

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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
C. Rochon, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
- ABSENT** L. Chambers, Director of Community Services
S. Wheale, Member at Large
- GUESTS** K. Kotylak, Field Crop Business Development Agrologist, Alberta
Agriculture and Forestry
A. Taylor, Resident, Public Input
- ADDITIONS TO
AND ADOPTION
OF AGENDA** Additions and Adoption of Agenda
7. b) Weed Aid
- 98/17** Moved by A. Goddard to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- ADOPTION OF
MINUTES** Adoption of Minutes
- 99/17** Moved by M. Thompson to adopt the minutes of the
Agriculture Service Board Meeting of June 21, 2017.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- BUSINESS ARISING** Roundtable Introductions
- DELEGATION** Krista Kotylak, Field Crop Business Development Agrologist, Alberta
Agriculture and Forestry Field Visit Presentation

K. Kotylak commented on the ASB Field Visit process and answered board members questions.

100/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept K. Kotylak's presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Ratify attendance of spouse or youth to ASB 2017 Summer Tour

101/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to ratify the attendance of Shirley Ennis and Thomas Movald to the provincial ASB 2017 Summer Tour as per policy Council – 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Agriculture Reports August 2017

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

S. Allen reviewed his submitted report verbally to the committee.

102/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Rochon reviewed his submitted report verbally to the committee.

103/17 Moved by D. Movald to receive the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMBERS' REPORT Members' Reports

Vice-Chairperson/Councillor M. Thompson reported on:

- Clear worms on willow trees about 1cm long

Councillor A. Heinrich commented on:

- Provision of information to producers to improve production on land.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input Session – 11:00 a.m.

A. Taylor made the board aware of aerator machinery to tackle hard, reduced-till soil. Some of the research A. Taylor has conducted on the internet says it can improve the health and overall soil conditions. A. Taylor thought this would be of particular interest to the board and County because of the hard packed clay soils that are typical to this area.

Conversation amongst the board and guest ensued.

A. Taylor left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

104/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to contact Vulcan County regarding aerator equipment and the possibility to demo equipment in Brazeau County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member at Large A. Goddard reported on:

- Farming activities
- Grasshoppers
- Beavers

Member at Large D. Movald reported on:

- Provided his notes and reported on the ASB 2017 Summer Tour

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- 2017 ASB Summer Tour

Chairman R. Ennis reported on:

- 2017 ASB Summer Tour

105/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept members' reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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Letter from Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) Sponsorship Request

S. Allen commented on AISC role to educate counties and producers regarding noxious weeds and other pests affecting Alberta Agriculture. A. Goddard wanted to know if there is overlap with the services provides by AISC and Alberta Government programs.

K. Kotylak commented that the Alberta Government is not able to provide the extension services that AISC provides.

The board expressed concern about providing sponsorship support, as the AISC is providing services that are a Provincial responsibility. The board feels it would be more helpful for Council to lobby the Province to provide funding.

106/17 Moved by B. Guyon to direct Administration to work with appropriate entities to develop a resolution to help deal with invasive species.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

107/17 Moved by M. Thompson to direct Administration to invite a designate from AISC to make a presentation to the board regarding their sponsorship request and extension services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Aid

B. Guyon presented a whiteboard illustration on potential weed program enhancements.

108/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive B. Guyon's presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

109/17 Moved by A. Heinrich accepted 2017 meeting schedule for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

110/17 Moved by D. Movald to accept email from Growing Forward 2 regarding update information for On-Farm Photovoltaics Program for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

111/17 Moved by B. Guyon to accept letter to Minister and local MLA regarding brush vegetation management on Alberta Provincial Highways for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

112/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept email from Alberta Government regarding launch of draft Plant and Animal Strategy consultation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEMP TOUR

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113/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to authorize the attendance of all board members to the hemp tour on August 30, 2017.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEXT
MEETING**

The next regular ASB Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**, in the EOC Room, Brazeau County Building, 7401 – TWP Road 494.

ADJOURNMENT

114/17 Moved by M. Thompson the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of Wednesday, August 16, 2017, adjourn at 12:16 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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