

Agricultural Service Board

Agenda

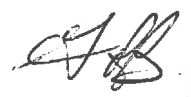
*Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB
Monday, November 14, 2022*

1. **Order – 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Nominations for CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR**
3. **Adoption of agenda**
4. **Adoption of previous minutes**
- September 12, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting ✓
5. **Public presentations**
a) No presentations scheduled
6. **Department reports and recommendations**

a) Action items progress report	✓	A. Van Beers
b) Agricultural Services department activity report	✓	Ag Svs administration
c) Local Food program report	✓	S. Faye
d) Vegetation Management programs report	✓	Berg/Van Beers
e) Clubroot report	✓	A. Van Beers
f) Agricultural Service Board provincial grant funding	✓	A. Van Beers
7. **Agricultural drainage reports**

a) No drainage items	✓	A. Van Beers
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8. **Information items** ✓

a) Agricultural Service Board bursary
b) ASB news and views – Fall 2022 edition
c) Agricultural Moisture Situation Update
d) Farm Safety Centre letter
e) Letter from Brazeau County to Honourable Nate Horner
f) Alberta Farm Animal Care ALERT Line
g) On-Farm climate Action Fund Grazing Workshop
9. **Next meeting date – December 12, 2022**
10. **Adjournment**



✓ Attachment provided

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Agricultural Service Board Minutes

*Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB
Monday, November 14, 2022*

Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022, by Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers and Agricultural Service Board members Glenn Belozar, Tanni Doblanko, Ray Scobie, Rick Smith, Larry Wanchuk and public members-at-large Roy Eckert and Russell Kushinski present.

Board member Kelly-Lynn Lewis was absent due to personal reasons.

Other attendees

- Alan Grayston, General Manager - Development and Community Services
- Garrett Broadbent, Director – Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager – Agricultural Services
- Nathanael Berg, Agricultural Services Coordinator
- Kim Barkwell, Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator
- Sharon Faye, Local Food Coordinator
- Lucinda Melnikel, Agricultural Services Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

Nominations for the position of Agricultural Service Board chair

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers called for nominations for the Agricultural Service Board chair pursuant to Leduc County Bylaw 31-08 which states that "The Agricultural Service Board shall select a chair and a vice-chair at its first meeting following Council's annual organization meeting".

Board member Kushinski nominated board member Belozar for the position of Agricultural Service Board chair.

Mr. Van Beers called for nominations a second time.

Mr. Van Beers called for nominations for a third and final time.

Nominations cease – Agricultural Service Board chair

048-2022 Board member Smith - that the nominations cease for the position of Agricultural Service Board chair.

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Agricultural Service Board chair

Manager of Agricultural Services announced board member Belozar elected as chair.

Chair Belozar assumed the chair

Chair Belozar expressed appreciation to fellow board members, assumed the chair and proceeded with the balance of the Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Nominations for the position of Agricultural Service Board vice-chair

Chair Belozar called for nominations for the position of Agricultural Service Board vice-chair.



Board member Doblanko nominated board member Scobie for the position of Agricultural Service Board vice-chair.

Chair Belozer called for nominations a second time.

Chair Belozer called for nominations a third and final time.

Nominations cease – Agricultural Service Board vice-chair

049-2022 Board member Eckert - that nominations cease for the position of Agricultural Service Board vice-chair.

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Agricultural Service Board vice-chair

Chair Belozer announced board member Scobie elected as Agricultural Service Board vice-chair.

Agenda adoption

050-2022 Board member Wanchuk – that the agenda for the Monday, November 14, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Previous minutes – September 12, 2022

051-2022 Board member Scobie – that the minutes for the September 12, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Action items progress report

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers remarked that a meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 with Communications staff regarding promoting awareness of Agriculture Day. The Agricultural Service Board chair confirmed that the proposed resolution *Fertilizer Emission Reduction Target Impacts* put forward by the Municipal District of Taber was passed at the recent RMA 2022 Fall Convention.

052-2022 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 September through October 2022 reporting period:

- Honourable Nate Horner sworn in as Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation
- ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) member Roy Eckert was thanked for his contributions as his PAC term concludes
- New Humble school earthboxes were delivered for their indoor gardening project

053-2022 Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Services department activity report for the September through October 2022 report period as information.



Carried Unanimously

Local Food program report

Local Food Coordinator Sharon Faye presented the staff report reviewing Local Food program highlights for 2022.

054-2022 Board member Smith – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the November 14, 2022 report reviewing the Local Food program 2022 highlights as information.

Carried Unanimously

Vegetation Management programs report

Agricultural Services Coordinator Nathanael Berg presented the staff report reviewing vegetation management programs for 2022.

055-2022 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the November 14, 2022 report summarizing the 2022 vegetation management programs as information.

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Degaust

Communications Coordinator Katherine Degaust entered the council chamber at 10:43 am

Clubroot report

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented the staff report with regard to 2022 crop inspections of canola for the presence of clubroot disease. In response to questions by board members, the following information was provided:

- Of the positive fields that had been confirmed positive in the past, the majority of those fields were found to be at low levels of severity. Most crop producers are doing a good job of managing clubroot and are mindful of the importance of planning resistant variety rotations
- Growing conditions were dry at seeding, wet early season, then very dry for the remainder of the growing season – the wet period may have favoured the development of clubroot and followed by very dry conditions may have lessened the potential severity of the infestation
- Any activities that result in soil movement, such as power harrowing, has the potential to increase risk of spreading spores throughout the field and some crops, such as potatoes, require more soil disturbance

056-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the November 14, 2022 clubroot report as information.

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Degaust

Communications Coordinator Katherine Degaust exited the council chamber at 10:56 a.m.

Agricultural Service Board provincial grant funding

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a recommendation relating to a request to restore provincial funding of the Agricultural Service Board grant to pre-2020 levels.

057-2022 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation regarding a request to restore funding of the Agricultural Service Board grant to pre-2020 levels.

Carried Unanimously



Information items

058-2022 Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence items as information:

- a) Agricultural Service Board bursary
- b) ASB news and views – Fall 2022 edition
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- d) Farm Safety Centre letter
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Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

059-2022 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.


Agricultural Service Board Chair


Manager - Agricultural Services