

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023.**

**CALL TO ORDER** L. Seutter-Rosell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**PRESENT** Liz Seutter-Rosell, Chairperson & Member at Large  
Anthony Heinrich, Councillor  
Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor  
Mike Mueller, Member at Large  
Jeff Bundt, Member at Large  
Kent Edney, Chief Administrative Officer  
Amber Kynoch, Acting Agricultural Fieldman  
Nancy Chambers, ALUS Coordinator / Recording Secretary

**ABSENT** none

**GUESTS** none

**CHAIRPERSON  
DUTIES**

L. Seutter-Rosell is willing to continue in the role of ASB Chairperson and a new board member is expected to be appointed at the next Council meeting. An election for the position of ASB Vice-Chairperson will be held at the next ASB meeting following Council appointment.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

**Additions/Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**

**001/23** Moved by D. Ekstrom to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**002/23** Moved by D. Ekstrom to adopt the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 14, 2022, with the following amendment:

- Change all references of "Agricultural Fieldman" to "Acting Agricultural Fieldman" as per the Council motion passed at the December 6, 2022, Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING** none

**STAFFING UPDATE** Kent Edney commenced his role as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) on January 4, 2023. Members and the CAO provided introductions.

**AGRICULTURE  
REPORTS**

**Agriculture Report for November/December 2022**

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Fieldman report. Members inquired about the possibility of mowing and spraying at the same time. Possible resources for the County website include diseases and grazing rates and will be brought to the next meeting for board discussion. Members asked if ASB members can be included in the training opportunities provided for summer staff, such as Weed ID.

**Member Reports**

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- The offering of County-owned land may be a chance to develop recreational opportunities as recreational leases.
- Lease rates for haying and grazing leases on County-owned land can provide an opportunity for increased revenue if rates are brought in line with current lease values.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Nothing to report.

Member at Large L. Seutter-Rosell reported on:

- Attended Results Driven Agricultural Research (RDAR) conference where they discussed cattle and group genomes, bee research, heated brood boxes, imported and local bee genetics, rotational grazing, and a test with Lakeland College for invisible fencers.
- Invited to dinner with the Minister at next week's Provincial ASB Conference.

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- Asked if RDAR recordings or presentations are available.
- A resident inquired if an ultrasonic pregnancy tester as rental equipment may be available.
- Women in Agriculture Conference – highly recommended by L. Seutter-Rosell, as she attended last year.
- Encouraged members to take advantage of professional development opportunities.

Members discussed how to engage agricultural producers in various events and conferences. Sponsorship of community members to attend events may help.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Public Input Session**

L. Seutter-Rosell opened the Public Input Session at 2:00 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance or online that wished to speak. L. Seutter-Rosell closed the Public Input Session at 2:01 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE  
REPORTS CONT'D**

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Extension events have turned more toward online events, rather than in-person events.
- New technology may catch the attention of young or new farmers.

Discussion continued surrounding how to advertise, market and promote the agriculture community and how the County can engage producers. Discussion can continue at the next meeting.

**003/23** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the reports for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

L Seutter-Rosell called for a break at 2:13 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:28 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Provincial Conference Resolutions Review**

**004/23** Moved by D. Ekstrom to appoint Mike Mueller and Liz Seutter-Rosell as voting members on behalf of Brazeau County ASB at the ASB Provincial Conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Members discussed each resolution and whether they are in support of the resolutions.

- Resolution 1-23 Creation of a Mid-Level Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) Professional Designation – in support
- Resolution 2-23 Rural Veterinary Students – in support with amendment to include Veterinary Technicians
- Resolution 3-23 Applied Research Associations Funding – in support
- Resolution 4-23 Grizzly Bear Population Impact on Agricultural Production – in support
- Resolution 5-23 Landowner Special License – in support
- Resolution 6-23 Enforcement of Water Management Alberta Water Act – in support

- Resolution 7-23 Campaign to Raise Awareness on the Disparity Between Consumer Pricing and Producer Revenue – opposed (D. Ekstrom and A. Heinrich are in support, while L. Seutter-Rosell, J. Bundt and M. Mueller are not in support.)
- Resolution 8-23 Consideration of Municipal Environmental and Agricultural Policies for Large Scale Solar and Related Energy Developments on Agricultural Lands – in support
- Resolution 9-23 Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions – in support
- Resolution 10-23 Organic Production Certification Standards and Provincially Regulated Weeds – in support
- Resolution 11-23 Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine – in support
- Resolution 12-23 Review of the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) – in support

**005/23** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct the representatives to vote accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Drayton Valley Weigh Scale**

M. Mueller discussed that the scale by UFA has been out of commission since October and would like to see it back up and running before spring.

**006/23** Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to reach out to Alberta Transportation to have the weigh scale fixed.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

D. Ekstrom left the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**/ ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Moment of Silence – Provincial ASB Conference**

A moment of silence in honor of Councillor Randy Swap will be held at the Provincial ASB Conference.

**Upcoming West-Central Forage Association Events**

Members discussed the two upcoming WCFA events.

**2023 ASB Meeting Schedule**

**007/23** Moved by J. Bundt to direct Administration to send a Doodle-Poll to reschedule the March 22, 2023, meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2023 Expense Form**

Members were reminded to use the 2023 Board Honoraria/Expense Claim form.

**008/23** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**009/23** Moved by J. Bundt to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
  
**ASB CHAIRPERSON**

  
  
**ACTING AG FIELDMAN**