

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER L. Seutter-Rosell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PRESENT Liz Seutter-Rosell, Chairperson & Member at Large
Bart Guyon, Reeve
Anthony Heinrich, Councillor
Dallas Ekstrom, Councillor
Mike Mueller, Member at Large
Jeff Bundt, Member at Large
Lee Chambers, Director of Community Services
Amber Kynoch, Acting Agricultural Fieldman
Nancy Chambers, ALUS Coordinator / Recording Secretary

ABSENT none

GUESTS none

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions/Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

010/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom to adopt the agenda with the following changes:
• Item #4 to be conducted by L. Seutter-Rosell, and Item #7 to reflect January/February 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

011/23 Moved by J. Bundt to adopt the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting of January 12, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING none

ELECTION OF ASB

VICE-CHAIRPERSON L. Seutter-Rosell called for nominations for the position of ASB Vice Chairperson.

B. Guyon nominated Dallas Ekstrom and Anthony Heinrich. Both accepted.

L. Seutter-Rosell called a second and third time for nominations.

012/23 Moved by M. Mueller that nominations cease.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

013/23 Moved by B. Guyon to vote by secret ballot.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting ensued with L. Seutter-Rosell indicating D. Ekstrom received the majority of the votes.

014/23 Moved by A. Heinrich to appoint D. Ekstrom as ASB Vice-Chairperson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

015/23 Moved by M. Mueller to destroy the ballots.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFFING UPDATE With the absence of the Manager of Agricultural Services, the Agricultural Services Department has temporarily moved under the Community Services Department, with Lee Chambers as the Director of Community Services.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Agriculture Report for January/February 2023

A. Kynoch provided a verbal review of the Acting Agricultural Fieldman report.

Member Reports

Member at Large J. Bundt reported on:

- Nothing to report.

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported on:

- Nothing to report.

Member at Large M. Mueller reported on:

- Extremely good speakers at the Provincial ASB Conference to address today's issues.
- Land Use planning in Thorhild County.
- End to squatter's rights.
- Cattle numbers in Manitoba have declined.

Councillor A. Heinrich reported on:

- Nothing to report.

A. Heinrich asked if contact has been made with the Breton and Drayton Valley Ag Societies regarding health for farmers. A. Kynoch reported that she

has been in discussion with Drayton Valley Ag Society and is working on contacting the Breton Ag Society.

Member at Large L. Seutter-Rosell reported on:

- Provided a written report on attendance at the Provincial ASB Conference.
- Enjoyed the speakers and presentations at the Conference.
- Attended Rural Electrification Association's (REA) Annual General Meeting last week. The CEO of Alberta Ag Societies presented a session about Board Governance. They want to focus on farm safety and have grants available for Ag Societies to sponsor such an event.

Reeve B. Guyon reported on:

- The highlight of the Provincial ASB Conference was John Knapp's presentation regarding the capacity to produce food.

Members discussed changing conditions and its effects including droughts.

016/23 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the reports for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

West-Central Forage Association Funding Request

Members discussed the 2023 funding proposal submitted by the West-Central Forage Association (WCFA). Brazeau County's interim 2023 budget has already been passed, with the final budget coming to Council in the spring of 2023. Members suggested this request be brought forward to the 2024 budget, with additional discussions between WCFA and ASB prior to the 2024 interim budget.

017/23 Moved by A. Heinrich to commit to the \$15,000 already budgeted and ask WCFA to come to us next September with their plan for next year's funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farming Resources

Members discussed the list of farming resources, with the inclusion of additional sources such as funding, weather, acts and others.

B. Guyon left the meeting at 1:59 a.m. and returned at 2:00 p.m.

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.

018/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the farming resources report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Inspection Plan / Weed Inspection Contracts

A. Kynoch continues to work on the season's weed inspection plan and contracts with the Town of Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton for weed inspection services.

Signage for the Breton Plots and West-Central Forage Association Plots

A. Kynoch continues to work with Alberta Transportation regarding highway signage for both plot locations.

Regional ASB Liaison Changes

Trevor Wallace is the new Regional ASB Liaison for our area. Communications will now go through the ASB Region, rather than direct contact between our ASB and the Liaison.

019/23 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to send a link to the ASB Connector newsletter subscription.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Provincial ASB Resolution Results

Members reviewed the results of the Provincial ASB resolutions, including the emergent resolutions.

Discussion turned to the progress on getting the weigh scale operational again. A. Kynoch will continue to pursue the matter with Alberta Transportation.

020/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive items 8c, d, & f for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L Seutter-Rosell called for a break at 2:26 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Brazeau County Ag-Based Social Media

L. Seutter-Rosell asked about promoting or creating ag-specific items through the County's social media. L. Chambers explained the Corporate Communications Coordinator maintains the County's social media sites by sharing or posting items but does not normally generate the content.

Upcoming Conferences

Members discussed opportunities for attendance at upcoming conferences for board members and possible sponsorship for community members to attend. The current interim budget would require an adjustment to allow for additional conferences and professional development. Members discussed the possibility of creating a grant for community members to apply to obtain funding toward a conference. There may be opportunity for Ag Societies to co-sponsor attendees.

B. Guyon left the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and returned at 2:57 p.m.

L. Chambers left the meeting at 3:02 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m.

021/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to reach out the Drayton Valley and Breton Ag Societies and determine if finances are available and accessible for conference attendance.

A friendly amendment was offered by B. Guyon to replace "conference attendance" with "educational opportunities (eg. conference)". Accepted by D. Ekstrom.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Guyon left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

022/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom authorize L. Seutter-Rosell to attend the Advancing in Agriculture conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

023/23 Moved by D. Ekstrom to accept item 9a for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

CTV News Edmonton

Members discussed the news article titled "Alberta to pilot oil and gas royalty breaks for legally required well cleanup".

2023 Revised ASB Meeting Schedule


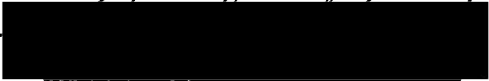
The March 22, 2023, meeting will be re-scheduled to March 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

024/23 Moved by M. Mueller to adopt the revised ASB meeting schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

025/23 Moved by A, Henrich to receive item 10a for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 026/23 Moved by A. Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



ASB CHAIRPERSON


ACTING AG FIELDMAN