

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

CALL TO ORDER The Chairman 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
C. Kappler, Agriculture Fieldman
R. Ennis, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

ABSENT R. Robb, Member at Large
C. Sekura, Member at Large

**ADDITONS TO
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08/142 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 3c) Operation Clean Farm joint resolution
- 6e) Letter from County of Forty Mile regarding the Alberta Meat & Livestock Strategy
- 7o) News article from Mountainview County regarding recycling farm plastics

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

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08/143 Moved by M. Schwab to adopt the 2008 11 19 minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

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Upstream Conference

Members reviewed correspondence regarding the Upstream Conference in Leduc.

08/144 Moved by M. Schwab to authorize A. Heinrich to attend the Upstream Conference in Nisku from February 10-12, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/145 Moved by M. Schwab to receive the news article for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Operation Clean Farm Resolution

Members reviewed the Operation Clean Farm/Obsolete Pesticide Resolution.

08/146 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the resolution for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

C. Kappler briefly reviewed her report as presented.

08/147 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agriculture
Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Sekura arrived at the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

**Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report/Field Operator's
Report**

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report with members.

08/148 Moved by M. Schwab to receive the Assistant
Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Field Operator's Report

L. Murphy briefly reviewed her report with members.

08/149 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the Field
Operator's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Reports

M. Schwab reported on the Alberta Beef Producer's activities. She recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to Kevin Boone on his nomination for Vice Chair of the Alberta Beef Producer's Association.

08/150 Moved by M. Schwab that a letter of
congratulations be sent to Kevin Boone on his
nomination of Vice Chair of the Alberta Beef
Producers Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS
FARMTECH
2009**

NEW BUSINESS
FarmTech 2009

Members reviewed the correspondence regarding FarmTech 2009.

08/151 Moved by A. Goddard to authorize M. Schwab to
attend the FarmTech 2009 conference January 9-12,
2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AgChoices 2009

Members reviewed the itinerary regarding the AgChoices 2009, February 11, 2009.

08/152 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the AgChoices Conference for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development – Rat Control

Members watched a video on rat control.

The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Agriculture Department Spring Workshop Schedule

Members reviewed the upcoming spring workshops.

08/153 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the upcoming Spring Workshop schedule as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence from County of Forty Mile No. 8 – Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy

Members reviewed the letter from County of Forty Mile regarding the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy.

08/154 Moved by M. Schwab to receive the letter for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

08/155 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the following items for information:

- a) Letter from J. Knapp, Deputy Minister, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development regarding AESA program.
- b) Correspondence from M. Slomp, Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company regarding local Environmental Farm Plan delivery.
- c) Correspondence from Northlands regarding involvement with AMA Farm Family Awards.
- d) Correspondence from J.A. Robertson, University of Alberta giving thanks for the gift.

- e) Correspondence regarding Productivity Improvement Project for Alberta's Agri-Processing Sectors.
- f) Correspondence regarding 2009 Best Practices Awards.
- g) Correspondence regarding Integrated & Environmental Plant Management Association 13th Annual Workshop & Conference.
- h) News article from Cattleman's "Vet School Opens."
- i) News article from Municipal World, "Plastic Agricultural Products."
- j) Mountain Pine Beetle aerial photos
- k) Agri-Food for Thought newsletter, Fall 2008
- l) The River Current newsletter, Fall 2008
- m) Grey Wooded Forage Association newsletter, Fall 2008
- n) Forage Views newsletter, December 2008.
- o) News article from Mountainview County, What's New in Mountainview.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 08/156 Moved by M. Schwab that the regular Agriculture Service Board dated 2008 12 17 adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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