

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER D. Ekstrom, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PRESENT Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor & Chairperson
Randy Swap, Councillor & Vice-Chairperson
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 Kathleen Sterling, Senior Long Range Planner, Brazeau County

INTRODUCTIONS No introductions were needed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions/Deletions to and Adoption of Agenda

017/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 7f) Conferences Round Table
- 7g) Closed Session – Code of Conduct
- 7h) Brazeau County News
- 7i) Signage for Fireworks
- 7j) RMA: Municipalities and *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

018/22 Moved by R. Swap to adopt the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 19, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Reserves

K. Sterling presented draft revisions to Policy PD-7 Environmental Reserve Dedication. The Policy is used at the time of subdivision, as a means to preserve environmentally sensitive lands. An Environmental Reserve (ER) lot



is a separate lot, subdivided off a parcel. The title of an ER is transferred to the Municipality. An Environmental Reserve Easement (ERE) is an agreement (caveat) on the land title specifying the need for the land to remain in a natural state. When an ERE is placed on the land, the land stays with the landowner, rather than being subdivided off the parcel as an ER lot would be.

The policy provides direction and guidelines for the Subdivision Authority when considering ER's and ERE's.

Since 2012, three ER's (transfer of titles) have occurred. Generally, the preferred practice has been to place an ERE on title, so the land stays with the landowner.

019/22 Moved by R. Swap to receive the report for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

If there are any further questions or concerns, forward to D. McCann to send to K. Sterling.

BUSINESS ARISING

D. Ekstrom followed up with items from last meeting:

- Asked if neighbouring municipality's Mutual Aid Agreements can be shared with the board. D. McCann will check.
- Motion 005/22 – coming up as item 6b on the agenda.
- Motions 008/22 & 009/22 Resolution 5-19 – any follow up? D. McCann is working on it.
- Hemp resolution (page 5 of the minutes) – It was determined information was sent to the Provincial government but not the Federal government. D. McCann emailed a copy of Resolution 19-18F to the board on January 20, 2022.

DELEGATIONS

Public Input Session

D. Ekstrom opened the Public Input Session at 2:00 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance or online. D. Ekstrom closed the Public Input Session at 2:01 p.m.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Manager of Agricultural Services Report for January/February 2022

D. McCann provided a verbal review of the Manager of Agricultural Services report. A Provincial ASB newsletter is being distributed and they are looking for articles. Ideas can be sent to D. McCann. D. McCann will forward the January newsletter to the board members.



Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report for January/February 2022

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report. As per a previous motion, a chart for weeds and what herbicides can be used has been created and added to the website. Working on the Mountain Pine Beetle program and also one possible haying lease. A. Heinrich asked if any farm visits have been conducted to do outreach and connect with the farming community. Due to COVID restrictions, they have not.

Member Reports

Member at Large L. Seutter-Rosell reported on:

- Weather is nicer.
- Wanting to start moving grain again.
- On track with receiving bees.
- Demand for hay is still up.

Councillor R. Swap reported on:

- Starting to feed horses.
- Hoping to have enough hay.
- Doctoring horses.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Online meeting tonight regarding property rights, hosted by Select Special Committee.
- Wild boars – 2 Counties in California that want hunters to control them.

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- Enjoying the 1pm meeting start time.
- Cattle markets have improved quite a bit on a weekly basis.
- Reading on hemp for silage. Limited information available.

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Feeding cows.
- Sold calves. Prices are up.

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- Western Producer article – renewing programs such as Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), which currently runs from 2018 – 2023.

020/22 Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to receive the Agriculture Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Weed Inspection Program Review

D. McCann reviewed the current Weed Inspection and Control Policy. Northern Sunrise County has been using an I.N.S.P.E.C.T. Matrix, based on their County's priorities. D. McCann felt the current inspection process was operating well, but the enforcement process can be difficult to navigate. A matrix such as this can help to define the parameters. There would be no cost to implement – just Administration efforts. Implementation of this matrix would trigger many notices at the start and then hopefully decline in subsequent years.

Members discussed having the Weed Inspector place a stake or survey ribbon at the site where a weed is observed, as well as door knocking, as the weeds can sometimes be difficult to find by the time the letter is received in the mail.

021/22 Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to direct Administration to Brazeau-ize the matrix for further discussion at the next ASB meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Ekstrom called for a break at 2:42 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:49 p.m.

Rural Health Initiative

A. Kynoch presented a poster for the Rural Health Initiative with a tentative date of March 23, 2022 for a session. A minimum of 18 participants is required.

M. Keeley entered the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

022/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to proceed with the Rural Health Initiative and it's advertisement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

(Cont'd)

Hemp Working Group

M. Keeley provided a report on the Hemp Working Group, and the possibility of becoming a member of the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance (CHTA) for a yearly membership of \$500. This is a non-voting membership and M. Keeley will attempt to register as Brazeau County Hemp Working Group so various Brazeau County representatives can attend. They can help Brazeau County with webinars, marketing, regulatory advocacy, education, etc. This is a different group than the Alberta Hemp Alliance. The CHTA may have the ability to provide more support with advocacy of regulations.



023/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to become a member of the CHTA.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Keeley left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

2 Billion Trees

D. Ekstrom discussed the program, with the first application deadline being February 17, 2022, but there will be future opportunities coming forth for applications. The program is a 50/50 cost share with a commitment to plant a minimum of 50,000 trees per year.

024/22 Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to bring back more information on the 2 Billion Tree Program to the next ASB meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fertilizer Spreader

M. Mueller discussed the use of the fertilizer spreader, specifically some settings. He suggested moving the tarp handle to the back, and spoke about mud building up in the drive wheel. He also noted the settings for spread width did not seem to be accurate.

025/22 Moved by M. Mueller to direct Administration to work with Maintenance on changes to the fertilizer settings as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farm Safety Centre

Members discussed the annual donation request received by the Farm Safety Centre to provide programming to elementary school children in Drayton Valley and Breton.

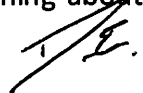
026/22 Moved by M. Mueller to direct Administration to provide a donation of \$2201.50 to the Farm Safety Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conferences Round Table

D. Ekstrom asked members for their feedback on the recent ASB Conference:

- M. Mueller – good conference, informative.
- R. Swap – enjoyed most presentations, overall informative and good learning experience.
- L. Seutter-Rosell – really enjoyed it, found most sessions informative, some challenges with virtual presentations, enjoyed learning about the resolutions sessions.



- D. Ekstrom – resolutions were straight forward. His report on the conference highlights were emailed to the board on February 5.

Upcoming conferences:

- Alberta Beef Industry Conference in Red Deer – June 14 & 15
- AgSmart at Olds College – August 9 & 10
- Advancing Women in Agriculture in Calgary - June 21 & 22
- 4-H Leadership Awards – February 23 virtual at 8 pm
- Alberta Hemp Alliance Workshop at Edmonton International Airport – April 21 & 22

D. McCann will email links to the conferences to the board members.

S. McKerry entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

027/22 Moved by M. Mueller to allow D. Ekstrom to attend the Alberta Hemp Alliance Workshop on April 21 & 22

R. Swap offered a friendly amendment for J. Bundt and D. Ekstrom to attend the Alberta Beef Industry Conference on June 14 & 15 and for L. Seutter-Rosell to attend Advancing Women in Agriculture on June 21 & 22.

M. Mueller accepted the friendly amendment.

IN FAVOUR:

J. Bundt
M. Mueller
R. Swap
L. Seutter-Rosell
D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED:

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

028/22 Moved by R. Swap that the regular ASB meeting of February 16, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 3:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Code of Conduct FOIP Section 17

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



S. McKerry left the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

029/22 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular ASB meeting of February 16, 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 4:13 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Ekstrom called for a break at 4:13 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 4:21 p.m.

030/22 Moved by M. Mueller to receive the Code of Conduct discussion for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brazeau County News

Members discussed the opportunity to promote the ASB in the Brazeau County Newsletter, including a group photo and board member bios.

031/22 Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to direct Administration to collect member bios and arrange a group photo at the next ASB meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Signage for Fireworks

032/22 Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to check into signage available for fireworks to be used for special occasions.

A. Heinrich offered a friendly amendment to direct Administration to inquire about the possibility of signage and use of signage with the permitting for fireworks.

R. Swap accepted the friendly amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding signage and fireworks use at campgrounds.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RMA: Municipalities and Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)

Members discussed the AOPA slide presentation shared at a recent RMA meeting.



033/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the AOPA discussion for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
/ ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

2022 ASB Meeting Schedule
No changes were required.

ASB Conference Report

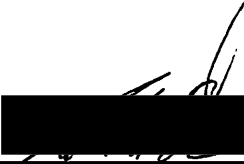
034/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the ASB Conference Report
for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

035/22 Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY




ASB CHAIRPERSON



AG FIELDMAN