



Agricultural Service Board

Agenda

Council Chamber, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, January 16, 2023

1. **Order – 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**
- December 12, 2022 ✓
4. **10:05 a.m. Presentations**
 - a) Agricultural Service Board orientation ✓ A. Van Beers
5. **Department reports and recommendations**
 - a) Action items progress report ✓ A. Van Beers
 - b) Agricultural Services department activity report ✓ Ag Svs staff
 - c) Cleanfarms pesticide container collection program transition plan ✓ A. Van Beers
 - d) 2023 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule – proposed meeting date change ✓ A. Van Beers
6. **Agricultural Drainage Reports**
 - a) No items
7. **Information items** ✓
 - a) Leduc, Nisku & Wetaskiwin Chamber Business Awards
 - b) Cleanfarms: Alberta municipality collection depots transition plan
 - c) On-Farm Climate Action Fund information session
 - d) ALUS participants sought
 - e) Destination business strategy workshop
 - f) Canadian Agricultural Partnership e-newsletter
8. **Next meeting date – March 13, 2023**
9. **Adjournment**

✓ Attachment provided



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Minutes

Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB

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Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday January 16, 2023 by Glenn Belozer as chair and board members Rick Smith, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Dal Viridi, Tanni Doblanko, Larry Wanchuk and public members-at-large Debbie Hofstra and Russell Kushinski present. Board member Ray Scobie attended via teleconference.

Other attendees

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

Agenda adoption

001-2023 Board member Kushinski – that the agenda for the Monday January 16, 2023 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted with the following addition:

5 e) Emergent resolutions

Carried Unanimously

Previous minutes – December 12, 2022

002-2023 Board member Wanchuk – that the minutes for the December 12, 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Presentation – Agricultural Service Board orientation

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided the Agricultural Service Board orientation and an overview of Agricultural Services department programs. The Orientation Manual for Agricultural Service Board Members is provided by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and provides an outline of the roles and responsibilities of Agricultural Service Boards, board members, and the appointed Agricultural Fieldman.

003-2023 Board member Kushinski – that Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Service Board orientation presentation as information.

Carried Unanimously

Action items progress report

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers requested that the action item relating to the large diameter culvert located at Airport Road and Range Road 243 be removed from the report as it will continue to be routinely monitored and cleaned to ensure that no debris buildup occurs.

004-2023 Board member Wanchuk – 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 seasonal staff recruitment and department program activities for the December 2022 period:

- Issues at the Non-potable Water Point facility have been ongoing through December with a line break at the outlet and subsequent technical issues. It is hoped that the system installation contractor will have this resolved within the week
- The 2022 insect survey summary has been received from Alberta Agricultural and Irrigation: pea leaf weevil and wheat midge were present in the area; populations will continue to be monitored and information about these crop pests will be shared with local crop producers
- Farm to Table Family Box – Locally sourced products for a charcuterie box order event coordinated by Parks and Recreation
- On Farm Climate Action Fund information session January 31, 2023 at Glen Park Community Hall

005-2023 Board member Smith – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Services department activity report for the December 2022 reporting period as information.

Carried Unanimously

Cleanfarms pesticide container collection program transition plan

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented the staff report regarding the Cleanfarms transition plan for pesticide container collection sites shifting to an ag-retail model in Alberta. The Nisku collection site is scheduled for closure January 1, 2025 while the collection site located at the Leduc County Thorsby Public Works shop facility will remain available as a convenience for west area ag producers.

006-2023 Board member Hofstra – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the January 16, 2023 report regarding the Cleanfarm pesticide container collection program transition plan as information.

Carried Unanimously

2023 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule – proposed meeting date change

007-2023 Board member Viridi – that the Agricultural Service Board approve re-scheduling of the Monday, November 13, 2023 Agricultural Service Board meeting to Monday, November 20, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously

Emergent resolutions

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers reviewed three emergent resolutions that had been submitted for consideration to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) conference committee. Prior to the conference, the Provincial ASB committee will make a decision on whether the following resolutions meet the emergent criteria. If judged to be “emergent” by the committee, the resolution(s) will be brought forward at the conference for voting:

- Stable Regional Agricultural Extension Funding



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- Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health
 - Supporting a Vibrant Cervid Industry in Alberta

008-2023 Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the verbal report regarding the three emergent resolutions submitted to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board committee for consideration as information.

Carried Unanimously

Information items

009-2023 Board member Viridi – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence as information:

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Carried Unanimously

Adjournment


010-2023 Board member Smith – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Agricultural Service Board Chair



Manager - Agricultural Services