

# AG SERVICE BOARD

## MINUTES

March 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on March 11, 2008. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, R. Lindeman, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr., A. Romeril, W. Cunningham, K. Palmer, and J. Meeks, Jr.

Chairman R. Taylor called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

A. Romeril presented projected County Reserves with an estimate of \$557,000 and his recommendations were to distribute \$446,000 as proposed.

Straw Vote: All in favor of County Reserve Proposal as proposed.

### MINUTES

J. Meeks Jr. presented the minutes from the February 12, 2008 Agriculture Service Board Meeting.

(08-03-01)

K. Palmer moved to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes.

Carried.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

(08-03-02)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to accept the following additions to the agenda as presented.

1. Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections

Carried.

### BUSINESS ARISING

#### NEW DAYTON DRAINAGE

J. Meeks Jr. and R. Taylor met with Stephen Mathyk with Alberta Environment. S. Mathyk needs water samples, a cross section channels, outflow estimates and two county culverts need to be replaced and the sizes need to be determined for their report. The project will need to go to AMEC for more work and consulting information. It probably will not cost a lot more but the ASB doesn't have the money in the budget for this year.

(08-03-03)

G. Krokosh moved to have a study estimate from AMEC completed to determine culvert sizes and cross section of channels to a maximum of \$5000.

Carried.

#### BIODIESEL WORKSHOP

The cost will be approximately \$60 per person and \$1500 just to get the workshop in the County – it will cost a minimum of \$2000 with advertising and lunch. Councillors will check with their ratepayers to see if there is interest.

(08-03-04)

G. Krokosh moved to check with other counties (Cardston, Forty Mile, Lethbridge and the M.D. of Taber) to see if they are interested in partnering. If there is no interest from them, it will be brought back to the next ASB meeting.

Carried.

#### AQUICULTURE

Eric Hutchins – was unable to attend and will try to make it to the next meeting.

#### AG FIELDMAN REPORT

Presented by J. Meeks Jr. and is attached as Appendix 'A'.

#### CLUBROOT

Information on farms that have Clubroot disease is hard to obtain due to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The names of farms that may be infested is not available to the public. The County does not have a policy in place should the disease be found in the County. It will be hard to monitor. A Provincial Policy is currently being developed and it will be similar to the Provincial Fusarium Policy.

(08-03-05)

G. Krokosh moved to accept the Ag Fieldman report as presented.

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CONSERVATION  
TECH REPORT

Presented by R. Lindeman and is attached as Appendix 'B'.

(08-03-06)

K. Palmer moved to accept the Conservation Tech report as presented.

Carried.

Chairman R. Taylor called a recess at 10:25 am.  
Chairman R. Taylor called meeting back to order at 10:35 am.

DELEGATIONS

Phyllis Hutchinson and Allan Pasolli from the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company attended the meeting to review the happenings of the Company within the County and give an overview of the changes that are happening since the end of the Ag Policy Framework.

Statistics for the County - From Jan.31.03 to Mar.01.08 there has been more than 105 farms take Workshop 1 and 82 plans have been reviewed, approximately 203,000 acres covered by the farms that have completed the farm plan within the County, 26 gate signs, and approximately \$470,000 in government funding for producer projects in the county.

Matt Gray and Bill Strongman with Southern Alberta Transmission Development (AESO) from Calgary introduced themselves and spoke about who they are and what type of work they do.

Transmission Lines – AESO builds the lines and connects any generators to the lines to ensure that power is distributed. Wind power turbines that are proposed for this area mean that more transmission lines will need to be in place.

NEW BUSINESS

ASB AND AESA  
BUDGET

The only addition to the budget is the Rabies program. It will be done 'In-House' A. Romeril clarified that this is only a preliminary budget that will then be taken and included in the County budget. The AESA Budget has not really changed much and will have another year of funding.

(08-03-07)

G. Krokosh moved that the preliminary budget as presented receive tentative approval from the board to go to council.

Carried.

Chairman R. Taylor called for lunch break at 12:15pm.  
Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 12:46 pm.

2% LIQUID  
STRYCHNINE  
CONCENTRATE

Agrium and Maxim are both selling the product and this has brought the price down from \$10.00 / bottle to \$6.32. The Emergency Registration is effective from now until July 30, 2008. There are very strict guidelines in order for the Agriculture Service Board to sell the product.

(08-03-08)

G. Krokosh moved to charge \$6.50 per bottle of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate.

Carried.

AGRICULTURE  
TECHNICIAN AN-  
NUAL REVIEW

(08-03-09)

R. Taylor moved that the Agriculture Technician II position be made a permanent position.

Carried.

COUNTY  
SPRING/SUMMER  
NEWSLETTER

Taber Times is able to print the Newsletter on newsprint paper in full color. They will print a minimum of 1000 copies for \$799.00 plus GST. To have it printed on regular 8.5" x 11" paper and in black and white will cost approximately \$470.00 for 700 copies. AESA dollars will cover the cost of the printing and postage.

(08-03-10)

W. Cunningham moved to have the newsletter printed on newsprint paper for the next year.

Carried.

ASB ROAD/  
COUNTY TOUR

April 2 & 3, 2008. There will not be enough time to stop and take complete tours of each area. We will do drive-bys and continue with the tour to complete as much as possible.

SEED CLEANING  
PLANTS

J. Meeks clarified to the Board what the role of the ASB is regarding seed cleaning plant inspections.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agricultural Service Board will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT  
(08-03-11)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Carried.

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Chairman

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Ag Fieldman