

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURE SERVICE
BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON MARCH 24, 2010.**

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

PRESENT

- P. Monteith, Chair
- M. Schwab, Member
- A. Heinrich, Member
- A. Goddard, Member at Large
- C. Martin, Member at Large
- M. Raines, Member at Large
- L. Murphy, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
- R. Ennis, Agriculture Fieldman
- H. Mettler, Economic Development/Ag.
- M. Airey, SPCA
- D. Thompson, Communications Co-ordinator
- K. Ziegler, Albera Agriculture & Rural Development
- T. McCracken, Recording Secretary

**ADDITONS TO
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29/10 Moved by A. Goddard to accept the agenda with the following additions:

- 6c) April A.S.B. meeting date
- d) Agriculture Industry Builders Award
- 7f) Correspondence regarding Monsanto Scholarship
- g) Crop Pest & Management Workshop
- 8 In-Private session

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
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30/10 Moved by M. Schwab to accept the minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

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L. Baird, AFAC Executive Director, arrived at the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE
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Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis briefly reviewed his report as presented. R. Ennis and L. Murphy will inspect 30 pre-determined quarters from Ag Canada and select 3 quarters from that list for weed identifications to complete a national weed survey

31/10 Moved by C. Martin to approve the Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

L. Murphy briefly reviewed her report with members.

32/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Follensbee, AARD arrived at the meeting at 9:25 a.m

Member's Report

C. Martin indicated that R. Robb noticed an advertisement in the local paper stating that the Town of Drayton Valley is offering topsoil for sale. He inquired what the County's position regarding topsoil removal is. R. Ennis referred to legislation regarding transport of topsoil and weed seeds. He will talk to Chuck Dejong from the Town and ask to get a sample and have it tested for weed seed. If weed seeds are present, R. Ennis will issue a stop order on the delivery of any topsoil.

M. Schwab provided an update on the Guitars & Denim appreciation evening.

33/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Member's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENTS/DELEGATIONS

M. Follensbee explained what roles AFAC, Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development have in conjunction with SPCA. M. Schwab explained an incident where she called the ALERT line and left a message and her call was not returned. She inquired what is the process taken when someone calls in an animal care concern. Ms. Follensbee explained that a call goes through dispatch and a driveby inspection is carried out. If the situation is critical, it is referred to the SPCA whereby a Constable inspects the property.

Discussion took place on this issue.

P. Monteith thanked the guests for attending today's meeting.

M. Follensbee, M. Airey & L Baird left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

34/10 Moved by M. Schwab to forward a letter to M. Follensbee, Unit head, Animal Head Protection, AARD and a copy to John Knapp indicating a step is missing in dealing with the animal care complaint process to AFAC hotline and the timelines from the time of complaint to the time the complaint is referred to the SPCA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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2010 Northlands Farm Family Award

Members are asked to supply deserving names of farm families to R. Ennis or L. Murphy.

35/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agriculture Diversity Strategy – Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for Agriculture Diversity Strategy as presented.

36/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to forward the revised Terms of Reference to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

37/10 Moved by M. Schwab that the next Service Board meeting be held on April 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agriculture Industry Builders Award

M. Schwab recommended that a form of recognition be given to farm families who have started an agriculture business in the area and to host an awards portion during the Guitars & Denim appreciation evening.

38/10 Moved by M. Schwab that a Service Board member work with R. Ennis and L. Murphy to draft criteria for qualifying names of families who would qualify for the Industry Builders awards to be held in conjunction with the Guitars & Denim evening.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEMS
FOR
INFORMATION**

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 39/10 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the following items for information:
- a) Correspondence from Association of Alberta co-op of Seed Cleaning Plants regarding proposed changes to the Fusarium Graminearum Management Plan.
 - b) Correspondence from CleanFarms regarding program update.
 - c) Correspondence regarding Alberta Cattle Price Insurance Program.

- d) News articles, “Farm Care Centre flooded with Calls”, “Green Eggs & Ham look to the Future”, “Battling Anti-Livestock Groups, a priority for AFAC Conference.”
- e) The Invader Newsletter, Spring 2010.
- f) Correspondence regarding nominations for recipients for Monsanto scholarship.
- g) Crop Pest & Management Workshop, April 14, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN PRIVATE

IN PRIVATE SESSION

40/10 Moved by M. Schwab that the Agriculture Service Board meeting go In Private at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

41/10 Moved by A. Heinrich that the ASB come out of In Private at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

42/10 Moved by M. Schwab that a letter be sent to the Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant indicating that the discussion and decision at the A.S.B. was not the discussion held at Council and that the A.S.B. was not pleased with their representative’s behavior.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 43/10 Moved by M. Schwab that the meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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