



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Agricultural Service Board Minutes

January 15, 2020, 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: Chair J. Wilson
Vice Chair G. Koester
A. Link
B. Van Laar
B. Armstrong
B. Walker
D. Biggar
T. Ikert
S. Klassen

Members Absent: R. Harwood

Administration: R. Muenchrath, Manager of Agriculture and Environment
M. Soltys, Communications Specialist
G. Mowat, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Call To Order

Note: meetings are recorded and may be posted on the official Wheatland County website and/or via social media.

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order - time 9:10 A.M.

[Note: several staff entered and left at various times during the meeting.]

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-01

Moved by IKERT

THAT the agenda is approved, as presented, with the following additions:

Under Agenda Item 2.2 Unfinished Business or Business Arising

2.2.1 - Email from Mr. Rich Smith, Executive Director, Alberta Beef Producers, dated December 23, 2019, regarding 19-10-08 RE: Resolutions for RMA Conference

Under Agenda Item 2.3 New Business

2.3.5 - Ratification of a letter of support Re: Rural Opportunities Fund Project, signed by Chair Wilson

Under Agenda Item 4 - Correspondence & Information Items

4.1 - Correspondence from D. Macaulay, dated January 8, 2020, regarding a survey "Seeking Albertans' input on agriculture research"
- Correspondence from Farm Safety Centre, dated January 6, 2020
- Correspondence from Alberta Farm Animal Care
- Insect Survey Results - 2019 - Wheatland
- Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator 2019 Program Highlights
- Evaluation of Strychnine Baiting on Richardson's Ground Squirrel

• Carried

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

1.3.1 ASB Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2019

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-02

Moved by KOESTER

THAT the October 2, 2019 Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting minutes are approved, as presented.

• Carried

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND RELATED BUSINESS

2.1 Presentations / Delegations

2.1.1 10:00 A.M. Presentation - Alberta Farmland Trust

Manager R. Muenchrath provided the following hard copies of information on the Alberta Farmland Trust:

- The Urgent Need for the Formation and Support of an Alberta Farmland Trust
- New Farmland Trust aims to preserve good soil

On behalf of Alberta Farmland Trust, Mr. S. Carscallen, provided a brief biography and a verbal presentation on the Alberta Farmland Trust; pursuing a project to develop a mechanism for the preservation of farmland. Discussion followed. The verbal presentation and discussion is included in the recording of the minutes and is posted on the County Website for public viewing.

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-11

Moved by IKERT

TO ACCEPT as information the Alberta Farmland Trust presentation, as presented.

• Carried

2.2 Unfinished Business or Business Arising

2.2.1 Email, Mr. R. Smith, Executive Director, Alberta Beef Producers, dated December 23, 2019

Manager R. Muenchrath reviewed email from Mr. R. Smith in regards to issues regarding on-farm protests and trespasses and municipal taxation. Discussion followed.

2.3 New Business

2.3.1 ASB Equipment Disposals

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-03

Moved by LINK

THAT the Board recommend the disposal of Unit #300 - Portable Livestock Scale, Rubber Mats and Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tag reader to the Rockyford, Cheadle and Hussar 4-H Beef Clubs for the sum of one dollar.

• Carried

2.3.2 ASB Business Plan & Policy Review

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-04

Moved by IKERT

TO ACCEPT the updated 2020-2022 Agricultural Services Department Business Plan as presented/provided.

• Carried

2.3.3 Children's Book - "Dirt to Dinner"

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-05

Moved by BIGGAR

TO ACCEPT the correspondence received regarding the Children's Book "Dirt to Dinner" as information.

• Carried

2.3.4 2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-06

Moved by IKERT

THAT the Agricultural Service Board approves to accept as information the 2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board resolutions as presented.

• Carried

2.3.5 Ratification of Letter of Support RE: Rural Opportunities Fund Project - WC Mercantile

Manager R. Muenchrath reviewed letter addressed to Community Futures Network of Alberta, dated January 14, 2020, RE: Rural Opportunities Fund Project - WC Mercantile. The letter is in support for consideration of Community Futures Wild Rose providing funding support to the development of the WC Mercantile initiative by Wheatland County's Economic Development division.

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-07

Moved by LINK

APPROVAL to ratify the letter of support for consideration of Community Futures Wild Rose providing funding support to the development of the WC Mercantile initiative by Wheatland County's Economic Development division, as presented.

• Carried

3. REPORTS AND RELATED BUSINESS

3.1 Chair's Report

Chair Wilson presented the Chair's Report. The verbal report provided highlights of a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture. Discussed numerous issues including relationship with China. Working with federal government to allow more rail access at this time. Pleasure meeting with minister, important have those relationships. The verbal presentation and discussion is included in the recording of the minutes and is posted on the County Website for public viewing.

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-08

Moved by WILSON

ACCEPTANCE of the ASB Chair Report, as presented.

• Carried

3.2 Manager of Agriculture and Environment Report

R. Muenchrath, presented the Manager of Agriculture & Environment Report (report included in ASB agenda information package).

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-09

Moved by KLASSEN

ACCEPTANCE of the Manager of Agriculture & Environment Report, as presented/provided.

• Carried

3.3 Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact Report

No Report.

4. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

4.1 Correspondence & Information Items

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-10

Moved by VAN LAAR

TO ACCEPT the following items as information, as provided:

- Yellowhead County letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
- Yellowhead County letter received from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen
- Foothills Forage and Grazing Association Newsletter
- Pest Insider Newsletter
- Safe Food for Canadians Regulations
- Correspondence from D. Macaulay, dated January 8, 2020, regarding a survey "Seeking Albertans' input on agriculture research"
- Correspondence from Farm Safety Centre, dated January 6, 2020
- Correspondence from Alberta Farm Animal Care
- Insect Survey Results - 2019 Wheatland
- Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator 2019 Program Highlights
- Evaluation of Strychnine Baiting on Richardson's Ground Squirrel.

• Carried

5. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2020

6. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION ASB-2020-01-12

Moved by KLASSEN

THAT the Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourn at 10:38 A.M.

• Carried

Chair

Manager of Agriculture and Environment

Recording Secretary

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