



## Agricultural Service Board

### Agenda

Council Chamber, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, September 9, 2024

1. Order – 10:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Adoption of previous minutes
4. Public presentations  
No presentations scheduled
5. Department reports and recommendations
  - a) Action items progress report ✓ A.Van Beers
  - b) Agricultural Services department activity report ✓ Ag Svs staff
  - c) Proposed 2025 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule ✓ A.Van Beers
  - d) Herbicide use in controlling brush ✓ N.Berg
  - e) Agricultural Drainage – Clearwater Creek - verbal ✓ A.Van Beers
6. Information items
  - a) 2024 ASB Report Card ✓ A.Van Beers
  - b) Letters from Wheatland County-Bill C 287 ✓ A.Van Beers
  - c) Municipal District of Greenview-AgforLife ✓ A.Van Beers
  - d) County of Vermilion River-AgKnow ✓ A.Van Beers
  - e) Protection of life and property from problem wildlife ✓ A.Van Beers
  - f) Moisture Situation ✓ A.Van Beers
  - g) Dutch Elm Disease ✓ A.Van Beers
7. Next meeting date – Monday, November 18, 2024
8. Adjournment

✓ Attachment provided

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**Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024 by Glenn Belozar as chair and board members Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Dal Viridi, Rick Smith, and Larry Wanchuk public members-at-large Debbie Hofstra (virtually) and Russell Kushinski present.

**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**

**029-2024** Board member Lewis – that the agenda for the Monday, September 9, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated, with the amendment of 5. f) Harvest updates – Russ Kushinski – verbal.

Carried Unanimously

**Previous minutes – June 10, 2024**

**030-2024** Board member Wanchuk – that the minutes for the June 10, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Action items progress report**

**031-2024** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the action items progress report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Agricultural Services department activity report**

**032-2024** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Services department activity report for the June-August 2024 reporting period as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Proposed 2025 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule**

**033-2024** Board member Viridi – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the proposed 2025 Agricultural Services Board meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year to commence at 10:00 a.m. in the Leduc County Council Chambers as follows:

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| • Monday, January 13, 2025 | • Monday, September 8, 2025 |
| • Monday, March 10, 2025   | • Monday, November 10, 2025 |
| • Monday, April 14, 2025   | • Monday, December 8, 2025  |
| • Monday, June 9, 2025     |                             |

Carried Unanimously



**034-2024** That Board member Smith recommend to Leduc County Council to consider additional budget funds within the 2025 budget for the control of vegetation within Leduc County right-of-ways.

Carried Unanimously

**Herbicide use in controlling brush report**

**035-2024** Board member Smith – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Herbicide use in controlling brush as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Agricultural Drainage – Clearwater Creek verbal report**

**036-2024** Board member Scobie – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Drainage – Clearwater Creek verbal report as information.

- Clearwater Rollyview Creek comes from the Rollyview area and goes into the Blackmud Creek.
- Work was done in the 1980's to do maintenance in the area.
- Our license starts just east of 814 south of Airport Road to the Blackmud Creek; while we do work on the section that goes east, we do not have the license on it.
- Our Pest Control Officer has pulled out about 40-50 beavers in that area, and we have about 60 man hours of removing dams this year.
- It is difficult to do dam removal in the area as it is very populated and we cannot use explosive, which makes hand removal the only option.
- A backhoe is more difficult to use in the summer because of the crops in the field. When crops are off the field, this allows removal with less damage in the fall.
- With our license, we have the ability to try and do clean-up work back to the condition of the initial survey.
- In the past, we have used GM Excavating to do very good work for us but they are no longer in business for a third party hire.
- This area will always have beavers, as it is the optimal environment for them.
- Water levels are down this year over other years.
- There are some private crossings that require work, but this is the responsibility of the land owner. We do try to assist when we can.

Carried Unanimously

**Harvest updates – Russ Kushinski verbal report**

**037-2024** Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Harvest updates – Russ Kushinski verbal report as information.

- 10 days of 37 degree weather and no rain
- 10-40% less yield on cereals
- Just getting into canola, but initial reports are that yield is greatly down as well
- Cereals are 80% done in most areas
- Straight cutting canola seems to be a new trend
- In general, crops are down about 30%, and prices are down 30%
- Because of drought and heat, everything is very fine and seeds are much smaller

Carried Unanimously



**Information items**

**038-2024** Board member Hofstra – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence as information:

- a) 2024 ASB Report Card
- b) Letters from Wheatland County-Bill C 287
- c) Municipal District of Greenview-AgforLife
- d) County of Vermilion River-AgKnow
- e) Protection of life and property from problem wildlife
- f) Moisture Situation
- g) Dutch Elm Disease

Carried Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**039-2024** Board member Belozor – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

  
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Agricultural Service Board Chair

  
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Manager - Agricultural Services