

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON AUGUST 20, 2008.

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

PRESENT B. Kitching, Chairman
M. Schwab, Member
B. Urchyshyn, Member at Large
R. Robb, Member at Large
C. Sekura, Member at Large
C. Kappler, Agricultural Fieldman
A. Heinrich, Ratepayer
R. Ennis, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT P. Monteith, Member

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

08/94 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to accept the following additions to the agenda:

- 6e) Beef Producer's Meeting
- f) Student exchange luncheon
- g) Problem Wildlife seminar
- h) Safety Training Advisory Committee
- 7j) Canadian Processing Study

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

B. Urchyshyn inquired if a letter was forwarded to the Parks regarding weed control as per last meeting. C. Kappler indicated that this was an item forgotten. A map of known sites after the summer staff has completed the season will be included as GPS sites are being collected.

08/95 Moved by M. Schwab to adopt the 2008 06 18 minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS **OLD BUSINESS**
Review of Weed Control Act

C. Kappler indicated that A. Macauley will be attending today's meeting to review the proposed amendments to the Weed Control Act. Members reviewed aspects of the revised legislation and provided their comments.

Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy – Alberta Beef Producers Response

A. Heinrich attended today's meeting to relay his concerns regarding the meat strategy program. He indicated that he has talked to representatives from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development with regards to the direction of the meat strategy report and to hold a public meeting for producers that would address concerns.

Discussion took place on the format of the public meeting and delegation of responsibilities in hosting the meeting. The public meeting to be held at Breton Hall on September 24th pending facility and speaker availability. A. Heinrich will contact speakers and C. Kappler will check hall availability.

08/96 Moved by R. Robb to hold a Beef Producer's Committee meeting at the County office on August 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Heinrich left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

C. Kappler briefly reviewed her report with members.

08/97 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to invite the world youth exchange student to attend the September Service Board meeting and lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/98 Moved by C. Sekura to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report with members.

08/99 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to receive the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Macauley arrived at the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

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Itinerary – Regional A.S.B. Conference

R. Ennis briefly reviewed the agenda for the Regional A.S.B. Conference for October 15, 2008. Members provided their input for agenda items.

08/100 Moved by M. Schwab to approve the amended agenda for the A.S.B. Regional Conference – October 15, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Report

C. Sekura showed pictures of the tours she attended at Beef Beyond Border conference she recently attended.

**APPOINTMENTS
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Weed Control Act – A. MacAuley, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development

A. Macauley introduced himself to the board and provided a brief background on himself. He highlighted some of the major changes that will be incorporated in the Act and distributed a hand-out on these amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

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Clearwater County – Pesticides in Surface Water

Members reviewed correspondence from Clearwater County regarding their concerns about pesticides in surface water.

08/101 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to receive the correspondence from Clearwater County for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Guide to Rural Living

Members reviewed the revised guide to Rural Living. Members were asked to review the current guide as well as the revised one and supply their comments for the next meeting.

Woodlot Association of Alberta – 2008 Woodlot Tour

Members reviewed correspondence from the Woodlot Association of Alberta regarding sponsorship for the 2008 woodlot tour.

08/102 Moved by R. Robb to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Problem Wildlife Seminar

C. Kappler is requesting authorization for three agriculture employees to attend the Problem Wildlife Seminar from September 30 – October 2, 2008.

08/103 Moved by M. Scwhab to authorize three people to attend the Problem Wildlife seminar September 30-October 2, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

W. Tweedle arrived at the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Safety Training Advisory Committee

Members reviewed correspondence from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding nominations for the training advisory committee. C. Kappler will forward this correspondence to producers who would be willing or interested in participating on this committee.

08/104 Moved by R. Robb to receive this correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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- 08/104 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to receive the following items for information:
- a) Alberta Crop Report #7, July 31, 2008.
 - b) The Western Woodlot newsletter, June 2008.
 - c) West Central Forage Association newsletter, June 2008.
 - d) The Blade newsletter, June & July 2008.
 - e) The Breton Booster, July
 - f) Agri-Food for Thought newsletter
 - g) The River Current newsletter
 - h) Executive Development Program 2008-09 – George Morris Centre.
 - i) Canadian Processing Study

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 08/105 Moved by C. Sekura that the regular Agriculture Service Board meeting dated 2008 08 20 adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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