

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER D. Ekstrom, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

ABSENT Liz Seutter-Rosell, Member at Large
Jeff Bundt, Member at Large
Nancy Chambers, ALUS Coordinator / Recording Secretary

GUESTS Unidentified

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions/Deletions to and Adoption of Agenda

- 092/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the agenda for the August 17, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting, as amended.
- 8.b) Plastics Recycling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

- 093/22** Moved by M. Mueller to adopt the minutes with the following changes:
- Page 5, first resolution add in "County owned" before "lands"
 - "Saskatchewan farmer" change to "Saskatchewan land company"
 - Correction to amendments to June 20th to "Working Hemp Group" instead of "member report"
 - Correction of numbering for the resolutions

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA**

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094/22 Moved by R. Swap to add to the agenda item 8.c)
Northwestern Regional Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INTRODUCTIONS No introductions.

BUSINESS ARISING none

**AGRICULTURE
REPORTS**

Manager of Agricultural Services Report for July/August 2022

E. McAdam provided a detailed report on activities from May/June 2022, including resolutions preparation, budget preparation, training and development of staff, field visit(s), and emergency response.

A. Heinrich requested information on the status of spraying County lands, the status of lands which were delayed in being added to the leasing portfolio, and if those leased lands can be a part of the ALUS Program. A. Kynoch provided information on the weed spraying and process for reviewing and ensuring lands identified for the lease program are ready to be leased. E. McAdam provided further information on the status of those lands and confirmed that County lands are not eligible for ALUS programs.

095/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to request to that Tanya Warren, the ASB Liaison with the Province, attend an ASB meeting at least once a year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report for July/August 2022

A. Kynoch provided a detailed update on activities in May/June; including the spraying program, weed management, and inspections.

A. Heinrich inquired into the options available for lands which frequently get notices. A. Kynoch provided information on the process for tracking lands that have been inspected.

M. Mueller inquired into the previous fence line spraying program and the summer staff program regarding potential to expand the program into the fall. E. McAdam provided details on fence line spraying and the summer staff process.



DELEGATIONS

Public Input Session

D. Ekstrom opened the Public Input Session at 10:02 a.m. No comments were received. D. Ekstrom closed the Public Input Session at 10:03 a.m.

D. Ekstrom called for a break at 10:03 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:09 a.m.

Member Reports

Councillor R. Swap reported on:

- Day to day operations.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Haying is done;
- Spraying done for the summer; and
- Hail damage to crops.

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- Dry, would like to see rain
- Haying is done
- Wrapping up the season

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Dry as well
- Don't need the severe weather with the heat
- Haying is done
- Thursday, AER meeting

096/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Support For Veterinary Education – Draft Letter

097/22 Moved by r. Swap to accept the draft letter and send off to Hon. Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Veterinary Shortage Resolution Update

E. McAdam discussed the proposed Resolution and potential to meet with the Saddle Hills County to bring an update to the September meeting. Looking to ensure that there is support for the Resolution.



Matrix Communications with other Counties

A. Kynoch provided an update on the communications with neighbouring Counties regarding the weed matrix.

098/22 Moved by M. Mueller to direct Administration to reach out to Wetaskiwin County Ag Fieldman, Steve Majek, regarding their weed program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hemp Working Group/ Allive Update

A. Kynoch reviewed the Allive information distributed following a previously attended information session.

099/22 Moved by A. Heinrich that the Hemp Working group becomes a part of the ASB board and works on hemp promotions in the County.

IN FAVOUR

- R. Swap
- A. Heinrich
- D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

- M. Mueller

CARRIED

M. Mueller inquired into the ability to share the information in a newsletter. E. McAdam will confirm the logistics.

New BUSINESS

Agsmart Conference Report

A. Kynoch provided a report on learners from the Agsmart Conference, including mental health and emergency contact resources, drone applications for weed management, and potential for recycling plastics from farming.

100/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to authorize Administration to place the mental health and emergency contact stickers onto the Ag rental equipment and to direct Administration to reproduce them into the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

101/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to inquire into the Availability of meg Reynolds for a presentation in Brazeau County in the fall and early November and that staff investigate available funding to support her costs and for a potential dinner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Plastics Recycling

A. Heinrich explained how other municipalities are recycling plastic waste generated from agricultural use.

102/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to find out how to get recycling bags available to County residents to collect and salvage plastics.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northwest Regional Conference

E. McAdam provided information on the proposed topics for the agenda for the conference which is tentatively proposed to be on November 2, 2022 with an alternate date of November 8, 2022.

103/22 Moved by R. Swap that Administration check into the MacKenzie Conference Centre for November 2, 2022 instead of the CETC for the hosting of the Northwest Regional Conference and look into speakers for mental health, Farm Succession Planning, Veterinary shortage, and fertilizer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
/ ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

2022 Revised ASB Meeting Schedule

104/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the 2022 Revised ASB Meeting Schedule as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

105/22 Moved by A. Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ASB CHAIRPERSON



AG FIELDMAN