

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

November 14, 2018

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Martin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor C. Martin, Chairman

Councillor D. Younghans

Councillor K. Wirsta

Councillor M. Fodness

Councillor D. Hedrick

Councillor L. Amyotte

Reeve S. Upham

Sheila Kitz, CAO

Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services

Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman

Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman

Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Brandon Hedrick (Dale's Hedrick's Son)

Kaitlyn Kenney, Municipal Intern

Hailey Gish, Municipal Intern

Kellie Nichiporik, LARA

Harold Schulz, Beaver Contractor

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the July 27, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. **Carried.**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Younghans to accept the Agenda for the November 14, 2018 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

6. c. Economic Development and Hemp

d. ASB Calendars

e. Clubroot on Reserves **Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business to mention.

5. **DELEGATION**

a. Kellie Nichiporik – L.A.R.A. Environmental Co-Ordinator

At 2:10 p.m., Kellie Nichiporik introduced herself to the Board mentioning her nine years as Manager with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association from Bonnyville.

Kellie informed the Board of the 2018 events that took place, centering around the many research and plot trials, extension events and regional variety trials.

Kellie announced that she is on the Operational Committee for the Environmental Farm Plan. Mention of landowners looking for grain dryer and climate change funding possibilities.

More discussion centered around wetland enhancement, beaver deceivers, pond levelers, pasture rejuvenation and winter grazing.

Kellie commented on the Wetland Field Trips which happen annually, informing Members of some upcoming workshops/events and ended her presentation at 2:35 p.m.

b. Harold Schulz – Beaver Contractor

At 2:40 p.m. Harold was introduced, informing the Board of his 50 years of trapping experience and how successful his trapping techniques have become.

Members discussed in detail the implementation of a Beaver Bounty Program with Warren Leister speaking of programs that surrounding Counties have in place and handed out a Beaver Reduction Incentive Program form for all to view with a fee of \$15.00 for each beaver brought in.

Tim Mahdiuk commented on the bounty program running in the spring and fall.

Motion by Reeve S. Upham that the County of St. Paul No. 19 ASB initiate a Beaver Bounty commencing April 15 to July 1 then September 1 to October 31 at a fee of \$15.00 per Beaver Tail, to a maximum of 10 Beavers per quarter of land or 30 Beavers if a creek runs through property. **Carried.**

Keith Kornelson and Warren Leister will implement the program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program

Councillor C. Martin spoke of the program and a time when it was most popular. Tim Mahdiuk commented on his talks with local Veterinary, Craig Hellquist for his view on the program and the initial cost for the procedures.

After some discussion, Councillor M. Fodness moved that this item be filed for information purposes. **Carried.**

b. 2018 Seasonal Labour Update

Tim Mahdiuk informed the Board of hiring for another seasonal position from April to September to assist Warren Leister, as his responsibilities are now shared fifty percent with Waste Management. This position would also assist Keith Kornelsen with roadside spraying and seeding throughout the months of June and July.

c. Economic Development and Hemp

Reeve S. Upham commented on hosting a workshop with local producers. Kellie Nichiporik announced that LARA workshops will be held for the public and will work jointly with our Agricultural Fieldmen in preparation for this event.

d. ASB Calendar

Councillor D. Hedrick shared with Members his thoughts upon the design of an ASB Calendar, while viewing a sample one from 1992. Members discussed in detail the making of such a Calendar and of acquiring sponsorships, partnering with LARA, announcing workshops and contact information inside this calendar.

Motion by Councillor D. Hedrick that the ASB pursue to investigate the designing of this ASB calendar, to include funding, sponsorships and who will govern the project. **Carried.**

e. Clubroot On Reserves

Keith Kornelsen informed Members of his contact with Fabian Large, who was very receptive to the ASB for future training. Kellie Nichiporik spoke of CAP funding just being released today for Clubroot research. Councillor M. Fodness expressed the need for investigation of Clubroot on Reserves and working in partnership with First Nations people. Keith stated that collaboration will be the key factor. Sheila Kitz will investigate the possibility of this meeting taking place in the future.

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports were brought forth.

8. Upcoming Meetings

a. 2019 ASB Provincial Conference – January 21-23, 2019, Calgary

Keith Kornelsen stated accommodation bookings are in order and Members will confirm their attendance with Keith.

9. NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman C. Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson