

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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
- L. Chambers, Director of Community Services
- C. Rochon, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
- S. Allen, Agricultural Fieldman
- T. London, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

- L. Williamson, Agriculture for Life, Delegation
- C. Anderson, Resident, Public Input

**ADDITIONS TO
AND ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

Additions and Adoption of Agenda

- 6. d) Toso Bozic's Activity Report – Alberta Government Key Contact
- 7. b) Update Report submitted – 2018 Agriculture Planning
- 6. b) Map submitted – Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report
- 8. e) Wheatland County – Draft 2017 ASB Resolution Report Card

115/17 Moved by D. Movald to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

116/17 Moved by B. Guyon to adopt the minutes of the
Agriculture Service Board Meeting of August 16, 2017 as
amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING Roundtable Introductions

DELEGATION Luree Williamson – Agriculture for Life

PRESENTATION

Alberta based charity, operating for 7 years. 95% of Albertans live in urban centers. Agriculture for Life works to connect Albertans to where their food comes from. This fall they are having the first teacher conference to help teachers deliver accurate agriculture education to students. Working with Alberta Transportation and municipalities to erect signage to educate people on where their food comes from. The signs provided are 8ft x 4ft and the farmer erects them in the field so people can visually connect with what is in the field. They run a green certificate program, working with junior and senior students (young farm workers), earning credits for bringing their safety program to middle and high schools. This fall, Ag for Life is launching a mobile safety trailer dedicated to farm safety. This trailer is configured to provide a mobile classroom with eight stations. The mobile trailer is a travelling billboard for rural and farm safety and is a proactive approach to engage people. Ag for Life has \$1.1 million dollar budget with 95% of funding coming from private donors and corporate sponsorship. They are looking for funding, speakers, farms to participate, and other connections to help develop agriculture knowledge and safety. Future projects include a video series and podcasts since this is the way people are consuming information.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Are you trying to incorporate Agriculture opportunities when delivering farm safety and education programs?

We deliver a Think Agriculture Careers program. Currently working with schools to talk to kids about careers in Agriculture. We have partnered with Ad Farm – Agriculture dedicated ad agency – working to develop a provincial strategy around agriculture careers. Part of the project will include working with groups promoting Agriculture.

What is your annual budget?

About \$1.1 million per year. Most donations are private or from corporations. We have a Harvest magazine, it's a report to the community, on the back it shows current funding partners.

Do you have a mailing list?

We do, we are currently building a better database.

How many municipalities are currently providing funding to Ag for Life?

About 10 municipalities are currently funding Ag for Life.

What is your relationship or how do you work with Agriculture Forestry?

We are open and collaborative about what we are doing, looking for opportunities. We have received funding from them in the past. Their funding priorities have changed. Since we have good communication we can ensure there is not duplication of programs or services.

Are you a not for profit or charity?

Ag for Life is a registered charity.

Will the mobile safety trailer be able to adapt to the rollout of Bill 6?

Since the components of the trailer are digital, the stations can be adapted.

What is Ag for Life's role in classroom education?

They are a coordinating body for classroom Agriculture programs. Ag for Life is the Board Chair for the Agriculture Classroom Program, we provide \$100,000 to the program so they don't have to worry about funding, and put the focus on the delivery of Agriculture education.

What is the cost of having Ag for Life to come to an event?

It depends on the event, the type and role Ag for Life plays. Ag for Life's participation are gifts-in-kind, however, a recommended donation amount is given once we know the scope of the event.

Where are your Offices?

We are based out of Calgary, however, we have staff all over the Province.

Do you wait for invites or do you seek opportunities?

We go out there and seek opportunities.

L. Williamson left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

117/17 Moved by B. Guyon to accept L. Williamson's presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Aerator Equipment

S. Allen informed the board that he was unable to coordinate an Aerator demonstration this year. In talking with the equipment dealer and WCFA they are recommending spring time would be a better time for a demonstration.

118/17 Moved by B. Guyon to direct Administration to pursue an opportunity to demonstrate an Aerator in Brazeau County this season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC)

S. Allen contacted AISC and a representative was to unable schedule a date for a presentation. They will be coordinating a date in the near future.

119/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept S. Allen’s verbal report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Agriculture Reports September 2017

Agricultural Fieldman’s Report

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

120/17 Moved by M. Thompson to table to Ag Fieldman’s report until the close of public input.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input Session – 11:00 a.m.

C. Anderson presented a burdock noxious weed. Reported there are two infestations on the south side of Drayton Valley. C. Anderson is concerned about burdock spreading onto their land and into the County.

C. Anderson asked, “Since the County is appointed as Weed Inspectors for the Town of Drayton Valley, can the County do something about it?”

Brazeau County does not have power to enforce the Weed Act with the agreements with Town of Drayton Valley and Breton. Brazeau County’s role is to inspect, identify weeds and notify the Town of problems. It’s within the Town’s jurisdiction to issue and enforce weed notices. The County Weed Inspectors provide weed reports to the Town for information. Brazeau County has notified the Town of Drayton Valley about the burdock infestations. The County Weed Inspector did try to coordinate with the Town Bylaw to meet at the properties where the infestations are located, however, the Town was unable to meet. The County Weed Inspector hand delivered weed

notices to land owners and educated them on how to eradicate it from their property.

C. Anderson left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

121/17 Moved by M. Thompson to direct Administration to write a letter to the Town of Drayton Valley from the Agricultural Service Board to action the burdock weed infestations in the Town, and to follow-up with Nicole Kimmel, Provincial Weed Specialist about the issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

122/17 Moved by B. Guyon to direct Administration to include burdock weed information on Brazeau's website.

D. Movald offered a friendly amendment "to also include information in the next issue of 'The Seed' on burdock."

B. Guyon accepted the amendment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

123/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report

C. Rochon reviewed his submitted report verbally to the committee, including the map which indicates the properties that were inspected for weeds.

124/17 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 that:

- The pests on her wild willows is a willow leaf minor.

Member at Large S. Wheale reported on:

- In Newfoundland recently, talked to the Agriculture Minister about Hemp.

Member at Large D. Movald reported on:

- Extreme moisture conditions caused late planting, and now the moisture and frost is making harvest problematic.

Councillor A. Heinrich attended:

- Hemp Tour

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- Shortage of hemp fibre
- Agriculture Recycling – will send S. Allen some pictures and a contact from a tour B. Guyon attended a few years ago.

Chairman R. Ennis reported on:

- Using abandoned wells to generate electricity – through geo-thermal technology.

B. Guyon added that well sites are optimal locations to re-configure to generate geo-thermal electricity, plus the added benefits to landowners.

125/17 Moved by A. Goddard to accept members' reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Toso Bozic Report – Alberta Government Key Contact

T. Bozic reviewed his submitted activity report verbally to the board.

126/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept T. Bozic's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

Citizen Appointment Application

127/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the Citizen Appointment Application for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018 Agriculture Planning

S. Allen reviewed his submitted update report on Agricultural Division Planning – some of the discussed changes for 2018 included:

- Memory Card
- Farmers Pesticide Training Certificate
- Contractor Education

- Re-vamping the Weed Report
- Reports for Weed Complaints
- Hawkweed Program

128/17 Moved by D. Movald to accept S. Allen’s Agricultural Division Planning update report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NW Regional ASB Conference

S. Allen asked the board which dates members could attend. Board recommended Nov 20, 22, and 27th.

129/17 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept S. Allen’s verbal report on the NW Regional ASB Conference as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

130/17 Moved by D. Movald to authorize ASB members to attend the NW Regional ASB Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

131/17 Moved by B. Guyon to authorize ASB members to attend the ASB Provincial Conference in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

132/17 Moved by B. Guyon to cancel the October 18, 2017 ASB meeting and re-schedule the meeting for November 1, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

133/17 Moved by B. Guyon to add the topic of shelter belts and the potential to add fruit bearing trees to shelter belts to the next ASB Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

134/17 Moved by A. Goddard to accept memo from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry regarding Livestock Traceability Premises Identification (PID) Starter Outreach Kit as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

135/17 Moved by M. Thompson to accept letter from Alberta Transportation regarding response to ASB about brush vegetation management as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

136/17 Moved by A. Goddard to accept letter to resident regarding weed control in Brazeau County as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

137/17 Moved by A. Goddard to accept letter by Wheatland County regarding draft 2017 ASB Resolution Report Card as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEXT
MEETING**

The next regular ASB Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, in the EOC Room, Brazeau County Building, 7401 – TWP Road 494.

ADJOURNMENT

138/17 Moved by A. Heinrich the regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2017, adjourn at 1:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.S.B. CHAIRMAN

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