



Agricultural Service Board

Agenda

Council Chamber, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, December 12, 2022

1. Order – 10:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Adoption of previous minutes
- November 14, 2022 Agricultural Service Board ✓
4. Public presentations
a) No presentations scheduled
5. Department reports and recommendations
a) Action items progress report ✓ N. Berg
b) Agricultural Services department activity report ✓ Ag Svs staff
c) Sustainable Agriculture program report ✓ K. Barkwell
d) Agricultural Service Board Bursary ✓ N. Berg
e) Appointment of Weed and Pest Appeal Committee ✓ N. Berg
f) 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference ✓ N. Berg
i) Registration
ii) Resolutions
6. Agricultural Drainage Reports
a) No items
7. Information items ✓
a) Letter to Minister-ASB grant funding
b) Letter from Alberta Invasive Species
c) Letter from Cardston County to Minister-Rural veterinarian shortage
d) AlbertaFarmer Express-Menu of agriculture podcasts
e) Agricultural Moisture Situation update
8. Next meeting date – January 16, 2023
9. Adjournment

✓ Attachment provided

Agricultural Service Board**Minutes***Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB**Monday, December 12, 2022***Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022 by Glenn Belozar as chair and board members Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Larry Wanchuk and public members-at-large Roy Eckert and Russell Kushinski present.

Board member Smith was absent due to personal reasons.

Other attendees

- Garrett Broadbent, Director – Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Nathanael Berg, Coordinator – Agricultural Services
- Kim Barkwell, Coordinator – Sustainable Agricultural Services
- Lucinda Melnikel, Agricultural Services Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

Agenda adoption

060-2022 Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the Monday, December 12, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted with the following addition:

5. g) Agricultural Service Board member recognition

Carried Unanimously

Previous minutes – November 14, 2022

061-2022 Board member Wanchuk – that the minutes for the November 14, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Action items progress report

062-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the action items progress report as information.

Carried Unanimously

Agricultural Services department activity report

Agricultural Services department staff provided comments on department program activities for the November 2022 reporting period.

- Regarding funding opportunities provided through Canadian Agricultural Partnership and On-Farm Climate Action Fund, a question was posed “How can information about current initiatives be circulated in a timely manner?” AG MATTERS e-newsletter is a good opportunity for agricultural producers to be kept informed about various initiatives and agencies involved.
- Warburg seed cleaning plant annual inspection has been completed and, as in previous years, the seed cleaning plant operations are exemplary.



063-2022 Board member Scobie – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Services department activity report for the November 2022 reporting period as information.

Carried Unanimously

Sustainable Agriculture program – 2022 year in review

Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator Kim Barkwell provided a staff report highlighting 2022 programs.

063-2022 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the December 12, 2022 staff report providing a review of the 2022 Sustainable Agriculture program activities as information.

Carried Unanimously

2022 Agricultural Service Board bursary awards

Agricultural Services Coordinator Nathanael Berg provided a report with reference to the selection of applicants for the 2022 Agricultural Service Board bursary awards. Discussion took place about avenues to expand visibility of these post-secondary academic grant opportunities.

064-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board approve the awarding of the 2022 Leduc County Agricultural Service Board bursaries of \$1000 each to the following two bursary applicants:

1. Koen Baerends
2. Curtis de Milliano

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of the 2023 Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee

065-2022 Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee for the 2023 calendar year, January 1 through December 31:

1. Doug Balzer
2. Alan Halwa
3. Rodney Sagert

Carried Unanimously

2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference

Agricultural Services Coordinator Nathanael Berg provided a review of the resolutions that will be presented at the upcoming 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference:

- 1-23 Creation of a mid-level Alberta Veterinary Medical Association professional designation
- 2-23 Rural veterinary students
- 3-23 Applied Research Association funding
- 4-23 Grizzly bear population impact on agricultural production (comments heard that predation statistics would support resolution)
- 5-23 Landowner special license
- 6-23 Enforcement of Water Management Alberta Water Act
- 7-23 Campaign to raise awareness on the disparity between consumer pricing and producer revenue



8-23 Consideration of municipal environmental and agricultural policies for large-scale solar and related energy developments on agricultural lands

9-23 Synthetic fertilizer emissions

Staff member Faye

Local Food Coordinator Sharon Faye entered the council chamber at 11:01 a.m.

10-23 Organic production certification standards and provincially regulated weeds

11-23 Loss of 2% liquid strychnine

12-23 Review of the land and property rights tribunal

066-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the December 12, 2022 report regarding the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference as information.

Carried Unanimously

Agricultural Service Board member recognition

Director of Road Operations and Agricultural Services Garrett Broadbent recognized public member-at-large Roy Eckert for his years of support to the Leduc County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) during his terms of appointment to the Board and on behalf of the ASB and staff thanked Mr. Eckert for his commitment and valuable input.

067-2022 Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board acknowledge recognition of public member-at-large Roy Eckert for support and commitment to the Leduc County Agricultural Service Board during his terms of appointment.

Carried Unanimously

Information items

068-2022 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence items as information:

- a) Letter to Minister-ASB grant funding
- b) Letter from Alberta Invasive Species
- c) Letter from Cardston County to Minister-Rural veterinarian shortage
- d) AlbertaFarmer Express-Menu of agriculture podcasts
- e) Agricultural Moisture Situation update

Carried Unanimously



Adjournment

069-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Agricultural Service Board Chair

Manager - Agricultural Services