

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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. Allen, Agricultural Fieldman
T. London, Recording Secretary
L. Chambers, Director of Community Services

ABSENT S. Wheale, Member at Large

**ADDITIONS TO
AND ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

Additions and Adoption of Agenda

Deletion:

8. c) Item for information from CETC regarding Farmers Advocate Office Information producers with unharvested acres.

Additions:

8. c) County of St. Paul Declares Ag Disaster

7. d) Ratify expenses for R. Ennis

7. e) MDP update – Ag sector

68/17 Moved by M. Thompson to adopt the agenda with the deletion and additions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

69/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the Minutes of the Agriculture Service Board Meeting of April 19, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING None

PUBLIC INPUT **Public Input Session – 11:00 a.m.**
None

OLD BUSINESS

None

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Agriculture Reports May 2017

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

70/17 Moved by A. Goddard to receive Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report

D. Movald declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

71/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to recommend approval to Council of up to \$50,000.00 to the Ag budget for contracted services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Movald rejoined the meeting.

72/17 Moved by D. Movald to recommend to Council to increase existing herbicide rebate from 20% to 30% as per policy AG-8 Weed Control Policy for 2017.

M. Thompson asked for a friendly amendment "to become effective in 2017"

D. Movald accepted the friendly amendment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

73/17 Moved by B. Guyon to make a recommendation to Council to increase the Herbicide Rebate program an additional \$10,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

74/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMBER'S REPORT Members' Reports

Member at Large A. Goddard reported on:

- Poor field conditions.

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Some of the farming/harvesting work is getting done in his area.

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- Alberta Hemp Alliance is hosting a Hemp Conference at the CETC on November 8 and 9, 2017.
- WCFA will be using 10 acres of B. Guyon's land to conduct hemp plot research.

Chairman R. Ennis reported on:

- Crop yields about ½, elk, deer manure, and high moisture content has affected the quality and value.

75/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept members' reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS New Business

ASB Orientation – Role of ASB Board

R. Ennis reviewed the Orientation Manual for Agricultural Service Board Members to highlight the role of the ASB, its members, and the role of the key contact.

76/17 Moved by M. Thompson to add Toso Bozic's report to correspondence as 8 d).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

77/17 Moved by B. Guyon to accept the ASB Orientation and ASB Act for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to Minister regarding crop reporting and disasters

78/17 Moved by A. Goddard for Administration to draft a letter to the Minister regarding crop disaster 2016 and spring 2017, unharvested acres and to review the AFSC

program, and re-evaluate the overall agriculture safety net program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ratify expenses of R. Ennis

R. Ennis presented a report of the proposed expenses related to his Chairman duties and his attendance to the MDP Charrette event to be ratified. It was the consensus of the board that expenses related to Chairman duties be ratified, however since he was invited as a member of the community to the MDP Charrette event these related expenses would not be ratified.

R. Ennis declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

M. Thompson assumed Chair position as ASB Vice-Chairperson.

79/17 Moved by D. Movald to ratify R. Ennis expenses for a ½ day for ASB planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Ennis rejoined the meeting and resumed Chair position.

MDP Update – Agriculture Sector

Roundtable discussion about the MDP Charrette event related to the Agriculture Sector.

80/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Board reviewed meeting dates, AFSC assistance, County of St. Paul Declares Ag Disaster, and Toso Bozic report.

81/17 Moved by D. Movald to receive all correspondence items for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

The next regular ASB Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21, 2017**, in the EOC Room, Brazeau County Building, 7401 – TWP Road 494.

ADJOURNMENT

82/17

Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 17, 2017, adjourn at 12:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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