

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
BOARD MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 HELD AT THE
BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

PRESENT P. Monteith, Chairman
M. Schwab, Member
A. Heinrich, Member
C. Martin, Member at Large
A. Goddard, Member at Large
R. Ennis, Agriculture Fieldman
L. Murphy, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman
D. Thompson, Communications Co-ordinator
K. Robinson, Recording Secretary

ABSENT M. Raines, Member at Large

OTHERS K. Ziegler, AFRD, Forage Specialist

**ADDITIONS TO
AND ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

Additions to and Adoption of Agenda

- 95/10** Moved by C. Martin that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:
3. Old Business
 - a) Century Farm
 6. New Business
 - d) Priority Area Weed Compliance Community Survey Report
 - e) Highway Contractors
 7. Correspondence
 - e) Crop Conditions as of Sept. 9, 2010
 - f) Alberta Precipitation and Soil Moisture Condition Highlights – Aug 31, 2010
 - g) Brazeau County Invasive Species Brochure

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

96/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the minutes of the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 18, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

Century Farms

The Board discussed the idea of a Century Farm Award or a Heritage Farm Award.

97/10 Moved by M. Schwab that Administration continue to research and bring additional information back to the October 20th ASB meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mowing Contracts

R. Ennis provided a verbal report regarding how neighbouring municipalities manage their mowing program and what their costs are for contractors.

Councillor M. Schwab requested that Marco Schoeninger, Director of Public Works attend the October 20th ASB meeting to discuss the mowing program with the Board.

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Agriculture Reports

Agriculture Fieldman's Report

R. Ennis presented his report to the Board.

98/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report

L. Murphy presented her report to the Board.

99/10 Moved by A. Goddard to receive the Assistant Agriculture Fieldman's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Inspector Summary 2010 – East Side of the River

The Board reviewed the report submitted.

100/10 Moved by M. Schwab to receive the Weed Inspector Summaries or information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member's Reports

M. Schwab provided a report regarding Guitar's and Denim.

Charlie Martin reported that he attended the ASB/AESA grant funding workshop in Stony Plain.

101/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Member's Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

UFA Farm Smarts Program

The Board reviewed the correspondence received from Alberta Farm Safety Centre.

102/10 Moved by A. Heinrich to defer further discussion regarding the UFA Farm Smarts Program until the October 20th ASB meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

**Doug Woodliffe – Land Use Bylaw Review
"Keeping of Animals" Section**

Doug Woodliffe, Planning Technician attended the meeting today to discuss the "Keeping of Animals" section of the Land Use Bylaw, which is in the process of being updated.

Chairperson P. Monteith thanked Mr. Woodliffe and he left the meeting at 10:30 am.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

2010 AMA Farm Family Awards

The Board reviewed the email correspondence received regarding the awards ceremony.

103/10 Moved by A. Goddard to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Ken Ziegler, Forage Specialist attended the meeting today to make a presentation to the Board regarding a 'Priority Area Weed Compliance Community Survey Report'. He also stressed the importance of weed programs for Tall Buttercup.

104/10 Moved by A. Goddard to receive Mr. Ziegler's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairperson P. Monteith thanked Mr. Ziegler for his presentation.

Highway Contractors

Councillor M. Schwab brought forth a concern regarding the highway spraying contractor.

105/10 Moved by M. Schwab to forward a letter to Alberta Transportation Minister Luke Quelling and copy Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Jack Hayden regarding the highway spraying contractor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION**

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

106/10 Moved A. Goddard to receive the following items for information:

- a) Clearwater Area Forest Health Update
- b) Exchange Newsletter from CropLife Alberta Council
- c) West Central Conservation Group – September 2, 2010
- d) Crop Conditions as of Sept. 9, 2010
- e) Alberta Precipitation and Soil Moisture Condition Highlights – Aug 31, 2010
- f) Brazeau County Invasive Species Brochure

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

107/10 Moved by C. Martin that the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting adjourn at 11:16 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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