

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURE SERVICE
BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON OCTOBER 21, 2009.**

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
- C. Sekura, Member at Large
- R. Robb, Member at Large
- A. Goddard, Member at Large
- R. Ennis, Agriculture Fieldman
- L. Murphy, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
- D. Thompson, Communications co-ordinator
- T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

**ADDITIONS TO
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111/09 Moved by R. Robb to accept the agenda with the following additions:

- 6d) Budget discussion
- e) ARGGO invitation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
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112/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

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A.S.B. Bursary Application & Guidelines

A. Goddard indicated that the bursary guideline document is different on the website than the copy of the guideline form he had. T. McCracken indicated that revisions were made to the guidelines that were discussed at an earlier board meeting. A. Goddard did not have a current guideline document. R. Ennis indicated that he is currently working on a bursary application policy.

113/09 Moved by M. Schwab that the bursary application from E. Scheidegger be tabled until November 9th meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Ziegler arrived at the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report as presented. He stated that he was asked to assist the Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant to complete a business plan. A. Heinrich stated that new equipment and buildings are needed to have the plant operate at a better efficiency.

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

L. Murphy briefly reviewed her report as presented.

114/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's and Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Report

M. Schwab indicated that Deputy Minister of Agriculture, J. Knapp will be at the Auction Mart on October 31st at noon to discuss age verification process.

115/09 Moved by A. Goddard to receive M. Schwab's report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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West Central Conservation Group – Request for Funding

Members reviewed correspondence from the West Central Conservation Group regarding funding. R. Ennis indicated that budgeting for funding to the group has been missed for two years but will be included in next year's budget.

116/09 Moved by M. Schwab to send a letter indicating that the board has allocated their funding request in next year's budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pesticide Applicator Registration & Conference/Seminar Policy

Board members reviewed the Conference/Seminar/Workshop policy as presented. R. Ennis recommended that it would be beneficial for producers or industry personnel to register for the Pesticide Applicator's license as allowed under this policy.

117/09 Moved by R. Robb to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence from Agriculture & Rural Development regarding A.S.B. Grant Audit

118/09 Moved by A Goddard to receive the correspondence from Agriculture & Rural Development for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Discussion – Maintenance of Sports Park

P. Monteith asked the board if mowing of the sports parks should be included in the agriculture budget or if the sports groups would be willing to mow the parks themselves. Board members provided their input.

119/09 Moved by A. Heinrich that no money be budgeted for maintenance of the sports park until 2010 and that the sporting clubs be advised that no funding towards maintenance will be committed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARGGO Invitation

P. Monteith mentioned the invitation to ARGGO Processing Facility on October 30th in Thorsby.

120/09 Moved by M. Schwab to authorize members to attend the ARGGO processing facility grand opening on October 30th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 121/09 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the following items for information:
- a) Correspondence from B. Bindle of Alberta Agriculture & Food regarding new deadline for AESA program.
 - b) Correspondence from Agriculture & Food Council regarding new agri-food leadership program.
 - c) Correspondence regarding Farmer's Advocate Office regarding energy information sessions.
 - d) 2008-2009 Annual Report – Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development.
 - e) Notes from M. Schwab regarding roundtable meeting with Federal Agriculture Minister, Gerry Ritz.
 - f) E-mail from T. Wayne, Northalnds regarding Canadian Finals Rodeo tickets.
 - g) Provincial MPB update regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle.
 - h) News article from Grainews, "First Herbicide Tolerant Juncea Canolas on Deck" & "Feed Barley market Quiet for now."
 - i) Bully free at Work seminar, October 8/09.
 - j) Correspondence regarding 6th Annual Clattlemen's Day hosted by Clearwater County, November 4, 2009.

- k) Agri Profit Technical Bulletin, "Grazing Aftermath Straw & Chaff, Buyer's Perspective," September 2009.
- l) Correspondence from West Central Conservation Group, Growing Forward Water Management Program.
- m) The Thorsby Target newsletter, October 2009 & news article "Rhodiola Rosea Grains Momentum for Alberta Growers."
- n) Forage Views newsletter, September 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Shannon from POPA arrived at the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
C. Martin arrived at the meeting at 9:55 a.m.
C. Whitelock and R. Hogan arrived at the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

K. Ziegler, Agriculture & Rural Development

Mr. Ziegler, Agriculture & Rural Development liaison to the A.S.B. inquired if County agriculture staff would be willing to input data in a database for age verification statistics. The A.S.B. declined to take part in their data entry request for age verification. Brazeau County would be paid \$50.00/farm.

122/09 Moved by M. Schwab to receive K. Ziegler's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPOINTMENTS/
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R. Hogan- Agriculture land reclamation standards

R. Hogan provided his findings on reclamations of disturbed sites. He gave a brief review of the oil and gas history in this area and indicated that no pre-planning was given consideration for conservation standards. R. Hogan indicated that the definition of equivalent land capability is varied.

R. Hogan talked about the difference between the white zone and the green zone and the reclamations standards. He talked about the surface soil replacements in the white zone cultivated.

He indicated that the system is not perfect but workable and is constantly changing.

ADJOURNMENT

123/09 Moved by C. Sekura that the meeting adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

A.S.B. SECRETARY