

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

March 27, 2018

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Martin at 1:25 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Reeve Steve Upham
Councillor Cliff Martin, Chairman
Councillor Darrell Younghans
Councillor Kevin Wirsta
Councillor Maxine Fodness
Councillor Dale Hedrick
Councillor Laurent Amyotte
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor L. Amyotte to adopt the Minutes of the September 28, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. **Carried.**

Tim Mahdiuk informed Members that Councillor Darrell Younghans was appointed as Vice-Chairman.

3. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Motion by D. Younghans to accept the Agenda for the March 27, 2018 ASB Meeting as presented. **Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor D. Younghans expressed his concern to how the fields of Canola will be monitored this year for Clubroot.

Keith Kornelsen stated that awareness is the key. announcing that another Summer Student will be hired again this year to assist with the program.

5. **DELEGATION:**

- a. **Vaughn Leuschen – Dow Chemical Area Representative:**

Vaughn Leuschen, Territory Manager entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and gave a very detailed presentation on the use of residual Herbicides, being safe and economical. Vaughn left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Program Updates:**

- **Roadside/Private Spraying:** Keith Kornelsen presented a map, outlining the paths sprayed from the past four years; 2014 – 2017. Keith commented on the Weed and Brush Control Agreement which is still signed by landowners every year with no spray signs given out.
Members were updated on a prohibited noxious weed, the Himalayan Balsam which is very prominent in the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay and his plan to eradicate the problem with a general meeting being held on March 29, 2018 for the landowners.
A special use Permit will be applied for through Alberta Environment to test the chemical glyphosate to control this particular plant.
Keith spoke of another plan to deal with noxious weeds in the Ashmont area.
- **Roadside Mowing:** Keith shared with Members a map illustrating the mowing areas of Moosehills and Murphy Roads, mowed in two passes using a wetblade. Mention of the Iron Horse Trail which was mowed once.
Tim Mahdiuk stated that the mowing program worked well with the new tractor, with three mowers in motion, one is being dedicated to subdivisions only. Tim will inquire to see the process other Municipalities are using when dealing with mowing on private land.
- **Roadside Seeding:** Keith informed Members that four locations will be targeted for seeding this spring along with checking sites which were seeded in the last two years, determining if reseeding is required. Keith also mentioned that with the addition of another Quad, seeding will be completed close behind road construction projects.
- **Roadside Backsloping:** Keith stated that seven applications were processed in 2017 totaling \$16,000.00 with two new applications for 2018, totaling \$5,500.00
- **Clubroot Update:** Keith commented on the February 26, 2018 Workshop as being one of the best, with many questions and interactions from the landowners. Keith commented on two Pest Notices being appealed to the Minister of Agriculture. The Clubroot Policy shall be reviewed.

Motion by Reeve Steve Upham that Summer Students be appointed as Weed/Pest Inspectors. **Carried.**

- **Beaver Control:** Warren Leister informed the Board that forty-four Beaver Dams were blasted in 2017, with one Gizmo positioned at Laurier Lake in 2017. Warren stated that an Inspire 2 Drone shall be purchased mainly for the purpose of locating Beaver Dams.

- **Coyote Predation Program:** Warren commented on the use of 1080 Pellets, with only six pellets given out this year. To date, 1,400 Coyotes came through the program with no report of any Wolves, compared to 2017, which seen an estimate of 13 Wolves brought in. Program shall conclude on March 31, 2018.

b. Dog Kennel Updates:

Warren Leister shared pictures of upgrades done to the Dog Kennel with an approved Fee Schedule of \$30.00 per Dog/per day. Keith commented on SCARS Animal Rescue as still being involved.

c. Farm Safety Funding Request:

Tim Mahdiuk commented on a request from the Farm Safety Centre for the Safety Smarts Program delivered to Children across the Province.

Motion by Reeve S. Upham that the ASB support the Safety Smarts Program by contributing \$2,000.00 towards the delivery of the program. **Carried.**

d. The Original Grazing School For Women Request:

Members were informed of this event, hosted by the County of Two Hills taking place on June 12 & 13, 2018, brought to our attention by Janice Bodin with the M.D of Bonnyville.

Councillor M. Fodness spoke of our sponsorship going towards the Lunch.

Motion by Councillor K. Wirsta that the ASB sponsor Lunch for this event at a range of \$2,000.00 being donated. **Carried.**

e. Drone Update:

Warren Leister informed Members that with the operation of our Drone, we were not approved for a Special Flying Operation Certificate.

Warren explained the specific functions and mapping software of the Drone. being classed for Recreational not Commercial use.

Warren stated that the current Drone status will be to look into further details upon acquiring a SFOC with special permission to operate this Drone when dealing with beaver dams, crops and gravel pits.

f. Sale of Used Equipment:

Members glanced over a list of 2017 ASB Equipment for sale:

2008 Wheatheart 13 HP Post Pounder, 2007 Hi Hog Loading Chute, 2012 REV 1500 Degelman Mower, Sitrex 500 Pull Type Spreader and a Quad Mounted Spreader. Tim Mahdiuk commented on a 16 ft. Tilt Trailer for sale as well.

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness that the 2017 ASB Equipment as noted above be sold to interested parties. **Carried.**

7. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

No Reports came forth.

8. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- a. Himalayan Balsam Information Session – March 29/18, SV Horseshoe Bay
- b. ASB Summer Tour – July 10-13/18, Strathcona County
(Nine rooms have been booked with Members to confirm their attendance).

9. **NEXT MEETING**

To be determined

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman C. Martin adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:22 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson