

**COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD**

May 1, 2013

1. The Meeting for the Agricultural Service Board was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 1:15 p.m., May 1, 2013 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor D. Dach
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor A. Corbiere
Reeve Steve Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Dennis Bergheim, Agricultural Fieldman
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Jack VandenBerg, ASB Field Officer
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor C. Martin

a. Agenda:

No additions were made to the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor G. Ockerman to accept the Agenda as presented.
Carried.

2. **MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor D. Dach to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held January 18, 2013 as presented. **Carried.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Coyote/Wolf Bounty:

Dennis Bergheim informed Members of the program's termination on April 30, 2013 with an estimate of 944 Coyotes and 1 Wolf taken in. Jack VandenBerg stated that St. Lina was the main area for large populations of Coyotes/Wolves.

Numbers were compared to County of Two Hills and M.D. of Bonnyville. Dennis Bergheim spoke of Lac La Biche County who is still not on side. Our program will commence November 1, 2013.

Councillor G. Ockerman then moved that the ASB approach the ASB's from the Counties of Smoky Lake and Lac La Biche, revealing our statistics from the effectiveness of the Coyote/Wolf Incentive Program and that they consider becoming a part of the program. **Carried.**

After a lengthy discussion on disposal practices of carcasses by landowners, Reeve Steve Upham moved that the application form be changed to state; that the legal land location of where carcass(es) is/are to be disposed of, shall be noted when filling in the legal land description of the landowner. **Carried.**

b. Beaver Control:

Dennis Bergheim made comment upon the Beaver Control Application Policy, which was spoke about at our last meeting, though no direction rose from the discussion.

Councillor F. Sloan then asked for direction from Agricultural Fieldmen when Beaver Control is concerned. Keith Kornelsen then commented

that upon entering onto private land, that a fee of \$200.00 per dam be charged to the landowner.

Reeve S. Upham stated that we have to protect the interest of the people living downstream. Dennis Bergheim commented that our infrastructure should be a priority. Councillor F. Sloan then clarified that two separate policies may need to be in place, with Easement being signed for infrastructure concerns.

Councillor M. Fodness then commented on a protocol to the Beaver Control Application.

Councillor M. Fodness then moved that when a Beaver Dam is affecting the County infrastructure, the ASB will proceed with the removal of the dam(s) at no cost to the landowner(s) and that the ASB communicate with all residents being affected, having appropriate Easements signed. **Carried.**

Councillor G. Ockerman spoke of the communication aspect being our main frame.

Councillor A. Corbiere then moved that the ASB Beaver Control Application be approved as presented, stating that a fee of \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars + G.S.T.)/per Beaver Dam(s) be charged to recover some of the costs of the materials used to remove the Beaver Dam(s).

Recorded Vote: Noted as follows:

In Favor: Councillors: M. Fodness, A. Corbiere, F. Sloan.

Reeve S. Upham.

Opposed: Councillors: G. Ockerman, D. Dach

c. Oxeve Daisy:

Keith Kornelsen informed the Board of upcoming Demonstration which will take place on the property of Steve Kwasnycia throughout the month of July 2013.

Reeve S. Upham stated that we will be giving landowners an option; to educate them and to know what will be the best form of control.

Councillor F. Sloan commented that landowners can be shown the ways that they can effectively deal with the issue, involving approximately five or six plot plans.

After a thorough discussion, Councillor F. Sloan spoke of this year's demonstration being just to educate landowners and next year will be the year that fees will be initiated.

d. Weed Notices:

Jack VandenBerg commented on the issuance of Weed Notices as far as the Provincial Legislation is concerned for control of weeds on private property and time lines which govern such legislation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. ASB Review:

Dennis Bergheim informed Members that Alberta Agriculture Representatives; Pam Retzloff and Maureen Vadnais would like to arrange a meeting with the ASB in the near future.

b. **Firearms:**

Dennis Bergheim informed Members of how other Counties handle this issue. Sheila Kitz spoke of certain regulations pertaining to carrying a firearm and the possibility of an individual, hired as a contractor to carry out the task for the purpose intended with the use of this firearm. For information purposes.

c. **Farm Family Award:**

Dennis Bergheim announced that the County of St. Paul No. 19 ASB is seeking nominations for the Farm Family Award. Members made mention of numerous suggestions. Councillor G. Ockerman spoke of James & Sandi Capjack and suggested their name be put forth for nomination.

d. **Farm Safety Centre – Funding Request:**

Members discussed in detail the importance of the Alberta Farm Safety Centre which has been implemented into the school system since 1998. Keith Kornelsen and Jack VandenBerg spoke highly of the program stating that it is part of our Strategic Business Plan.

Councillor G. Ockerman then moved that the ASB support the Alberta Farm Safety Centre program in the amount of \$5,000.00. **Carried.**

e. **Livestock Emergency Response Unit:**

Dennis Bergheim briefed Members on the purpose of this unit of which the Counties of Vermilion River and Westlock have on site. Lamont County ASB would like our support as they make an application under the Regional Collaboration Grant for the development of such a unit. Reeve S. Upham stated that Counties of Smoky Lake and Two Hills should also be involved.

Councillor G. Ockerman moved that we file above noted for information purposes at this time. **Carried.**

f. **ASB Reports:**

Keith Kornelsen and Jack VandenBerg reported on general overview of activities and training practices to date.
Members reviewed the AAF Report and Spraying Map.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to mention.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

To be scheduled at a later date.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor F. Sloan adjourned the meeting.
Time: 2:52 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson