

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

October 28, 2014

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor D. Dach
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor L. Amyotte
Reeve Steve Upham
Kyle Attanasio, Intern CAO
Dennis Bergheim, Agricultural Fieldman
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, ASB Field Officer
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Sheila Kitz, CAO
Councillor G. Ockerman

Introduction: Councillor F. Sloan welcomed Warren Leister, ASB Field Officer to the County of St. Paul No. 19 announcing that his duties commenced on April 15, 2014.

a. Agenda:

Addition to Item 4. m. Portable Air Compressor/Rock Picker
n. S.C.A.R.S.

Moved by Councillor M. Fodness to accept the Agenda as amended.
Carried.

2. MINUTES

Adoption of October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes:
Councillor M. Fodness noted that under Item 4. c. she was excused from the meeting due to a conflict of interest for a Tender Bid and did return to the meeting after a short time frame.

Motion by Councillor C. Martin to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Organizational Meeting held October 28, 2014 as presented as well as the Regular Meeting Minutes held October 28, 2014 as amended.
Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Emergency Livestock Trailer:

Dennis Bergheim informed Members of his protocol to the purchase of such a unit, having spoke with the County of Vermilion River who purchased their unit six years ago, being one of only six units within the Province. Ian Fox and Fire Departments would play a major role as well, along with surrounding Counties who may be interested. Councillor M. Fodness spoke of contact being made with Agricultural Society President, Andre Chamberland for granting process. Councillor F. Sloan stated that we may have to invest in our own unit with focus upon time frame concerning distance involved. Also stating that Mutual Agreements with surrounding Counties would have to be in place. Dennis Bergheim will arrange to meet with all parties involved.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that the ASB explore the options of partnering upon the purchase of an Emergency Livestock Trailer in the County of St. Paul, working in partnership with the St. Paul Agricultural Society. **Carried.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Alberta Agr. & Rural Development Field Visit – August 2014:

Keith Kornelsen commented on sites visited and concern to a back spray program when spraying along fencelines.

b. Brush and Weed Control Agreement:

Members briefed through form revised by Keith Kornelsen.

c. Roadside Spraying Concerns – Twp.Rd.584 & Rge.Rd.94:

Keith Kornelson informed Members of a spraying incident with a landowner who did not have proper paperwork signed or signs posted. Members discussed in detail certain aspects surrounding spraying. Dennis Bergheim commented on sending a letter with a particular statement of review, addressing weed concerns.

Councillor D. Dach moved that a letter be sent to landowners every year addressing the ASB Weed and Brush Control Agreement. **Carried.**

Reeve S. Upham moved that the Weed and Brush Control Agreement be approved as amended. **Carried.**

d. Coyote/Wolf Reduction Incentive Program – Nov. 1/14:

Dennis Bergheim commented upon start of program which is scheduled for November 3, 2014, noting that the M.D. of Bonnyville is on board. Councillor F. Sloan stated the importance to Lac La Biche County coming on side and speaking of the program being a major benefit to the reduction in populations of Coyotes and Wolves.

e. 2014 ASB Resolution Report Card:

Dennis Bergheim stated this is a result of last year's Resolutions and for information purposes only.

f. Capital Purchase – Degelman Mower:

Dennis Bergheim informed the Board that purchases take place every three years and this unit is being looked into at a price of \$30,000.00, noting that older units will be sold off. Keith Kornelsen commented on the rotation process with the side arms.

Councillor C. Martin moved that the ASB include the purchase of a Degelman Mower into the 2015 Budget. **Carried.**

g. Clubroot and Clubroot Policy:

Dennis Bergheim stated that approximately twenty-five fields were surveyed near the St. Vincent area, with one field being detected with Clubroot. Dennis and Councillor F. Sloan will arrange to meet with landowners discussing proper ways of crop rotation to deal with this problem. Process of surveying fields will follow through for next year.

h. BSE Surveillance:

Members noted that Alberta Agriculture will target approximately 30,000 animals a year that will be tested with an age restriction of thirty months being 2 ½ years or older at a fee of \$75.00/animal. Keith Kornelsen will forward email of our opinion as an ASB. Further information will be acquired.

i. **Beaver Control:**

Dennis Bergheim informed the Board of Harold Schulz being hired to trap Beavers with the outcome being a benefit to our infrastructure. This year a total of sixty-six dams were blown by as compared to 23 in 2013.

j. **Beaver Control Policy:**

Dennis Bergheim stated that Kyle Attanasio will bring a number of changes to the Beaver Control Policy to Council Meeting of November 10, 2014.

Reeve S. Upham then moved that the ASB be in acceptance of changes to be administered to the Beaver Control Policy. **Carried.**

Policies will then be brought forth to the next Policy Committee Meeting.

k. **ASB Regional Conference – Nov. 3/14, Innisfree Rec. Centre:**

Interested Members; Reeve S. Upham, Councillors, F. Sloan, L. Amyotte and C. Martin plan to be in attendance.

l. **Reports:**

Keith Kornelsen shared with Members an indepth Beaver Control Presentation, speaking of the benefit to the Beaver Gizmo. Mention made to the seeding of twelve miles of road and spraying which estimated two hundred and sixty miles, noting concentration upon spraying Divisions 5 and 6 for 2015. Mowing estimated approximately four hundred miles of road. Upcoming Events: IST – November 30-December 5, 2014; ASB Provincial Conference – Edmonton – January 19 – 23, 2015.

m. **Portable Air Compressor/Rock Picker:**

With interest from our ratepayers, the ASB will look into the feasibility upon the rental of such units.

n. **S.C.A.R.S. (Second Chance Animal Rescue Society):**

Keith Kornelsen informed Members of how Society would be contacted concerning dog control issues, after a three day period of confinement expires and knowing animals would be properly cared for.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to mention.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

To be scheduled at a later date.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Councillor F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 11:55 a.m. **Carried.**