

WHEATLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2nd, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) held at the County Administration Office, on Wednesday, October 2ND, 2019 commencing at 9:00 A.M. with the following present:

Chair: J. Wilson
Vice Chair: T. Ikert
Members: A. Link
B. Armstrong
G. Koester
R. Harwood
B. Van Laar
B. Walker

General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture: M. Ziehr
Manager of Agriculture & Environment: R. Muenchrath
Communications Specialist: M. Soltys
Recording Secretary: G. Mowat

Absent/Regrets Members – C. Klemmensen

Call to Order

Chair, Wilson, called the meeting to order – time 9:00 A.M. Note: the meeting may be recorded and posted on County website or via social media. The following were present when the meeting was called to order:

- B. Archibald – Key Contact, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
- Wheatland County Staff Member(s)
 - A. Robb – Environmental Coordinator
 - S. Schumacher – Agricultural Conservation Coordinator

RESOLUTION 19-10-01
Approval of Agenda

HARWOOD MOVED approval of the agenda, as presented, with the following addition(s):

Under Agenda Item 5.0 – Correspondence / Information
5.2 – ASB Grant Program Review Summary Report
5.3 – Foothills Forage and Grazing Association (FFGA) Funding Request
Under Agenda Item 3.0 – New Business
3.j – Ag for Life Funding

- Carried.

Note: a hard copy of agenda items 5.2, 5.3, and 3.j were provided to ASB Members.

RESOLUTION 19-10-02
Approval of Minutes

ARMSTRONG MOVED approval of the July 3rd, 2019 Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting minutes, as presented.

- Carried.

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Unfinished Business/
Business Arising

- 2.1 – Soil Movement Recommendation
ASB Resolution 19-07-04 (July 3rd, 2019 ASB Minutes)
- Update – A. Robb, Environmental Coordinator reviewed a request for decision regarding Soil Movement Recommendation. The request for decision provided information regarding the following: research process; soil movement recommendation report; Appendix: Related Content of Current Land Use Bylaw; 7.21 Stripping and Grading. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 19-10-03
Soil Movement
Recommendation

- HARWOOD MOVED** approval to recommend to Council to direct administration to draft amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that fulfill the intent provided in the Soil Movement Recommendation Report.
- Carried.

Note: ASB Members entered the meeting during agenda item 2.1a,

- B. Walker – time 9:07 A.M.
- A. Link – time 9:13 A.M.

RESOLUTION 19-10-04
Amendment of
Bylaw 2018-28
ASB Bylaw

- LINK MOVED** to recommend to Council that Bylaw 2018-28 Agricultural Service Board Bylaw be amended to include the following under Section 5: Membership, Term and Remuneration, “The Board may appoint one or more advisory committees with respect to any matter related to the Board’s function. An advisory committee appointed by the Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board and Council. The Board will be responsible for appointing members to its committees”.
- Carried.

Pecuniary
Interest

Prior to presentation of agenda item 3.b, Chair Wilson declared a pecuniary interest regarding 2019 ASB Bursary Selections and left the meeting – time 9:33 A.M.
Vice Chair Ikert assumed the position of Chair during the absence of Chair Wilson.

2019 ASB Bursary

The Manager of Agriculture and Environment reviewed a request for decision regarding the 2019 ASB Bursary informing six (6) applications were received. The applications were reviewed by the ASB Bursary and Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee. (A hard copy of photograph and essay of applicants provided to ASB Members).

RESOLUTION 19-10-05
2019 ASB Bursary

- ARMSTRONG MOVED** approval to accept the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board Bursary and Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee to award the 2019 Agricultural Service Board Bursaries to Jayden Nail, Spencer Nielsen, Owen Ravesloot, Koal Sammons and Layne Wilson.
- Carried.

Note: Chair Wilson re-entered the meeting and resumed the position of Chair – time 9:36 A.M.

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BMO Farm Family
Award 2020

The Manager of Agriculture and Environment reviewed a request for decision regarding the BMO Bank of Montreal Farm Family Award nomination for 2020. A copy of Calgary Stampede correspondence dated November 6, 2018, information and a copy of the Stampede Farm Family Awards list outlining Wheatland County's farm families that have been nominated between 1996 – 2019 was included in the request for decision as information. One submission received (a hard copy of the bio for Art & Diane Taubert – Side Hill Farms was provided to ASB Members). Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 19-10-06

BMO Bank of Montreal
Farm Family Award
Nomination - 2020

HARWOOD MOVED approval to nominate Gord and Darlene Koester of Rockyford and Family as Wheatland County's representative for the 2020 BMO Bank of Montreal Farm Family Award; further in the event Gord and Darlene Koester decline, a nomination be submitted for Art and Diane Taubert – Side Hill Farms.

- Carried.

Note: Biography of Gord and Darlene Koester to be forwarded to the Manager of Agriculture and Environment, further that ASB Member Harwood contact Gord and Darlene Koester to confirm acceptance of nomination.

Note: R. Smith, Executive Director, Alberta Beef Producers entered the meeting during agenda item 3.c – time 9:42 A.M.

RESOLUTION 19-10-07

Shelterbelt and
Ecobuffer Seedling
Program

LINK MOVED the Board recommend the addition of \$20,000 to the annual ASB environmental funding program budget to offer funding for Wheatland County ratepayers to plant tree and shrub seedlings.

- Carried.

Recess

The meeting recessed for a short break – time 9:49 A.M. to 9:54 A.M.

Alberta Beef
Producers

Mr. R. Smith, Executive Director, Alberta Beef Producers provided a brief biography and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Alberta Beef Producers – Wheatland Agricultural Service Board'. The presentation provided highlights of the following: Cattle Production in Alberta; Beef Cows by Province – January 1, 2019; Canada produced 3.1 billion lbs of beef in 2018; Canada consumes 60% of our beef production with 40% exported (29% to US); Canada consumes 941,285 tonne (cwe); Cattle Prices Stabilized; Beef Retail Prices Down; Demand Remains Strong; Global Meat Supplies Increasing; Long Term Outlook Still Positive; Alberta Beef Cows down 1.4%; Alberta Beef Producers Vision/Mission; Industry Priorities; Alberta Beef Producers Priorities for 2019; Government Advocacy Priorities for 2019; Discussions with Rural Municipalities. Discussion followed.

Note: Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Staff Member(s) entered the meeting during agenda item 2.2a – time 10:42 A.M.

- D. Spiess – Geographical Information Systems Lead
- Javen Iqbal – Geomatics Specialist
- Symon Mezbahuddin – AFFIRM Research Extension Agrologist

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RESOLUTION 19-10-08

Alberta Beef
Producers

LINK MOVED approval to direct administration to work with Alberta Beef Producers regarding current issues in the agriculture industry; further that administration provide a request for decision to Council for the submission of resolutions to the spring Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention in support of topics of concern to both Wheatland County and the Alberta Beef Producers, including anti-trespass regulations and tax assessment for confined feeding operations.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-09

Alberta Beef
Producers
Presentation

ARMSTRONG MOVED to accept as information, the Alberta Beef Producers presentation entitled 'Alberta Beef Producers – Wheatland Agricultural Service Board', as presented.

- Carried.

On behalf of the Agricultural Service Board, Chair Wilson thanked R. Smith for attending today's meeting.

Recess

The meeting recessed for a short break – time 10:55 A.M. to 11:01 A.M.
Note: R. Smith, Executive Director, Alberta Beef Producers left the meeting at this time.

Alberta Agriculture
And Forestry

Mr. D. Spiess, Geographical Information Systems Lead, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and Javed Iqbal, Geomatics Specialist, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Wheatland County – Final Presentation, October 2, 2019'. The presentation provided highlights of the following: Today – Review, Presentation of Factors and Final Prioritization Map; Workshop 1 – February 26, 2019; Prioritization Ideas that Influence the Outcome; Wheatland County ALUS factor definition and Delphi questions; Workshop 2 – July 31, 2019; Average Relative Weighting Based on Analytical Hierarchy Process; Thoughts on the Final Outcome. Discussion followed.

On behalf of the Agricultural Service Board, S. Schumacher thanked D. Spiess, J. Iqbal and S. Mezbahuddin for attending today's meeting.

Note: B. Archibald, Key Contact, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry left the meeting during agenda item 2.2b – time 11:31 A.M.

RESOLUTION 19-10-10

Alberta Agriculture
and Forestry
Presentation

HARWOOD MOVED the Board accept the presentation by David Spiess (Geographic Information Systems Engineer, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry) on the Wheatland County Conservation Priority Map, as information.

- Carried.

Note: the following left the meeting – time 11:51 A.M.

- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Staff Member(s)
 - D. Spiess – Geographical Information Systems Lead
 - Javen Iqbal – Geomatics Specialist
 - Symon Mezbahuddin – AFFIRM Research Extension Agrologist

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- Wheatland County Staff Member(s)
 - S. Schumacher, Agricultural Conservation Coordinator.

RESOLUTION 19-10-11

Cleanfarms Agricultural
Grain Bag and Twine
Recycling Pilot
Project Agreement

IKERT MOVED approval to recommend to Council that Wheatland County enter into the Alberta Ag-Plastic Pilot Program Services Agreement with Cleanfarms Inc. for the purposes of becoming a site operator for the collection of rolled grain bag and plastic twine.

- Carried.

Note: S. Schumacher, Agricultural Conservation Coordinator Wheatland County entered the meeting during agenda item 3.f – time 11:55 A.M.

RESOLUTION 19-10-12

2020 ASB Meeting
Dates

VAN LAAR MOVED approval to recommend to Council that the 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting dates be set as follows: January 15th, April 8th, July 8th and October 7th.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-13

2019 Western Canada
Conference on
Soil Health &
Grazing

HARWOOD MOVED approval for the attendance of Agricultural Service Board members and administration to the 2019 Western Canada Conference on Soil Health and Grazing being held December 10th – 12th, 2019 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel West in Edmonton with approval to include three (3) overnight accommodations if required.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-14

South Region ASB
Conference

LINK MOVED approval for the attendance of Agricultural Service Board members to the 2019 South Region Agricultural Service Board Conference hosted by the Special Areas Board at Handhills Lake Club on October 22nd, 2019.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-15

2019 Provincial ASB
Conference Resolution
Report Card

IKERT MOVED approval to accept the 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee Resolution Report Card, as information.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-16

Ag for Life
Funding

HARWOOD MOVED approval that funding in the amount of \$1,500 be allocated to Ag for Life in the 2020 Agricultural Service Board budget; further that the funding be reviewed prior to inclusion in the 2021 budget.

- Carried.

Chair's Report

No Report

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Agriculture &
Environment
Report

R. Muenchrath, presented the Manager of Agriculture & Environment Report (report included in ASB agenda information package). The report provided highlights of the following: Operations of Agriculture Services; Environmental Program; Agriculture Conservation Program; Upcoming Meetings and Events. The report highlighted the following events/meetings attended: Ag Smart Conference; Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) Meeting.

RESOLUTION 19-10-17

Agriculture &
Environment Report

WALKER MOVED acceptance of the Manager of Agriculture & Environment Report, as presented/provided.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-18

Alberta Agriculture &
Forestry Key Contact
Report

IKERT MOVED acceptance of the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact Report provided, as information.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-19

Correspondence/
Information Items

HARWOOD MOVED approval to accept as information the following correspondence, as provided in the request for decision:

- The Pest Insider – July 2019
- Foothills Forage and Grazing Association Workshop – Get the Dirt on Soil Health
- September 13th, 2019 correspondence from the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen regarding 2022 Provincial ASB Summer Tour.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-20

ASB Grant
Program Review
Summary Report

KOESTER MOVED to accept, as information, the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program Review Summary Report, as provided.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-21

Foothills Forage and
Grazing Association (FFGA)
Funding Request

VAN LAAR MOVED to accept, as information, the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association (FFGA) funding request, as provided.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-10-22

Adjournment

IKERT MOVED that the meeting adjourn – time 12:15 P.M.

- Carried.

Chair

General Manager of Transportation and
Agriculture

Recording Secretary

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