

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

September 28, 2017

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor D. Dach
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor L. Amyotte
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services
Kyle Attanasio, Director of Corporate Services
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Kaitlyn Kenney, Special Projects Coordinator
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Reeve S. Upham

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor D. Dach to adopt the Minutes of the July 28, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. **Carried.**

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

Addition to Item 6. b. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Information

Moved by Councillor M. Fodness to accept the Agenda for the September 28, 2017 ASB Meeting as amended. **Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business came forth from the Minutes.

5. **DELEGATION:**

- a. **Landview Drones, Markus Weber, Owner**

Markus Weber entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m. and gave an overview on the specific models, general operation and cost factors of Drones, designed for specialized purposes.

Mention of the benefit to spatial distribution when assessing damage to crops. Warren Leister spoke of the advantage of such a unit when assessing beaver dam control. After answering a number of questions, Markus Weber left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Program Updates:**

- **Clubroom Program:** Keith Kornelsen informed Members of the importance of this program and shared a detailed presentation of mapped out regions where this disease is prominent; mainly in the Foisy and St. Brides areas. Keith spoke of the importance of this Clubroot Program, with inspection of 540 Canola fields in 2016 and 623 Canola fields in 2017. Councillor F. Sloan explained the importance of notifying the landowners of the situation and of the legalities involved. He also spoke of the significance to Awareness Sessions being held and the urgency of distributors strongly advising landowners to purchase Clubroot resistant varieties of Canola.

Moved by Councillor G. Ockerman that the ASB recommends that a letter be addressed to local distributors because of an increase to Clubroot disease within the County of St. Paul No. 19. **Carried.**

Warren Leister mentioned the importance of pressure washing equipment down.

At 2:46 p.m., Councillor F. Sloan left the meeting with Councillor C. Martin taking over duties as Vice-Chairman.

- **Roadside/Private Spraying:** Warren Leister gave a general overview of spraying as Members viewed mapped out areas consisting of 243 miles of roads which were sprayed on both sides and mention of four private spraying jobs he was hired to perform. Keith Kornelsen spoke of special projects underway and the encounter of various weeds such as Himalayan Balsam and it's destructive potential. This plant is being found in vast amounts near the Ashmont area. Measures will be taken in spring to spray the areas with Round-Up. Keith also made mention of other noxious weeds as Tansy and Oxeye Daisy being a huge concern with the Town of St. Paul limits.

At 2:54 p.m. Councillor F. Sloan entered back into the meeting and resumed his duty.

- **Roadside Mowing:** Keith Kornelsen commented on the benefit to the double passes with the width of the new mower and a few mowing encounters on the Iron Horse Trail with good results from mowing approximately 165 miles with the wet-blade.
- **Roadside Seeding:** Keith shared with Members that roadside seeding will be well underway in the next few weeks, stating that Northern Valley Road has already taken off well.

- **Roadside Backsloping:** Members were informed that program has paid out three projects in the amount of \$7,000.00 with another \$14,000.00 already committed.
- **Beaver Control:** Keith updated Members, stating that a total of 44 dams were blasted with one Gizmo installed in the Laurier Lake area with good results. Mention that the purchase of a Drone will be in the Strategic Plan.
- **Coyote Reduction Program:** Warren Leister shared with Members a chart of the Coyote Reduction program versus 1080 Tablets. Report that a good number of Coyotes are always being brought in.

b. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Information:

Members shared their thoughts on the hiring of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Councillor G. Ockerman mentioned that the County of Wetaskiwin has four Officers hired.

After some discussion, Councillor C. Martin moved that Administration can release information based on four Bylaw Enforcement Officers hired. **Carried.**

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No Reports came forth.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. NE ASB Regional Conference, November 2, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. Flat Lake Hall
- b. ASB Conference, January 16 – 18, 2018, Grande Prairie, AB

9. NEXT MEETING

To be determined

10. ADJOURNMENT

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:25 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson