

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON MAY 16,
2007.**

CALL TO ORDER Chairman, B. Kitching called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT B. Kitching, Member
W. Tweedle, Member
G. Mastre, Member
R. Robb, Member at Large
A. Goddard, Member at Large
C. Kappler, Agricultural Fieldman
T. McGinn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT A. Heinrich, Member
G. Kathol, Member

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

07/52 Moved by W. Tweedle to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 6b) Provincial A.S.B. Tour itinerary
- 6i) Proposed change to A.S.B. board

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES** **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Under Old Business, on page 1, it should read Wild **Boar** Control Measures. First initial on page 1 and 2 should read C. Kappler.

07/53 Moved by W. Tweedle to adopt the 07 04 18 minutes as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Business
Final Draft A.S.B. & Agriculture Dept. Business Plan-2007-2011

C. Kappler reviewed the Business Plan with members and the board provided their comments. W. Tweedle indicated that Council has changed the board make up of the Agriculture Service Board from 4 Councillors, 3 Members at Large to 3 Members at Large & 2 Councillors. C. Kappler will implement this change in the business plan.

Dr. Robertson arrived at the meeting at 9:40 a.m.
B. Flesher arrived at the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

07/54 Moved by W. Tweedle to receive the Business Plan for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agriculture summer staff arrived at the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**APPOINTMENTS
DELEGATIONS**

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UofA Breton Plots – Dr. Robertson

Dr. Robertson thanked the board for an opportunity to speak about the Breton Plots. He indicated that Dr. Bentley is ill and currently hospitalized, Dick Purveen was unable to attend today's meeting because of his fieldwork.

Dr. Robertson provided an update on his work with the Breton Plots. He stated the plots were originally set up in 1930 for 5 year rotations. The Breton plots took a new direction in 1980 when some producers were challenging the U of A to introduce new cropping systems, such as non-continuous legume systems. He indicated that there are other projects on the plots such as no till and phosphorus fertilizer applications. 2006 was a very good year at the plots, germination was very good, weed control was good and the yields were at a 10 year average.

Dr. Robertson showed graphs of effects of sulfur on wheat, alfalfa and red clover and explained how the U of A team answered their problem of excess acidity in the soil.

Dr. Robertson discussed the Breton Plots Conservation Society, which is a committee to further promote the plots and to acquire funding to continue work on the Breton Plots. He stated that this committee is looking for additional members. B. Flesher indicated the Breton Plots Endowment Fund was started by Dr. Robertson and Dr. Bentley to get some funds to operate the Breton plots. B. Flesher acknowledged Brazeau's \$50,000 donation to the Breton plots helped to kickstart awareness of this project.

Dr. Robertson thanked the Board for his invitation to speak at today's meeting.

UFA Crop Protection – T. Burtnack

Members introduced themselves to the guests. T. Burtnack wanted to let guests know what services, products, UFA has to offer. She is offering a Range/pasture seminar in the Fall. UFA would like to work with West Central Forage Association and the West Central Conservation Group on any projects that would be beneficial to the area.

T. Burtnack thanked the board for allowing her to make a presentation.

Agriculture summer staff left at 11:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

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CAWSEP

C. Kappler reviewed correspondence from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and P.F.R.A. with regards to the funding.

Correspondence from County of Newell and letter from Alberta Agriculture & Food

Members reviewed the correspondence as presented.

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Agriculture Fieldman's Report

C.Kappler briefly reviewed her report with members.

07/55 Moved by A. Goddard to accept the Agriculture Fieldman's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

T. McGinn briefly reviewed her report with members.

07/56 Moved by R. Robb to accept the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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Pilot Water Extension Program Final Report

C.Kappler indicated that Brazeau County was not mentioned in the report. She stated that a letter of support from the County is drafted for the Pilot Water Extension Program.

07/57 Moved by G. Mastre that a letter of support be sent to MLA Tony Abbott and to the Minister of Environment for the Water Well Extension program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Yellowhead County – 2007 Provincial A.S.B. Tour – July 9-12, 2007

Members reviewed correspondence from Yellowhead County regarding the Provincial A.S.B. Tour.

07/58 Moved by R. Robb that authorization be given for Service board members, T. McGinn and C. Kappler to attend the 2007 Summer Provincial A.S.B. Tour hosted by Yellowhead County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Breton 50th Anniversary

Members reviewed correspondence regarding Village of Breton 50th Anniversary. C. Kappler indicated that the theme is 50's.

Biofuels Initiative

Members reviewed correspondence regarding biofuels initiative from the Town of Drayton Valley.

AESA Partnership Survey

Members reviewed correspondence from Alberta Agriculture Food & Rural Development regarding the 2007 AESA partnership survey.

Agricore United Survey

C. Kappler indicated if members are interested in completed the survey individually, that would be good.

West Central Airshed Society – Annual General Meeting

Members reviewed the correspondence regarding the annual general meeting of West Central Airshed Society.

**ITEMS
FOR
INFORMATION**

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

07/58 Moved by G. Mastre to accept the following items for information:

- a) Correspondence from County of Paintearth regarding Water Well verification and testing survey.
- b) Information regarding Sonic Water Level Meter.
- c) Correspondence regarding Integrated pest Management, biocontrol of Broadleaf Weeds.
- d) Report to Industry March & April 2007 newsletter
- e) ACTS II Spring 2007 newsletter
- f) Travel Alberta Best of Buzz newsletter
- g) Green Matters Winter 2007 newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 07/59 Moved by R. Robb that the regular Agriculture Service Board meeting adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

A.S.B. SECRETARY