

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURE SERVICE
BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009.**

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

PRESENT P. Monteith, Chairman
M. Schwab, Member
A. Heinrich, Member
A. Goddard, Member at Large
R. Ennis, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
L. Murphy, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT C. Kappler, Agriculture Fieldman
C. Sekura, Member at large
R. Robb, Member at large

**ADDITIONS TO
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15/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to add the following
additions to the agenda:

- 6c) Strategic Planning Session
- d) 100K Kitchen Party
- e) E-mail from Alberta Cattle Feeders Assoc.
- 7 i) Invitation to March 2009 Job Fair
- j) Correspondence regarding Cooperatives for
Ag Food Producers

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
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16/09 Moved by M. Schwab to adopt the minutes with the
following amendment:

Last item on page 4, the title should read Action for
Agriculture Annual General Meeting and Land use
Workshop.

Motion #12/09 should read: Moved by A. Heinrich
that authorization for M.Schwab to attend the
Annual General Meeting and Land-use Workshop,
February 27, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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**Conference/Seminar/Workshop Registration Fee Assistance
For Farmers**

M. Schwab recommended a deletion of one of the bulletins on the
draft policy. M. Schwab recommended further wording under
bulletin a). A. Heinrich suggested that the Service Board get
feedback from attendees at these conferences.

17/09 Moved by M. Schwab to bring a revised policy to
the next Service Board meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence from County of Stettler No. 6 regarding Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy

Members reviewed correspondence from County of Stettler regarding the Livestock & Meat Strategy.

18/09 Moved by M. Schwab to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Resolutions & Decision

Members reviewed the 2009 resolutions and the decisions that were passed at the Provincial A.S.B. Conference.

19/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the 2009 resolutions and decisions for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed the Agriculture Fieldman's Report as presented.

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report with members.
L. Murphy briefly reviewed her report with members

20/09 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's Report and the Assistant Agriculture Fieldmen's Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Report

A. Heinrich reported on his attendance at the Upstream Conference he recently attended.

M. Schwab attended a conference through Kings College regarding the importance of land use. She also attended a conference through Brownlee Fryett.

A. Goddard reported on his attendance at the Provincial A.S.B. Conference.

21/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Member's Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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AIA Food Safety/Security/Sustainability in Agriculture Conference

Members reviewed correspondence regarding a Food Safety/Security conference hosted by the Alberta Institute of Agrologists from March 18-19, 2009.

22/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Lacombe A.S.B. Tour, July 6-9, 2009

Members reviewed the itinerary for the 2009 Summer A.S.B. Tour hosted by the County of Lacombe.

23/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the correspondence from Lacombe County Summer Tour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Planning Session

M. Schwab recommended that the Agriculture Fieldman and Assistant Agriculture Fieldman attend a Strategic Planning Session scheduled for half day and would discuss various topics. Members discussed dates for a half day session.

24/09 Moved by A. Goddard that the Service Board undertake a half day Strategic Planning Session on April 17, 2009 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. with lunch supplied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence regarding 100K Kitchen Party

Members reviewed correspondence from the Economic Development Officer regarding the 100K Kitchen Party and discussed level of funding.

25/09 Moved by M. Schwab that the Service Board allocate \$500.00 toward the 100K Kitchen Party initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. Monteith read an e-mail from Cattle Feeder's Association regarding import of beef products for MacDonalDs restaurants. Members have seen this correspondence.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

26/09 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the following items for information.

- a) Correspondence from Agriculture & food Council regarding a forum, 'Agri-Environmental Policy in Alberta: An Update & Assessment – March 4, 2009, Edmonton.
- b) Correspondence regarding call for nominations for membership for 3 year term on Agriculture & food Council.
- c) News Releases, "Legislation to help Ag Producers Market Products domestically & Globally, "New Legislation to Improve Livestock Business Development Opportunities" & "Alberta Cattle Producers Show Commitment to Age Verification."
- d) News Release from Canada's Outstanding Young Farmer's Program regarding representation of outstanding young farmer at National Awards Program.
- e) News article, "Giving Credit to Where It's Due."
- f) AgTech Innovator newsletter, April & May 2008.
- g) Fact Sheet, Shock Chlorinating Your Well
- h) Greening the Grid factsheet
- i) Correspondence from Choice Career & Employment Centre regarding March 2009 Job Fair.
- j) Correspondence regarding cooperatives for agriculture food producers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 27/09 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular A.S.B. meeting adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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