

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

August 22, 2013

1. The Agricultural Service Board meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 10:04 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2013 in the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor D. Dach
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor A. Corbiere
Reeve Steve Upham
Dennis Bergheim, Agricultural Fieldman
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Jack VandenBerg, ASB Field Officer
Phyllis Corbiere, Recording Secretary

- a. **Agenda:**

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

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held May 1, 2013 as presented. Carried.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Farm Family Award**

Further to the direction from the May ASB Meeting, the Capjack Family (Sidehill Spring Farms) has been nominated for the 2013 Farm Family Awards. Northlands will make a decision by the end of the month.

- b. **Beaver Control**

Keith Kornelson, Assistant Ag Fieldman, informed Council that since the \$200 fee to blow a dam was implemented, they have blown significantly fewer dams – 50 in 2012 vs 11 in 2013.

Council then discussed proposed changes for 2014 which include implementing a bounty or targeting problem areas and then employees will trap the beavers or a trapper can be hired to trap the beavers. Further discussion on beaver control was tabled to 2014.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ASB Review**

Pam Retzlöff, ASB Program and Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Coordinator, were admitted to the Council Room at 10:00 a.m. for their regular field visit and to discuss the ASB grant.

The following changes have been made to the grant program:

- Shorter deadline – must be submitted by October 1st for Environmental Funding Stream
- Everyone must complete Part “A”.
- Fill out Part “B” if applying for Environmental Funding Stream
- Part “C” is for Merit based components
- Funding allocation for Environmental Stream has changed;

enhanced funding will require more work.

- Strategic Plans should include goals related to Soil Conservation Act and the Animal Health Act.
- Enhanced Funding Stream requires a managing partner to apply for funding on behalf of the partnering municipalities.
- Grant application is now results based budgeting

Maureen suggested that Council set up a Weed Appeal Board and a Pest Appeal Board. The Board should consist of three to five members and they should be members at large. She also suggested that administration contact neighboring municipalities to see if they are interested in forming a regional committee.

The report which is submitted to ARD requires a motion from Council.

b. Pesticide Jugs

Discussion on concerns from ratepayers regarding the tedious process of disposing of pesticide jugs at the landfills. The lids are made of different plastic than the jugs therefore they must be separated when disposed of at the landfill and the booklets cannot be disposed of with the jugs and therefore they must also be removed. Information to be passed on to the ratepayers.

c. Oxeye Daisy Demonstration

Seven producers attended the demonstration on July 12th. There is a large amount of oxeye daisy in the Ashmont area. Administration will contact Smoky Lake to see if they are interested in partnering to develop a plan in an attempt to control it.

d. MP Tour

MP Brian Storseth would like to tour part of the County on September 4 or 5. Administration will set up a time and advise the ASB Chair and/or Vice Chair if they wish to attend.

e. ASB Report

Keith Kornelson presented the ASB report aloud to Council which included grass cutting, spraying, seeding along old and new construction and beaver dams.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The County received a letter from Lac La Biche County which states that they will not get involved with the Coyote Reduction Program.

6. NEXT MEETING

To be scheduled at a later date.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Business on the agenda being concluded, Councillor F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 11:55 a.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson