

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

October 23, 2019

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Martin at 10:23 a.m., on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor C. Martin, Chairman
Reeve S. Upham
Councillor D. Younghans,
Councillor K. Wirsta
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor D. Hedrick
Councillor L. Amyotte
Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator
Toso Bozic, Crop Assurance Extension Specialist
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Dennis Bergheim, Director of Community Services

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the July 4, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. **Carried**

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

Moved by Councillor K. Wirsta to accept the Agenda for the October 23, 2019 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

- 6.i. Provincial ASB Committee
- 6.j. Declaration of Disaster

Carried

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor M. Fodness commented on Item 6.a. Agriculture Plastics and just where this recycling pilot project may be headed. Reeve S. Upham expressed that we have the best intentions, knowing there is potential, but at present there is no market for these products.

Warren Leister further stated that 20 collection sites are still being determined with funding granted through a three year pilot project.

5. **DELEGATION**

Toso Bozic, Crop Assurance Extension Specialist

At 10:17 a.m., Toso Bozic commented on the Website as still being a work in progress with new ruling with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry coming into place along with changes to his position, being now in a totally different role.

Toso spoke of reviews taking place of ASB Appeal Committees for Weed, Pest & Soil Acts, also of the importance of having Risk Management and Emergency Preparedness Plans put into place. Toso emphasized the urgency of having these plans in place where livestock can become a big issue, along with the funding aspects for these projects being available.

Councillor C. Martin stated that this plan could be incorporated into our Emergency Management Plan.

Toso Bozic ended his presentation at 10:37 a.m. and remained for the duration of the meeting, reminding the Board that he is always available for assistance.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Coyote/Wolf Bounty**

Warren Leister shared his charted statistics of the County Bounty versus 1080 Pills. He informed Members that over 900 Coyotes were brought in for the 2018/2019 season and 3 Wolves. Mention of the M.D. of Bonnyville continuing the program for another year.

Warren also mentioned a number of suggestions in similarity to the Beaver Bounty, where ratepayers would preregister their quarters and only those lands used for cattle grazing, with a maximum of 10 coyotes brought in per quarter.

Chairman, C. Martin recessed the meeting at 12:12 pm and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

b. **Beaver Bounty**

Warren Leister commented on the outcome of the Beaver Bounty, which brought in 697 Beavers at \$15/tail to date, estimating expenses of \$10,455. Warren also stated that 302 beavers were trapped by Public Works staff with program coming to a close at the end of October.

c. **Communication Plan – Draft**

Arlene Shwetz shared her draft Communications and Outreach Plan with Members. Arlene spoke of a better communication plan for ASB programs that will be in place to promote and educate different sectors of the general public, with plans to have more involvement with LARA.

Tim Mahdiuk made mention of how schools will be more involved with the Agriculture programs and spoke of the Vocational Scholarship program.

Councillor C. Martin stated the importance of infusing Agriculture into the classroom curriculum and information will be brought forth to an upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

d. Fee Schedule Bylaw/Penalties Bylaw Recommendations

Members glanced over the Fee Schedule Bylaw and Penalties Bylaw recommendations as presented.

Councillor K. Wirsta moved that these recommendations as presented be taken to December 10, 2019 Council meeting. **Carried**

e. ASB Policies

Keith Kornelsen spoke of Weed Control Policy procedures.

Tim Mahdiuk stated the ASB must give reason to proceed with drafting a Policy to bring to the Policy Committee.

Reeve S. Upham moved that the ASB Administration proceed with drafting a Policy for Weed Control. **Carried**

After some discussion, Councillor D. Younghans moved that the ASB create new policies tied in with our Emergency Management Plan. **Carried**

Motion by Councillor L. Amyotte that information be accepted for information. **Carried**

Members were informed of In-Service Training, December 2-6/19 in Banff and upcoming ASB Conference, January 21-24/19 in Banff as well. The annual Canola Discovery Forum will take place November 13-15 in Winnipeg.

f. Field Visit

Keith Kornelsen shared his Field Visit presentation with the Board, covering all aspects of mowing, spraying, clubroot and seeding with detailed mapping for all.

g. Agricultural Fieldmen Reports

Keith Kornelsen and Warren Leister shared updates on Dog Control, Rental Equipment and the Backsloping Program.

Maxine Fodness moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldmen Reports as presented. **Carried**

h. Regional Conference, October 13, 2019 - Wainwright

Members were made aware of upcoming Conference with most Members planning to be in attendance.

i. Provincial ASB Committee

Councillor C. Martin spoke of a number of changes in the procedure for Provincial Resolution responses and the manner of which how quick ASB's are made aware.

Reeve S. Upham stated that these inquiries will be brought back to the ASB Provincial Committee.

j. Declaration of Disaster

Members discussed in detail the percentage of annual crops that remain unharvested in the County of St. Paul due to weather conditions and the state of declaring an Agricultural Disaster.

Coucillor D. Younghans commented on guidelines that will be looked into.

Tim Mahdiuk informed Members that these guidelines will be brought forward to November Council Meeting for further discussion.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None to mention.

8. NEXT MEETING

Will be determined at a later date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman C. Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

March 31, 2010

Date

Original signed by Chairman C. Martin

A.S.B. Chairman