



Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 3, 2025
Flagstaff County Administration Building

Members Present: Councillor J. Eckstrand, Division 3
Steven Vincett, Agriculture Advisory
Cole McMahon, Agriculture Advisory
Brenda Martin, Agriculture Advisory
Kelsey Ness, Agriculture Advisory

Members Absent: Councillor H. Shield, Division 7
Councillor R. Manning, Division 1

Staff Present: Jon Dahl, Municipal Services Director
Nick Dunn, Agricultural Fieldman
Jessica Armitage, Assistant Ag. Fieldman,
Recording Secretary
Koree Beaumont, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Eckstrand called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

DELEGATIONS

900 A.M. - ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION ASB ORIENTATION

K. Koehler-Munro, Manager, Agriculture Service Boards with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K. Jackson, Provincial Government Representative with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, entered the meeting via Teams video call at 9:03 a.m. The ASB Orientation was presented and a question-and-answer period followed.

K. Koehler-Munro and K. Jackson withdrew from the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # ASB2025.03.03.1001

Moved By: Steven Vincett

THAT the agenda for the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of March 3, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

DECEMBER 9, 2024, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

Resolution # ASB2025.03.03.1002

Moved By: Kelsey Ness

THAT the minutes for the Agricultural Service Board meeting of December 9, 2024, be approved as presented.

Carried

REPORTS

MARCH 2025 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nick Dunn, Agricultural Fieldman, reviewed the March 2025 Agricultural Department report with the board.

BUSINESS

2025 MEETING DATES

The 2025 proposed meeting dates were reviewed and discussed.

Resolution # ASB2025.03.03.1003

Moved By: Brenda Martin

THAT the Agricultural Service Board accept the 2025 Revised Meeting Dates as follows:

- Monday, March 3rd, 2025
- Monday, June 9th, 2025
- Monday, September 8th, 2025
- Monday, November 24th, 2025

Carried

DELEGATIONS

1100 A.M. - BATTLE RIVER RESEARCH GROUP ANNUAL PRESENTATION

A. Rajper, PhD, Manager, and D. Kroetch, President of the Battle River Research Group entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and provided the Agricultural Service Board with a presentation on the Battle River Research Group's activities in 2024. A discussion ensued.

A. Rajper and D. Kroetch withdrew from the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The option to bring back the White Spruce Program was discussed. Nick will be looking into this request.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS - 2025-03-03

Resolution # ASB2025.03.03.1004

Moved By: Cole McMahon

THAT the following items of correspondence be approved as presented:

1. AgKnow

1.1 MD of Peace – Letter of Support for AgKnow

1.2 Woodlands County – Letter of Support for AgKnow

1. Northern Sunrise County - Wild Boar Management Support Letter
2. Northern Sunrise County Declaration of Natural Disaster for Honey Production
3. Northern Sunrise County - Collaboration Efforts with Alberta Transportation
4. County of Northern Lights – 2025 ASB Conference
5. Wheatland County – 2026 ASB Summer Tour Letter –
6. Kneehill County - Need for Support in addressing Richardson Ground Squirrels
7. Kneehill County - Farmer Pesticide Course Updates
8. Bill C-293
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 7. Lamont County – Bill C-293
 8. Starland County - Bill C-293

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15. Athabasca County - Bill C-293
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17. County of Warner - Bill C-293
18. Lac La Biche County - Bill C293
19. Foothills County - Bill C-293
20. Rocky View County - Bill C-293
21. MD of Greenview – Bill C-293

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Eckstrand adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary



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