

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022.**

**CALL TO ORDER** D. Ekstrom, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**PRESENT** Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor & Chairperson  
Randy Swap, Councillor & Vice-Chairperson  
Anthony Heinrich, Councillor  
Liz Seutter-Rosell, Member at Large  
Jeff Bundt, Member at Large  
Mike Mueller, Member at Large  
Erin McAdam, Manager of Agricultural Services  
Amber Kynoch, Assistant Ag Fieldman/Recording Secretary

**ABSENT** Nancy Chambers, ALUS Coordinator / Recording Secretary

**GUESTS** Robert Linde, Brazeau County resident

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Additions/Deletions to and Adoption of Agenda  
**079/22** Moved by J Bundt as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Adoption of Minutes  
**080/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the minutes with the following changes:

- June members reports Mental Health workshops are "farm focused"
- In A. Heinrichs Hemp Working group report, change 10-acre plot to 10-acre field and 8 acres should be 80 acres.
- Beef labelling ingredients concern is "The fat content"
- Wild board program "before it becomes a bigger issue in the province"

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**INTRODUCTIONS** No introductions.

**BUSINESS ARISING** none

**AGRICULTURE  
REPORTS**

**Manager of Agricultural Services Report for May/June 2022**

E. McAdam provided a brief verbal review of the Manager of Agricultural Services report covering topics of the Haying and grazing leases and the resolutions that are currently being prepared and the accomplishments of the last month. E. McAdam then further discussed that this is budget season and any additional asks that our department may have. The efforts for wild boar information and letting the community know.

Members discussed the roll out the New Liaison program with Tanya Warren. Doug Macaulay will and can be available, his roll is the ASB Manager. A. Heinrich discussed the possibility of having Tanya do a newsletter to send out to ASB to get information out without attending the meetings.

**081/22** Moved by A. Heinrich direct administration to contact Tanya Warren to request an Alberta Northwest Regional report/email about provincial Agricultural policy, program changes and other important news, quarterly, or as things change.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report for May/June 2022**

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report covering the aspects that are going on with the Agricultural Department and in relation to the summer staff.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Public Input Session**

D. Ekstrom opened the Public Input Session at 10:13 a.m. Robert Linde was present discussing the concerns of the long-standing weed issues in the county including Brazeau County lands and Alberta highway ditches. D. Ekstrom closed the Public Input Session at 11:15 a.m.

D. Ekstrom called for a break at 11:15 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:24 a.m.



**Member Reports**

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- No report currently.

Member at Large Liz Suetter reported on:

- Attended the Women in Ag Conference;
- Bees are doing good;

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Discussed Sunterra's greenhouse;
- A Saskatchewan land company had large plots of land for rent;
- Out spraying weeds on his own property;

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Crops are showing a drop in production, from the dry start to the year.

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- Is out spraying weeds;
- Attended a previous Hemp workshop hosted by the county;

Councillor R. Swap reported on:

- No report currently.

Members discussed the growing of hemp in Brazeau County and the possibility of a viability crop.

**082/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct admin to research County owned lands that are airable and suited to grow hemp.

**IN FAVOUR:**

J. Bundt  
 M. Mueller  
 R. Swap  
 D. Ekstrom  
 A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED:**

L. Seutter-Rosell

**CARRIED**

**083/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to accept the reports as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**CORRESPONDENCE  
 / ITEMS FOR  
 DISCUSSION**

**Lamont County – Veterinarian Shortage Letter**

Members discussed that Vet schools have intentions of doubling the capacity of students attending. Members then discussed the educational expectations, and the limiting factors, along with the joint resolution Brazeau County is participating in.

**084/22** Moved by M. Mueller to send a letter to Minister Nate Horner, CC'ing the other letters regarding the letters related to veterinary Medicine.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Ekstrom called for a break at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Members discussed the Rural Communities Foundation Grant program.

**085/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to communicate The Rural Communities Foundation Grant program to community groups within Brazeau County.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**086/22** Moved by R. Swap to receive 9. a. through f. for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Longstanding weed issue**

E. McAdam discussed the long-standing weed issue, and the issues that the county faces. Members then discussed the issues in detail.

**087/22** Moved by M. Mueller to adopt the Weed Matrix as a measurement tool for determining the threshold rating for control action under the weed control Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**088/22** Moved by M. Mueller to direct administration to spray Brazeau County properties for Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds under the weed control act, and open communication with Alberta Transportation about weed concerns and potential weed notices.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



D. Ekstrom and L. Seutter-Rosell Left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

R. Swap took the chair.

**089/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct administration to contact Yellowhead County, Northern Sunrise County, and Parkland County on how they dealt with matrix enforcement, and to also consult a lawyer about the wording of a "compliance Letter"/weed notice enforcement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**090/22** Moved by J. Bundt to direct the administration to suggest to council to rescind the advertisement of the not leased and proposed haying and grazing leases to resolve the current weed issues, excluding all current lease agreements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Ekstrom returned at 3:00 pm.

**1ADJOURNMENT 090/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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**ASB CHAIRPERSON**

  
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**AG FIELDMAN**