

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC ROOM ON MONDAY, 2017 02 15

CALL TO ORDER R. Ennis calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT R. Ennis, Chairperson
M. Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
L. Chambers, Director of Community Services
T. McGinn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
D. Movald, Member at Large
S. Allen, Agricultural Fieldman
B. Guyon, Reeve
A. Heinrich, Councillor
A. Goddard, Member at Large
S. Wheale, Member at Large
T. London, Recording Secretary

ABSENT None

ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

20/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

21/17 Moved by A. Goddard to adopt the minutes of January 18, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING **Business Arising**

DELEGATION **Delegation**

10:05 a.m. Melissa Freeman, General Manager, West Central Forage Association

Melissa made a presentation about the services and programs WCFA offers. She highlighted 2016 WCFA events and initiatives. Melissa presented what WCFA has planned for 2017 and some of the other programs and organizations they are affiliated with, to ensure they

have access to leading edge information and research to the benefit of their partners, membership, and producers.

WCFA has a proposal to grow hemp and Jerusalem artichoke in partnership with Brazeau County. 10 acres would be the ideal amount of land for a test plot site.

Discussion ensued about the particulars of the proposed plantings and costs.

WCFA will be sending T. McGinn how many WCFA members Brazeau County has for information purposes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input – 11:00 a.m.

None.

22/17 Moved by B. Guyon for the ASB to support WCFA proposed test plots project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23/17 Moved by M. Thompson to go to Council for up to \$15,000 towards the ASB budget to support projects and services provided by WCFA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Ennis called for a break at 11:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

Budget Category Name

S. Allen commented that he can work with Corporate Services to pull budget category naming/reporting specific to ASB needs.

24/17 Moved by M. Thompson to receive S. Allen's verbal explanation on budget category as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25/17 Moved by A. Goddard to receive M. Freeman's presentation about WCFA for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergent Resolution

The board discussed the results of the support for the Emergent Resolutions at the annual ASB conference and what steps to consider to move this resolution forward.

26/17 Moved by M. Thompson to approach Al Kemmere for his support and comments on the Brazeau County resolution submitted to AAMDC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27/17 Moved by D. Movald to send the ASBs recommendation on the resolution to Brazeau County Council for support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Forest at Waste Transfer Sites

S. Allen explained that residual herbicide has been sprayed at the waste transfer station sites therefore Administration has recommended alternate locations for Councils final decision.

28/17 Moved by M. Thompson to receive S. Allen's report on Food Forest projects as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course

S. Allen presented the option for Brazeau County to host a one-day Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course. The cost would be \$600.00 and mileage for the instructor, plus the room rental fee, and a \$30.00 nominal fee for attendees to register.

29/17 Moved by B. Guyon to approve the one-day Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course tutorial.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AG-30 Agriculture Recognition Awards Policy

S. Allen made an announcement that AG-30 was approved by Brazeau County Council on February 7, 2017.

30/17 Moved by D. Movald to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Agriculture Reports February 2017

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

31/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept the Agricultural Fieldman report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

32/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEMBER'S
REPORT**

Member's Reports February 2017

Member-at-large S. Wheale reported on:

- Lunch with Federal Agriculture Minister
- S. Wheale was appointed to Prime Minister's Youth Council, and met Justin Trudeau.

Councillor M. Thompson reported on:

- ASB conference highlights/speakers - really enjoyed the conference and is willing to share her notes if anyone is interested.
- Kudos to T. McGinn and the ASB conference committee for a fantastic program.

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- ASB Conference highlights
- Kudos to the ASB organizing committee

Member-at-large D. Movald reported:

- Update on ALUS program, upcoming workshop at Funnell Hall on March 9th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- Farm visits

Member-at-large A. Goddard reported on:

- Congratulations to S. Wheale on her appointment to the Prime Minister's Youth Council.

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- ASB Conference highlights
- Harvesting Hemp is really catching fire, good for the board to think about supporting initiatives locally and tying together regional and provincial opportunities.

Chairperson R. Ennis reported on:

- Congratulations to S. Wheale regarding her selection to Prime Minister's Youth Council
- ASB Conference - kudos to T. McGinn and the ASB Conference organizing committee for a job well done!
- REA Conference – re. Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

33/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept member reports as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

Municipal Development Plan – Recreation and Tourism, Agriculture, Ecosystem

S. Allen commented that MDP is looking for input from stakeholders. Planning and Development has asked for the board to recommend person(s)/group(s) who would be interested in attending MDP and giving input. Deadline to submit recommendations to S. Allen is Friday, February 17, 2017.

34/17 Moved by A. Goddard to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The board reviewed the 2017 ASB meeting schedule.

35/17 Moved by A. Goddard to move the next ASB meeting to Monday, March 13, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The board reviewed the following correspondence/items for information: emailed letter to D. Neilley regarding Technical Working Groups for Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, including D. Neilley's response, letter to Farm Safety Centre regarding 2017 funding and 2016 program delivery, the email call for water quality participants from U of A, and the thank-you card from Brody Hines regarding the 2016 ASB bursary.

36/17 Moved by A. Goddard to receive all correspondence/items for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEXT
MEETING**

The next regular ASB Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2017 in the County Administration Building, EOC Room.

ADJOURNMENT

37/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to adjourn the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of February 15, 2017 at 12:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. Chairperson

Agriculture Fieldman

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