

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

March 12, 2014

1. The Agricultural Service Board meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 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 L. Amyotte
Reeve Steve Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Kyle Attanasio, Intern CAO
Dennis Bergheim, Agricultural Fieldman
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Jack Vanden Berg, ASB Field Officer
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

a. Agenda:

Moved by Councillor C. Martin to accept the Agenda as presented.
Carried.

At 9:17 a.m. ASB Members gave introductions and welcomed Alyssa Krone, Forage and Livestock Specialist, who recently has taken over the position as Acting Manager for LARA.

Alyssa gave brief overview of happenings throughout 2013 along with needs and issues upcoming for 2014. Alyssa shared with Members LARA's 2014 Budget plans, which will foresee a shortfall of \$47,000.00.

Members commended LARA's program with Alyssa acknowledging our member contribution throughout the years. Presentation ended at 9:45 a.m.

2. MINUTES

Motion by Councillor D. Dach to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held September 27, 2013 as presented. **Carried.**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Weed Appeal/Pest Appeal Board:

From an Organizational Meeting of October 31, 2013, Councillors L. Amyotte and Alternate F. Sloan were appointed to sit on this Board.

After a discussion of the Board, Councillor C. Martin moved to rescind Motion 3.a. from the September 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

It was then moved by Councillor C. Martin that the make-up of the Weed/Pest Appeal Board now consist of four Members at Large, one Councillor and one Alternate Councillor. **Carried.**

Therefore as Members noted, for each Appeal, a Panel of three Board Members (two at Large and one Councillor) will be chosen to hear the Appeal based on the location of the problem area being appealed.

The ASB will build the structure of this Board, with this item now being taken back to Council Meeting of April 8, 2014, when Members will be chosen.

b. Coyote/Wolf Bounty:

Keith Kornelsen informed Members of the positive progress of the program, now in full swing and bringing in approximately 1,000 Coyotes and 3 Wolves. Program will run until April 30, 2014.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget:

Glancing through the 2014 Draft Budget, Sheila Kitz spoke of the Agricultural Service Board's 2013 Accomplishments with highlights upon a number of areas and 2014 Priority Departmental Initiatives.

Members noted that the ASB Field Officer shall now be granted to a full-time position with a portion of duties to be allocated to the Public Works.

Members discussed in detail our annual contribution to LARA, remarking on how the program has excelled throughout the years. Discussion centered around addressing a letter to respective Councils of the M.D. of Bonnyville and Lac La Biche County as Partners of LARA, encouraging them to also consider an increase in funding support, which would assist LARA with their Budget shortfall.

Members noted an additional \$10,000.00 that would be applied to Expenditures - ASB Services, with 2014 Budget now totaling \$256,000.00.

With a number of adjustments, Councillor G. Ockerman moved that the ASB 2014 Budget be approved as amended. **Carried.**

b. Alberta Farm Safety Program Funding:

Dennis Bergheim spoke of a request for funding as stated in their letter for delivery of the program for 835 Children at a cost of \$2,922.50, which estimates \$3.50/Child. Members spoke of our contribution for 2013 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that the ASB contribute \$2,922.50 in funding to the Alberta Farm Safety Program 2014. **Carried.**

c. Emergency Livestock Trailer:

Dennis Bergheim commented on the value and purpose of such a trailer which estimates near \$42,000.00 and the significance to the purchase of this unit. Also just what our options may be to receiving grants along with the fact that surrounding Municipalities may wish to come on-board in the sharing of this trailer.

Councillor G. Ockerman then moved that the ASB research the feasibility of acquiring a unit as this, with more detailed information brought back upon the purchase of an Emergency Livestock Trailer. **Carried.**

Councillor M. Fodness was excused from the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

d. 30 Ft. Mandako Land Roller – Tender Bids Opening:

Tenders, which totaled nine, were opened before the ASB Board.

Motion to accept the highest bid from Stephen Scott in the amount of \$17,900.00 was accepted and moved by Councillor G. Ockerman. **Carried.**

e. Alberta Beef Producers Survey:

Councillor F. Sloan announced the importance of this Survey dealing with the cost of wildlife damage to beef operations being an opportunity for beef producers input.

Councillor G. Ockerman moved that this announcement be published in the St. Paul Journal and Elk Point Review, also noted in County Highlights with a link upon our Website for all livestock producers to view. **Carried.**

f. Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

Keith Kornelsen gave a detailed report on happenings surrounding his duties. Members viewed a detailed map depicting areas of the County outlined for the upcoming Spraying season, noting areas that were focused on in the past.

Keith made mention of his appointment upon the Education Committee for the AAAPF.

g. ASB Field Officer:

Members were informed of seven applications being received, with only three being named for an upcoming interview.

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 G. Ockerman adjourned the meeting. Time: 10:55 a.m. **Carried.**

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson