

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.**

**CALL TO ORDER** R. Swap, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

**ABSENT** Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor & Chairperson

**GUESTS** none

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Additions/Deletions to and Adoption of Agenda**

It was noted item 6 should read August/September.

**106/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to adopt the agenda as amended with documentation added for:  
7c) Advertisement for Mental Health Support  
7e) Letter regarding Beef Labeling Concerns  
7g) Resolution from Saddle Hills County: Rural Veterinary Shortage

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**107/22** Moved by M. Mueller to add item 8a) ASB.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**108/22** Moved L. Seutter-Rosell to adopt the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting of August 17, 2022, with the following changes

- Page 4 – change references in the Manager and Assistant Ag Fieldman reports to July/August.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INTRODUCTIONS** No introductions were required.

**BUSINESS ARISING** none

**AGRICULTURE  
REPORTS**

**Manager of Agricultural Services Report for August/September 2022**

E. McAdam provided a verbal review of the Manager of Agricultural Services report, including NW Regional Conference planning updates, expected resolutions from other municipalities, weed complaints, ASB field audit, and safety items. Details for the November 2, 2022, NW Regional Conference will be sent out to board members and municipalities as they become available. Resolutions are due September 30, 2022.

**109/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to send a letter to Saddle Hills County indicating our support for their resolution on Rural Veterinarian Shortage and offer to second it at the conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report for August/September 2022**

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report including summer staff departure, herbicide rebate applications, ag rental equipment, grasshopper surveys, soil sampling, weed management, weed inspections, Mountain Pine Beetle grant reporting, haying & grazing applications, and preparing for the NW Regional Conference. E. McAdam added that the agreements for weed inspection for the Town of Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton will be reviewed.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Public Input Session**

R. Swap opened the Public Input Session at 10:00 a.m. No members of the public were in attendance or online that wanted to speak. R. Swap closed the Public Input Session at 10:01 a.m.

Members inquired how many acres were sprayed under the Herbicide Rebate program. Roughly 39 applications were received to date, but the total acres has not been calculated yet.

**Member Reports**

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Moving into fall operations.

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- Finishing up for year.
- A bit more feed to make.
- Hauling feed home.



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Member at Large L. Seutter-Rosell reported on:

- Finished haying.
- Half-done harvest.
- Selling hay.
- Sold calves last week.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Haying done and sold.
- Half the harvest is done.
- Pastures are bone dry.
- Even muskeg is dry.

Councillor R. Swap reported on:

- Foal has been down for 3 weeks due to a tetanus infection that started from a minor scratch.
- Neurological body function affected.
- Treating with penicillin, plus tetanus shot. Boosters will be required.
- Vitamaster treatment also given to support the blood system.

**110/22** Moved by M. Mueller to receive the reports for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. McAdam left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

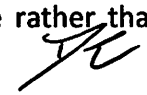

**OLD BUSINESS**      **2022 Regional Conferences Update**

A. Kynoch gave a verbal report regarding preparations for the five Regional Conferences, with the NW Regional Conference being hosted by Brazeau County at the MacKenzie Centre in Drayton Valley on November 2, 2022. Timelines were reviewed for the regional meetings.

R. Swap called for a break at 10:09 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:16 a.m. with all members and staff in attendance.

**Wild Boar Update**

E. McAdam discussed previous resolutions from RMA and ASB conferences, as well as the current provincial Wild Boar program. The eDNA program can test for wild boar DNA in waterbodies, but there are limitations to testing based on the size of the waterbody and how the sample is taken. Members discussed the possibility of testing once a sighting is confirmed in Brazeau County, rather than blind testing. Members discussed the possibility of a resolution on how to turn this program back to the province rather than having municipalities deal with this individually.

E. McAdam offered to contact the provincial specialist to speak with our ASB on the topic.

**111/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.  
The motion was not accepted by the Chair.

**112/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to table the Wild Boar resolution.

**IN FAVOUR**

J. Bundt

A. Heinrich

L. Seutter-Rosell

R. Swap

**OPPOSED**

M. Mueller

**CARRIED**

**113/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the 2022 Regional Conference updates for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Mental Health First Aid Kit – Do More Ag**

A. Kynoch discussed the Mental Health Support initiative, with stickers placed on ag rental equipment. A. Kynoch spoke with Megz Reynolds regarding the possibility of doing a mental health presentation at Brazeau County, as she is not available during the NW Regional Conference.

**114/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to seek opportunities for sponsorship for speakers at our NW Regional Conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Twine Recycling Program**

A. Kynoch has been in discussion with Clean Farms and Brazeau County Utilities Department regarding twine and/or ag plastics recycling. To start with, the possibility of a month-long twine collection has been discussed, along with conversations on collection sites and storage capacities. Ag plastics will require more discussion and planning in the future. Members discussed providing tote bags (with a deposit) for farmers to collect the recycling for transport to drop off at the designated site. Net wrap is composed of multiple types of plastic, so it is much more difficult to recycle compared to twine.

**115/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Beef Labeling Concerns Letter**

A. Kynoch discussed the draft letter concerning beef labeling, as directed through a previous ASB motion made on June 15, 2022. On June 30, 2022, Health Canada exempted ground meats from requiring these labeling specifications.

**116/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to not send the beef labeling concerns letter.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Hemp Deregulation Resolution**

A. Kynoch started composing the draft resolution to deregulate industrial hemp but identified that further ASB direction is required. A previous resolution directed to the province can possibly be used but direct it to the federal government instead. Additional information can be obtained from the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance (CHTA), West-Central Forage Association (WCFA), and previous information from Brazeau County's Hemp Working Group.

**117/22** Moved by L. Seutter-Rosell to direct Administration to continue to work on the hemp deregulation resolution by determining the direction of the Hemp Working Group, finding the appetite for growing hemp in the area if it was deregulated, and determining if it is a viable and successful crop in the municipality.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Veterinary Shortage Update**

E. McAdam discussed the proposed rural veterinary shortage resolutions going forward by Saddle Hills County and Mountain View County and asked if Brazeau County would like provide support for this motion or bring their own.

**118/22** Moved by M. Mueller to receive for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R. Swap called for a break at 12:02 pm and the meeting resumed at 12:09 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ag Service Board**

M. Mueller asked about current Ag Department staffing numbers, timelines of summer staff employment, and roadside spraying on the west side of the County. Administration discussed limitations for the timing of spraying, how many times a herbicide can be sprayed, the boom width, and spot spraying. Spraying is completed along the entire ditch, not only problem spots, unless there are situations such as proximity to water, or no spray agreements. M. Mueller suggested more 300-gallon sprayer rentals, to start sending summer



staff out earlier to get inspections and letters sent earlier in the year, and suggested hiring additional seasonal staff. Administration agreed that spot spraying is needed and will continue to be done next season. A review of the program will be done by Administration in the off-season in order to ensure resources are utilized effectively. Members discussed the intention of the herbicide rebate program and the funds directed to it.

**119/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE  
/ ITEMS FOR  
DISCUSSION**


**2022 ASB Meeting Schedule**

**120/22** Moved by J. Bundt to receive for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**121/22** Moved by A. Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 p.m.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
**ASB CHAIRPERSON**

  
**AG FIELDMAN**