COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

October 21, 2015

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor L. Amyotte
Reeve Steve Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Kyle Attanasio, Director of Leg. & Comm. Serv.
Dennis Bergheim, Director of Env. & Emerg. Serv.
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, ASB Field Officer
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor D. Dach

a. **Agenda:**

Additions to Item 4. i. LARA
j. Drought Committee Update
k. Backsloping

Moved by Councillor L. Amyotte to accept the Agenda as amended. **Carried.**

2. **MINUTES**

Adoption of April 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councillor C. Martin to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Regular Meeting held April 20, 2015 as presented. **Carried.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. **Emergency Livestock Trailer:**
Dennis Bergheim informed Members that the ASB was not approved for the CFEP Grant. Mention that assistance may come from the St. Paul Agr. Society, who will be applying for an Agri-Spirit Grant. It was noted that the Livestock Trailer would take approximately seven week to order.
Dennis also stated that UFA has been contacted and they may contribute towards this purchase, off-setting some of the costs. A meeting will be scheduled with Agr. Society Members.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that the ASB work in partnership with the St. Paul Agr. Society in applying for the Agri-Spirit Grant. **Carried.**

b. **Explosives Magazine:**
Dennis Bergheim stated that the ASB has until the end of December to relocate Explosives Magazine from the present location.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tractor Purchase:
Members glanced over a series of price quotes upon potential Tractors, noting our trade-in value. Councillor F. Sloan stated that this can be addressed at an upcoming Council Meeting. Comparison chart of prices shall be made with and without trade-in value and brought back to next meeting.
Reeve Steve Upham moved that the ASB table this issue until the scheduled Budget Meeting. **Carried.**

b. Beaver Bounty:
Warren Leister informed Members of how program is administered throughout surrounding Counties. Councillor G. Ockerman commented on how the ASB will assist in working jointly with the Trapper hired to control the Beaver population.

c. Beaver Control – Gary Kozicky:
Sheila Kitz explained issue of landowner being upon road right-of-way to remove a portion of dirt and in the process, damaged the Beaver Gizmo that was situated there. Gary Kozicky has since rectified the damage caused.

d. Clubroot:
Keith Kornelsen stated that throughout the summer, approximately one hundred fields were surveyed for Clubroot in Canola. It was determined that signs of Clubroot were detected upon the said lands being; NW 21-58-10-W4 and SW 23-58-10-W4. Contact will be made with Landowner emphasizing a four year rotation in Canola and other preventative measures that should be taken.
Councillor F. Sloan announced that this issue is becoming a Provincial concern. Keith Kornelsen spoke of protocol of a Pest Notice being handed to landowner along with notification sent to adjacent landowners.

Councillor G. Ockerman commented that he in turn supports the one and four rotation in Canola and that this Clubroot issue be mentioned in our Highlights as a news release. Councillor F. Sloan further stated that during the winter months, meetings will be scheduled with custom applicators for their awareness and we will expect to double our surveys upon Clubroot during the months of August and September in 2016.

Sheila Kitz stated that ASB notes for Strategic Plan will be as follows; increased surveys, meetings with Custom Applicators and education awareness.

e. Reports:
Keith Kornelsen briefed Members in on a number of happenings with a Dog Issue arising from the Crestview area, with owner being issued a Violation Tag, which has now become a Provincial issue with owner having to appear in Court.

Keith mentioned that a Beaver Gizmo has been positioned on Range Road 123.

f. Coyote/Wolf Incentive Program:
Dennis Bergheim stated a change to the start of our program, being November 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.
Reeve Steve Upham moved that the ASB address letters to surrounding Municipalities, confirming our number of Coyotes/Wolves taken in and our Budget limitations for the program. **Carried.**

g. Tree Time:

Dennis Bergheim updated Members on the PFRA Shelterbelt program now being out of business and with Tree Time now taking orders out of Smoky Lake. Warren Leister gave good reviews upon his Tour of the Facility.

Councillor M. Fodness stated that we should compare pricing with the Bonnyville Forest Nursery as well.

It was noted that these Companies for Tree Orders shall be posted on our Website, also to include Val Pratch's Nursery.

h. NDP New Farm Legislation:

Members discussed in detail Alberta's New Farm Safety Legislation. More talks may come forth at the ASB Conference in January. For information purposes.

i. LARA:

Councillor C. Martin informed Members that the LARA Harvest is complete with results to be tabulated for the Annual Report. Mention of numerous Workshops taking place and working with Producers upon their Environmental Farm Plans.

Plans to find a more centralized location for the plots is in the works with an eighty acre site required.

j. Drought Committee Update:

Councillor G. Ockerman questioned if there is a Committee in place to reshape the program for landowner's crop and hay insurance.

Sheila Kitz stated that this item will be on the Agenda for the November 3/15 ASB Regional Conference at the Moscow Hall.

k. Backsloping:

Members discussed in detail of a specific time frame for Backsloping that should be set-out from September 15 to March 15 and certain guide lines that would govern the projects. Issue will be passed at the November Policy Meeting and brought back to County Council Meeting in December.

5. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>:

a. ASB Provincial Conference

Dennis Bergheim updated Members on the upcoming ASB Provincial Conference being hosted by the Northeast Region from January 18-21, 2016 in Edmonton. Report of good topics on the Agenda.

6. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

None to mention.

7. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

To be scheduled at a later date.

8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Councillor F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 11:45 a.m**. Carried.**

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Date **A.S.B. Chairperson**