

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

October 4, 2016

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor L. Amyotte
Reeve Steve Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Tim Mahdiuk, Assistant Administrator
Kyle Attanasio, Director of Leg. & Comm. Serv.
Dennis Bergheim, Director of Env. & Agr. 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. Policy Update - Clubroot
j. Regional ASB

Item 5. a. Letter - Local MLA
b. Business Tax - Lethbridge County
c. AAAF Letter

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

2. **MINUTES**

Adoption of January 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Regular Meeting held January 26, 2016 as presented. **Carried.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No business arose from the Minutes.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Mowing of Muni-Corr Trail:

Members conversed over the issue of mowing along the Trail and the time involved along with concern to spot spraying of weeds.

Members discussed the possibility of this mowing being tendered out.

Keith Kornelsen commented on our mowing fee set at \$125.00/hr.

Councillor C. Martin moved that the County of St. Paul No. 19 tender out the Muni-Corr Trail mowing for 2017. **Carried.**

b. Spraying Ditches after Swathing:

Councillor M. Fodness spoke on this issue stating that the spraying of Thistle is the main concern. Keith Kornelsen mentioned two roads near Lafond that will be the main focus where spot spraying will be done to control the Thistle.

c. Clubroot:

Keith Kornelsen informed the Board that a total of 540 fields were checked for the detection of Clubroot with main concern to the St. Vincent area. Members were informed that Clubroot was detected in two areas of the County with measures taken to deal with the Landowners.

It was noted that our Clubroot Policy will be updated and posted on our website.

d. Summary of Summer Spraying and Mowing Program:

Keith Kornelsen spoke of 550 miles of roads that was mowed by the end of September, which included mowing the Iron Horse Trail on both sides and all Subdivisions.

Councillor F. Sloan commented on an area of land that the County owns, near the Owlseye Hall which will be noted in the plan for 2017 mowing.

Keith Kornelsen commented on 300 miles of roads that were sprayed around the areas of St. Brides, Stoney Lake, Grazing Reserve and south of the river.

e. Resolution Responses:

Members glanced over the 2016 Tracking Sheet for Resolution Responses.

f. Transportation – Highway Mowing and Weed Control Issues:

Concern rose to proactive vegetation management on Alberta Provincial Highways as Members discussed this issue in detail.

Councillor G. Ockerman moved that the ASB address a letter to Alberta Transportation with concern to the time frame involved for vegetation management along our Provincial Highways. **Carried**

Councillor M. Fodness stated that this letter will be carbon copied to the AAFF.

g. Summer Students:

Keith Kornelsen stated that coordinating Clubroot inspections will again be underway for the coming year by the students.

h. Dog Kennel:

Warren Leister informed the Board of the benefit to the building of this Kennel.

i. Policy Update – Clubroot:

Members discussed this issue with major concern to the sanitization and contamination of equipment brought through mainly by Industry.

Mention whether a Bylaw being put in place would be a more effective tool for the control of Clubroot, whereby a Bylaw is enforceable and a Policy is not.

Councillor F. Sloan stated that our Policy upon Clubroot should be sent to local Contractors for their awareness and prevention of this disease.

j. Regional ASB:

Councillor F. Sloan announced the Northeast Regional ASB Conference taking place in Plamondon on November 1, 2016. Members will confirm their attendance with Keith Kornelsen and Betty Way.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Letter – Local MLA: Addressing our concerns to vegetation management along Provincial Highways.

Councillor C. Martin moved that the ASB file this letter for information purposes.
Carried.

b. Business Tax – Lethbridge County: Members expressed their views and concerns.

c. AAAF Letter: As spoke of earlier.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None to mention.

7. NEXT MEETING

To be scheduled before ASB Conference takes place, January 24-27/17 in Edmonton.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Councillor F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 11:22 a.m. **Carried.**