

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON
MARCH 14, 2007.**

CALL TO ORDER Chairman, B. Kitching called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

PRESENT B. Kitching, Chairman
G. Mastre, Member
A. Heinrich, Member
W. Tweedle, Member
R. Robb, Member at Large
A. Goddard, Member at Large
G. Kathol, Member at Large
T. McGinn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
C. Kappler, Agriculture Fieldman
K. Robinson, Recording Secretary

**ADDITONS TO
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07/34 Moved by W. Tweedle to adopt the agenda for the March 14, 2007 ASB Meeting with the following Additions:

3. (c) Bylaws from other Counties regarding topsoil removal
6. (d) Weed Seminar
(e) Classroom Agriculture Program
7. (p) Noxious Weed Seminar - Sunnybrook
(q) The Invader Newsletter
(r) Energy Efficiency Workshops
(s) AIMS – Agriculture Infestation Mapping Solution
(t) Pasture Seminar – UFA – March 21/07

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

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07/35 Moved by G. Kathol to adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2007 regular ASB meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

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Second Draft Letter Regarding BSE Impact Research

07/36 Moved by W. Tweedle to forward a letter to the University of Calgary & University of Ottawa regarding BSE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter from Jim Craig, AAFD-PFRA Regarding Canada-Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program Follow-up

07/37 Moved by A. Heinrich to request additional funding (25%) from the County for the Canada-Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program Regional Groundwater Assessment. PFRA is funding 75% to a maximum of \$64,575.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Topsoil Removal Bylaws

The Board reviewed the bylaw examples for topsoil removal from Parkland County and Sturgeon County.

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Agriculture Reports

Henry Hughes, Mark Raines and Sheila Cartwright arrived at the meeting at 10:00 am.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

C. Kappler presented her report to the Board.

07/38 Moved by R. Robb to accept the Agriculture Fieldman's Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPOINTMENTS/
DELEGATIONS**

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Graham Gilchrist – Farmer's Advocate Office

Graham Gilchrist attended the meeting today to make a presentation to the Board regarding the mandate of the Farmer's Advocate Office; Rural Consumer Protection; Land Management to Maximize Future Economic Opportunity; and Fair Process.

Chairman R. Kitching thanked Mr. Gilchrist for his presentation. (Mr. Gilchrist stayed for the remainder of the meeting)

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Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report

T. McGinn presented her report to the Board.

07/39 Moved by A. Goddard to accept the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Reports

R. Kitching reported he attended a seminar in Leduc regarding environmental change and farming.

NEW BUSINESS

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Correspondence from Agriculture & Food Council Regarding Land Use and Environmental Stewardship

The Board reviewed the correspondence received.

Correspondence from Agriculture & Food Council Regarding New Perspectives on Agriculture and the Environment

The Board reviewed the correspondence received.

07/40 Moved by R. Robb to approve the attendance the Board at the New Perspectives on Agriculture and the Environment Forum on March 29, 2007 at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter from Clearwater County to Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development Regarding AAFRD Community Involvement

The Board reviewed the correspondence received.

07/41 Moved by A. Heinrich to forward a letter of support to Alberta Agriculture regarding the concerns raised by Clearwater County and request information sharing on programs done by the Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Seminar

C. Kappler informed the Board that a weed seminar would be scheduled on May 16, 2007.

Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP)

C. Kappler requested that any Board member who wanted to attend should let her know and she would register them.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a) 2006-07 Canada Alberta Farm Water Program grant application.
- b) Water Act Fact Sheet
- c) News Release, "Farmers Honoured for Developing Fresh Agri-business ideas."
- d) AAFRD Ag-dexes, Age Verification Information, 2007 Canadian Agricultural Safety Week & BSE Surveillance Program.
- e) Correspondence from Paul Laflamme, A.A.F.R.&D dated 07 02 27 regarding 2006 Survey for Fusarium Head Blight.

- f) Thank you from West Central Forage Association
- g) News article, “Free Trade doesn’t Help Agriculture.”
- h) News article from CBC website, “Battling Foreign Farm Subsidies.”
- i) News article, “Markets Hate Farmers.”
- j) Correspondence from Ropin the Web, Alberta Grasshopper Forecast for 2007.
- **separate document**
- k) ACTS II Newsletter, Winter 2007.
- l) News articles from Canadian Farm Manager
- m) The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company January & February newsletter.
- n) NRCB Quarterly Review .
- o) Alberta Stewardship Network Grassroots News, Spring 2007.
- p) Noxious Weed Seminar – Sunnybrook
- q) The Invader
- r) Energy Efficiency Workshops
- s) AIMS
- t) Pasture Seminar – UFA- March 21/07

07/42 Moved by G. Kathol to accept the items of correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 07/43 Moved by G. Mastre that the regular Agriculture Service Board meeting dated 07 03 14 adjourn at 12:25 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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