

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD  
MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017, HELD AT  
BRAZEAU COUNTY EOC ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER** R. Ennis, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

**ABSENT** T. McGinn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

**GUESTS** M. Verhaeghe, Director of Planning and Development  
B. Misener, Manager of Land and Environment  
P. VanDer Schoot, AWES Committee

**INTRODUCTIONS** Roundtable introductions.  
Toso Bozic explained his role as a key contact to the ASB.

**ADDITIONS TO  
AND ADOPTION  
OF AGENDA**

**Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

6. d) Alberta Forestry and Agriculture - Toso Bozic, Members Report

8. h) Item for information - Unharvested Crops

**53/17** Moved by D. Movald to adopt the agenda with the additions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**54/17** Moved by M. Thompson to adopt the Minutes of the Agriculture Services Board Meeting of March 13, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING**    **None**

**DELEGATION**            **Municipal Development Plan**

M. Verhaeghe presented a report on the Municipal Development Plan process. They have approximately over one hundred people registered and a kick-off BBQ between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. today.

**55/17**                    Moved by A. Goddard to accept M. Verhaeghe’s report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment to PD – 21 Haying and Grazing Leases**

B. Misener reviewed the policy changes and rationale for his recommendations.

**56/17**                    Moved by B. Guyon to direct Administration to re-vamp the policy with a per parcel flat rate and bring back a leaseholder waiver for ASB’s consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC INPUT**            **Public Input Session – 11:00 a.m.**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**            **Old Business**

**AWES Food Forest-Ecobuffer Planting Proposal in Poplar Ridge**

S. Allen presented a report on the Food Forest Project and asked the ASB to comment and make a recommendation to bring to Council for final approval.

**57/17**                    Moved by D. Movald to direct Administration to proceed with the AWES Food Forest-Ecobuffer Planting Proposal, to adjust the report to Council according to comments and plant trees in 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**58/17**                    Moved by B. Guyon to work with community partners to increase the affordability and offset the costs of the AWES Food Forest-Ecobuffer Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Cynthia Solar Aquatics Centre – Landscaping Update**

S. Allen presented a report regarding the Cynthia Solar Aquatics Centre landscaping asking for ASB comments and recommendation.

**59/17** Moved by M. Thompson to recommend the County to approve up to an additional \$4,404.00 to be added to the budget for landscaping at the Cynthia Solar Aquatics Centre and to seek community partnerships.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017 Provincial ASB Summer Registration**

S. Allen collected registration information from ASB members.

**60/17** Moved by A. Goddard to approve all members that wish to attend provincial ASB summer tour.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURE  
REPORTS**

**Agriculture Reports April 2017**

**Agricultural Fieldman’s Report**

**61/17** Moved by B. Guyon to receive Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman’s Report**

**62/17** Moved by M. Thompson to accept Assistant Agricultural Fieldman’s report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEMBER’S REPORT Member’s Reports**

Member at Large D. Movald reported on:

- ALUS program update

R. Ennis called for a break at 11:50 a.m., meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Councillor M. Thompson reported on:

- AAMDC resolution

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Hemp Workshop #3 on Commercialization

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- Hemp Workshop #3 on Commercialization
- Hemp Committee – working to form the Alberta Hemp Alliance to create a central agency for resources and information to the benefit of Albertans. They have applied for CARES grant for funding.
- Millrate update – economic development tool.
- TransAlta proposed project at Brazeau County Dam.

**63/17** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept members report.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Alberta Forestry and Agriculture – Toso Bozic Report**

T. Bozic presented a verbal review of his submitted activity report.

**64/17** Moved by A. Goddard to accept T. Bozic’s report as information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Business**

**Workshop Fees**

S. Allen presented a verbal report on the rationale for nominal workshop fees and asked the ASB for comments.

**65/17** Moved by A. Goddard to receive for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

ASB board reviewed the 2017 ASB meeting dates, Alberta’s Agricultural Service Board Programs, letter regarding Leduc County’s Farm and Ranch TWG Recommendations, thank you letter from Farm Safety Centre, Free Event – Growing for the Future: The importance of farming of urban life, the press release from Alberta Government requesting input about agriculture programs, and Un-harvested crops document.

**66/17** Moved by A. Goddard to receive correspondence items for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEXT  
MEETING**

The next regular ASB Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, in the EOC Room, Brazeau County Building, 7401 – TWP Road 494.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**67/17**

Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of Wednesday, April 19, 2017, adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**A.S.B. CHAIRMAN**

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**A.S.B. SECRETARY**