincial A.S.B. Conference Agenda

Members reviewed the Provincial A.S.B. Conference agenda.

C. Sekura arrived at the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Nomination for AB/NWT Region of Canada for Outstanding Young Farmer’s Program

08/04 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to nominate Movald for Outstanding Young Farmer’s Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. Resolution Summary

Members reviewed the resolution summary as presented.

Letter of Support to Ponoka County

Members reviewed the letter of support from Brazeau County regarding communication breakdown between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the local municipal government.

08/05 Moved by M. Schwab to send the letter of support to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency with the addition of copy sent to Blaine Caulkins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water Well Project Update

C. Kappler indicated this is the last correspondence from Waterline Resources and she will meet with Waterline to set up the water well monitoring stations.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS **AGRICULTURE REPORTS**
Agricultural Fieldman's Report

Members reviewed the Agriculture Fieldman's report as presented.
Members discussed venue and itinerary for the 2008 regional Conference in October.

08/06 Moved by P. Monteith to hold the Regional A.S.B. Conference on October 15, 2008 at Breton Community Hall starting at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/07 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

Members briefly reviewed her report as presented.

08/08 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS **NEW BUSINESS**
Emergent Resolution – Alberta Weed Control Act

Members reviewed correspondence regarding an emergent resolution from Yellowhead County.

Alberta Soils Tour Correspondence

Members reviewed the correspondence as presented.

FarmTech 2008 – January 30 – February 1, 2008

C. Kappler indicated she has submitted three registrants for FarmTech and inquired who would be willing to attend.

08/09 Moved by P. Monteith to authorize R. Robb, C. Kappler and T. McGinn to attend FarmTech 2008, Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence to Aspen Waste Management Authority regarding Pesticide Container Site.

Members reviewed a letter to be sent to the Aspen Waste Management Authority regarding the pesticide container site at the main landfill.

08/10 Moved by P. Monteith to forward the formalized letter to the Manager at the Town of Drayton Valley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

University of Calgary – Study of Prion Disease

Members reviewed the correspondence from the University of Calgary regarding a study on prion disease.

Correspondence regarding West Central Forage Annual Gen. Meeting

C. Kappler indicated that she would be willing to attend the Annual General meeting on January 28, 2008 in Evansburg.

08/11 Moved by R. Robb that any member be authorized to attend the West Central Forage Association, January 28, 2008 in Evansburg.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AgChoices 2008 – Red Deer

Members reviewed the course itinerary for AgChoices 2008.

08/12 Moved by R Robb to authorize B. Urchyshyn to attend the AgChoices 2008 seminar in Red Deer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

08/13 Moved by C. Sekura to receive the following items for information:

- a) Clubroot Policy Guidelines for Municipalities

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- b) Water Well Extension Program Update – January 2, 2008.
- c) Correspondence from Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding testing for potato cyst nematode.
- d) News articles from Hortideas, Nov.Dec. 2007.
- e) Energy Efficiency Worskhop for Farmers and Landowners, Janauary 23, 2008, Lethbridge.
- f) Irrigated Crop Production Update – 2008 conference, January 22, 2008, Lethbridge.
- g) The Blade newsletter, December 2007
- h) Bugs & Diseases newsletter, December 2007
- i) Forage views newsletter, Winter 2007
- j) NRCB Quarterly Review newsletter
- k) Wet Blade Mower Research Update
- l) Correspondence from Peace Country regarding “A Taste of the Peace” and “The Peace Country Showcase.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 08/14 Moved by R. Robb that the regular Agriculture Service Board adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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