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**Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024 by Glenn Belozer as chair and Board members, Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, and Dal Virdi, public members-at-large Debbie Hofstra and Russell Kushinski present. Rick Smith, Larry Wanchuk, and Ray Scobie were absent with regrets.

**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 Agriculture
- Sharon Faye, Coordinator – Local Foods
- Nicole Fuhsel, Administrative Assistant – Agricultural Services

**Agenda adoption**

**056-2024** Board member Doblanko– that the agenda for the Monday, December 9, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated, with the amendment of a public presentation by Dale Scheetz on behalf of the Warburg Seed Cleaning Cooperative, and an action item date correction.

Carried Unanimously

Garrett Broadbent entered Chambers at 10:03

**Previous minutes – November 18, 2024**

**057-2024** Board member Doblanko – that the minutes for the November 18, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**Public Presentation**

**058-2024** Dale Scheetz, Warburg Seed Cleaning Cooperative

- They are looking to do upgrades with a new pre-cleaner machine
- They will be doing more work on their dust collection system
- Pre-cleaner machine will be \$65,000 for just the machine, for a total of \$120,000 with all in related expenses; looking to do this over 2 years (dust collection system 2025, pre-cleaner machine 2026)
- They wanted to inquire if Leduc County and Brazeau County can financially assist these upgrades
- There is a need to stay on top of upgrades and maintenance to keep it viable within 20 years
- Member Doblanko reminded Mr. Scheetz that the request needs to be within the budget year; 2025 has already been set, so the request would need to be for 2026 budget.

Board member Virdi – that the Warburg Seed Cleaning Cooperative presentation be accepted as information

Carried Unanimously

**Action items progress report**

**059-2024** Board member Hofstra – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the action items progress report as information.

Carried Unanimously



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**Agricultural Services department activity report**

**060-2024** Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Services department activity report for the November 2024 reporting period as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Clubroot status report**

**061-2024** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Clubroot status report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Local Food summary**

**062-2024** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Local Food summary report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Sustainable Agriculture summary**

**063-2024** Board member Hofstra – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Sustainable Agriculture summary report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Appointment of Weed and Pest Appeal Committees**

**064-2024** Board member Lewis – 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 2025 calendar year, January 1 through December 31, 2025:

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

Carried Unanimously

**2025 Provincial ASB Conference Resolutions**

**065-2024** Board member Viridi – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the December 9, 2024 report regarding the 2025 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference resolutions as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Ditch Mowing Discussion – Verbal, Russell Kushinski**

- Discussion on a cost share with Leduc County and interested farmers on mowing ditches in major roadside ditches that have a high potential of flowing water, to be done in late fall
- Private costs for farmers to hire are very high
- Agricultural Services have done these areas if identified in the past, if there is time left in the mowing season to add them
- Discussion of the necessity, area/distance of concern, cost, existing restrictions, equipment and manpower resources needed, etc.

**066-2024** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Ditch Mowing Discussion as information.

Carried Unanimously

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**Information items**

**067-2024** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence as information:

- a) Bill C-293 letters of concern
- b) Declarations of Agriculture Disaster
- c) Farming Forward
- d) ASB Bursary recipient correspondence

Carried Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**068-2024** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

  
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*Agricultural Service Board Chair*  
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