MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2008.

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

PRESENT
B. Kitching, Chairman
M. Schwab, Member
B. Urchyshyn, Member at Large
R. Robb, Member at Large
C. Kappler, Agriculture Fieldman
R. Ennis, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
L. Murphy, Field Operator
T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT
P. Monteith, Member
C. Sekura, Member at Large

ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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08/106 Moved by R. Robb to accept the agenda with the addition of the following items:

Old Business

5. Correspondence from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding Farmer Pesticide Certification Course review.

New Business

l) Western Grain Conference – December 3-5, 2008.

Correspondence For Information

p) Government of Alberta meat strategy workshops
q) Average Price Report for July 2008.
r) Crop condition report as of September 11, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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M. Schwab noted that her name was misspelled under Motion 08/103.

08/107 Moved by M. Schwab to approve the 08 20 08 minutes as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

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County of Grande Prairie – Weed Control Act Review

Members reviewed correspondence from the County of Grande Prairie regarding review of the Weed Control Act.

08/108 Moved by M. Schwab that this correspondence be brought back to the October meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional A.S.B. Conference Update

C. Kappler updated members on the progress on the itinerary of the Regional Conference. L. Murphy provided a progress report on the sponsorships for the Regional conference. C. Kappler will confirm sponsorships from a few companies.

08/109 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to accept the agenda for the Regional A.S.B. Conference on October 15, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to Eagle Point Blue Rapids Council – Proactive Weed Control

Members reviewed the letter that was forwarded to the Parks regarding weed control. C. Kappler will forward additional correspondence to the Parks Committee on past weed control expenditures within the parks area.

Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy

Members reviewed the advertisement and itinerary for the meat strategy meeting.

Correspondence regarding Farmer Pesticide Certification Course

Members reviewed the correspondence from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding the Farmer Pesticide Certification course.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

C. Kappler briefly reviewed her report with members.

08/110 Moved by M. Schwab to authorize the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman, Agriculture Fieldman and Field Operator to attend the In-Service Training on December 1-4, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/111 Moved by R. Robb to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report with members.

08/112 Moved by R. Robb to receive the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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County of Grande Prairie – Clubroot detection

Members reviewed correspondence from the County of Grande Prairie regarding presence of Clubroot.

08/113 Moved by R. Robb to receive the correspondence from County of Grande Prairie for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

County of Lethbridge – Clubroot Detection

08/114 Moved by R. Robb to receive the correspondence from County of Lethbridge for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Clubroot Policy – Brazeau County

Members reviewed the draft Clubroot policy for Brazeau County and provided their comments. C. Kappler will forward the revised Clubroot policy to Council.

08/115 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to approve the draft Clubroot policy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AESA Update

Members reviewed correspondence from M. Vadnais regarding AESA funding.

08/116 Moved by B. Urchyshyn to receive the correspondence from M. Vadnais for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AESA Funding Deadline Extension

Members reviewed correspondence from the Minister of Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding AESA funding extension.

08/117 Moved by M. Schwab to forward a letter to J. Knapp and to the Minister of Agriculture expressing the Board's concern regarding the validity of participating in AESA and the lack of continuity of funding pending the uncertainty of the program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bursary Applications – Elisabeth Scheidegger & Penny Currie

08/118 Moved by R. Robb that the Board award $500 bursary to E. Scheidegger and P. Currie to further their agriculture studies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development – Request for Audit

Members reviewed correspondence from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding an audit.

08/119 Moved by R. Robb to receive the correspondence from Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Western Canadian Grain Conference – December 3-5, 2008

M. Schwab recommended that the Service Board could sponsor a producer to attend this informative conference.

08/120 Moved by M. Schwab to budget $1000 for registration for producers, of one individual per farm unit, to attend agriculture producer related conferences in 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Murphy left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
Canada World youth group arrived at 11:10 a.m.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

08/121 Moved by R. Robb to receive the following items for information:

a) Minutes from the A.S.B. Provincial Committee meeting – July 17/08.

b) Economic Developer's Alberta meeting notes.

c) Correspondence regarding stocking rates and custom rates for land leasing.

d) Correspondence from Alberta Beef Producer's Chairman Erik butters regarding Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy.

e) Correspondence from Agri-Tracabilite International regarding Agri-Trace.

f) Crop condition report – August 14, 2008.

g) Conference agenda from University of Alberta Alumni Association:Towards a Sustainable Future:Three Perspectives.

h) Correspondence from Agricultural Research & Extension Council of Alberta regarding herbicide resistance and increasing adoption of integrated pest management in cereals.

i) Action for Agriculture newsletter, Summer 2008.

j) West Central Forage Association newsletter, September 2008.

k) The Catalyst newsletter, Spring 2008.

l) Access newsletter, Summer 2008.

m) Report to Industry newsletter, August 2008.

n) The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company Annual Report 2007/08.

o) Correspondence from Swift Environmental Equipment Ltd. regarding portable equipment wash system.

p) Government of Alberta Meat Strategy workshops

q) Average prices report – July 2008.

r) Crop condition report – September 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/122 Moved by M. Schwab to forward a thank you letter to Harvey Buckley for his contribution to Action for Agriculture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING The October Agriculture Service Board meeting has been moved to October 8, 2008.

WORLD YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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C. Kappler indicated that two of the world youth students have divided their time working between Parks and the Agriculture department. Each paired students introduced themselves and spoke briefly on their work experiences during their stay in Drayton Valley.

ADJOURNMENT The regular Service Board meeting dated 2008 09 17 adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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