

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022.**

**CALL TO ORDER** R. Swap, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**PRESENT** Randy Swap, Councillor & Vice-Chairperson  
Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor & Chairperson (via GoTo Meeting)  
Anthony Heinrich, Councillor (via GoTo Meeting)  
Mike Mueller, Member at Large  
Liz Seutter-Rosell, Member at Large  
Jeff Bundt, Member at Large  
Dawnia McCann, Manager of Agricultural Services  
Amber Kynoch, Assistant Ag Fieldman  
Nancy Chambers, ALUS Coordinator / Recording Secretary

**ABSENT** Shawn McKerry, Interim CAO

**GUESTS** none

**INTRODUCTIONS** No introductions were needed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Additions/Deletions to and Adoption of Agenda  
**001/22** Moved by J. Bundt to adopt the agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Adoption of Minutes  
**002/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 15, 2021 as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING** D. Ekstrom noted the ASB meeting schedule in the County newsletter had incorrect meeting start times for January, February and March. Administration will ensure it is corrected.

**AGRICULTURE REPORTS** Manager of Agricultural Services Report for January 2022  
D. McCann provided a verbal review of the Acting Manager of Agricultural Services report. Mutual aid agreements are in place with all neighbouring municipalities for emergency services. Upon request, we did receive some livestock-specific emergency plans from neighbouring municipalities and will



work with the Director of Emergency Management once that position is hired into.

### **Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report for January 2022**

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report. She is working on digitizing maps for the pitch-in program and seeding areas. M. Mueller encourages residents to use the interactive Public Web Map on the County website. Nitrate levels in feed have been at usable levels, with some protein levels being lower. West-Central Forage Association will provide help for balancing rations and using the Cowbytes program (now called Feed to Need Calculator).

**003/22** Moved by J. Bundt to direct Administration to add monthly feed sample results to the County website for public information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Member Reports**

Member at Large L. Seutter-Rosell reported on:

- Seeing grain prices holding fairly steady, with the demand being fairly high from brokers they deal with.
- Increasing demand for hay and bedding sales, especially with the cold snap.
- Live bees ordered from Australia and New Zealand for spring delivery.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Plowing snow.
- Reading succession-planning articles.

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- Feed consumption up 30% from months prior due to temperatures.
- More bedding is also being used.
- Similar to the past beaver bounty – thinking about a County bounty for handpicked weeds (by the bag).

It was suggested for J. Bundt to look into this a bit more and bring back to the next meeting.

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Feeding cattle.
- Weather back to the milder trend lately.
- Livestock prices not as good as they used to be.



Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- Reviewing Acts.
- Elaine Froese – a potential a speaker on Ag Mental Health for the NW Regional ASB Conference that Brazeau County will host in the fall.

Councillor R. Swap reported on:

- Horses spooked and injured by recent fireworks in the area.

**004/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Agriculture Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Rural Health Initiative**

A. Kynoch presented information on the Rural Health Initiative that was planned for last summer but postponed due to low enrollment.

**005/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to explore with Farm Safety Centre the opportunity to provide the Rural Health Initiative and come back with a proposed date at the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ASB Resolutions**

D. McCann presented the Provincial ASB resolutions, asking if Brazeau County ASB is in support of or opposed. Two Brazeau ASB members in attendance at the conference will vote on behalf of our ASB.

- Resolution 1-22 Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways – Brazeau County is in support of.
- Resolution 2-22 Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts – Brazeau County is in support of.
- Resolution 3-22 Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (Feb 22, 2022) – Brazeau County is in support of.
- Resolution 4-22 Properly Managing Ungulate Populations – Brazeau County is in support of.
- Resolution 5-22 Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* – Brazeau County is in support of.
- Resolution 6-22 Amendments to the ASB Conference Resolution Rules of Procedure - Brazeau County is in support of.



**006/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct ASB voting members to support all of the resolutions in the agenda package.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**007/22** Moved by D. Ekstrom to appoint L. Seutter-Rosell and M. Mueller as voting members for the Provincial ASB Conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Public Input Session**

R. Swap opened the Public Input Session at 2:02 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance or online. R. Swap closed the Public Input Session at 2:03 p.m.

### **ASB Resolutions Continued**

D. Ekstrom spoke regarding *Resolution 5-19 – Multi-Stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta*. Members discussed utilizing the Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to bring attention to the matter.

**008/22** Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to reach out to the RMA and AUMA to make them aware of the resolution.

D. Ekstrom requested permission to withdraw the motion. Permission granted by R. Swap.

M. Keely entered the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**009/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to forward a letter to the RMA, under the Chairperson's signature, to encourage continued lobbying of Resolution 5-19.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**010/22** Moved by M. Mueller to send a Letter to the Town of Drayton Valley asking them to advocate for the resolution and send them a copy of Resolution 5-19.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The next Synergy Group meeting is online on January 27, 2022 at 1 p.m. and is open to the public. M. Mueller will send the meeting link to share with the rest of the ASB.



**Herbicide Rebate Program Update**

In response to ASB's motion to remove the cap from the AG-3 policy, D. McCann presented the Herbicide Rebate Program update to Council on January 18, 2022. Rather than removing the cap entirely, a cap increase to \$5000 per applicant was approved by Council. The AG-3 policy will be updated accordingly.

**011/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to receive for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R. Swap called for a break at 2:22 pm and the meeting resumed at 2:27 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hemp Working Group**

M. Keely provided a report on the Hemp Working Group.

**012/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to recommend option 2 as the Hemp Working Group logo.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

WCFA and U of A Breton Plots will be finalizing 2021 growing season reports next month and will be presented to the ASB.

M. Mueller, J. Bundt and L. Seutter-Rosell may be able to provide land for test plots.

It was suggested to bring forward a resolution to next year's Regional ASB Conference regarding using hemp for livestock feed, or discuss with a Minister at the upcoming ASB Provincial Conference if the opportunity arises.

D. McCann suggested it would be advantageous for industry to advocate to the Federal government to deregulate hemp so it's classed as a regular agricultural crop, not governed by Health Canada.

It was suggested for Administration to research if a previous resolution on the de-regulation of hemp was brought forward in the past, and if so, provide it to members to bring forward to the ASB Provincial Conference.

D. McCann advised that since the hemp deregulation resolution went forward several years ago, there has been a change in the legalization of marijuana, so why is hemp still being regulated?

**013/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Hemp Working Group Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



M. Keely left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE  
/ ITEMS FOR  
INFORMATION**

**Kneehill County – Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions**

**Kneehill County – Funding for Agriculture and Agricultural Service Boards**

**Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development – Funding  
for Agricultural Service Boards**

**County of Warner No. 5 – Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions**

A. Kynoch left the meeting at 2:57 p.m. and returned at 2:59 p.m.

**014/22** Moved by J. Bundt to accept items 8a through d for  
information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2022 ASB Meeting Schedule**

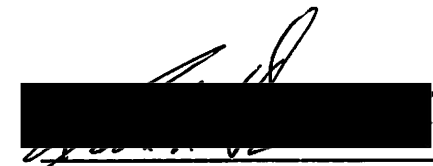
**015/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to change the March 16, 2022 meeting  
to March 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**016/22** Moved by J. Bundt to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
**ASB CHAIRPERSON**

  
**AG FIELDMAN**