



Agricultural Service Board

Agenda

Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, September 13, 2021

1. **Order – 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**
- June 14, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting ✓
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) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry Key Contact discussion A. Van Beers
 - d) Drought conditions update ✓ A. Van Beers
 - i) Local conditions
 - ii) Federal/Provincial supports
 - iii) Agriculture Disaster Declarations 2021
 - e) Provincial highways vegetation management ✓ A. Van Beers
 - f) Proposed 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule ✓ A. Van Beers
6. **Agricultural Drainage Reports**
No reports
7. **Information items** ✓
 - a) Drought conditions update
 - i) Soil moisture maps
 - ii) Livestock Tax Deferral provision
 - iii) Alberta Water Pumping program
 - iv) 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance Initiative
 - v) Alberta Financial Services resources for dry conditions for crop producers
 - b) West-Central Forage Association-Forage Views newsletter
 - c) Grey Wooded Forage Association-The Blade newsletter
 - d) Agri-News September 7, 2021 edition
8. **Next meeting date – November 8, 2021**
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, September 13, 2021, by Glenn Belozar as Chair and board members Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Rick Smith (via teleconference), Kelly Vandenberghe, Larry Wanchuk and public member-at-large and Russell Kushinski present. Public member-at-large Roy Eckert arrived after the call to order.

Other attendees

- Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager
- Garrett Broadbent, Director - Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager - Agricultural Services
- Lucinda Melnikel, Agricultural Services Administrative Assistant

Agenda adoption

033-2021 Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the September 13, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted with the following addition:

5 f. Importation of corn affecting feed barley producers

Carried Unanimously

Previous minutes -

034-2021 Board member Lewis – that the June 14, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Public presentation

There was no one in attendance to provide a public presentation.

Action items progress report

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers confirmed that regular monitoring for beaver activity in the vicinity of the large culvert located at Airport Road east of Range Road 234 has continued throughout the summer.

035-2021 Board member Kushinski– that the Agricultural Service Board accept as information the action items progress report.

Carried Unanimously

Board Member Eckert

Public member-at-large Roy Eckert entered the council chamber at 10:02 a.m.

Agricultural Services department activity report

Manager – Aaron Van Beers provided a staff activity report for the period of June through August 2021 and supplied the following information:

- Non-potable water point development at Range Road 21 in the Genesee area: meeting to discuss access code set up is scheduled for later this week. Non-potable water outlet facility should be operable for agricultural producers this fall.
- Tight crop rotations may be a contributing factor for the number of confirmed clubroot infestations on a very dry growing year.

Discussion took place regarding a bio-fuel plant coming on line at the Imperial Strathcona refinery and processing plants being developed in Saskatchewan increasing demand on canola and, it is expected, local cropping. Market demand could be expected to pressure tightened rotations, and strategic variety selection will be very important.

036-2021 Board member Vandenberghe – that the Agricultural Service Board accept as information the Agricultural Services department activity report for the June through August 2021 reporting period.

Carried Unanimously

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact discussion

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers reported on the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) review of the Key Contact program with the outcome that AAF key contact representation has been reduced to one per region. While the regional key contact will be available to provide interpretation on provincial programs, the representative will not attend Agricultural Service Board meetings.

037-2021 Board member Doblanko -that administration initiate discussions with north west region Agricultural Fieldmen to coordinate quarterly meetings with the regional key contact and north west region Agricultural Service Boards.

Carried Unanimously

038-2021 Board member Vandenberghe – that the Agricultural Service Board direct administration to prepare a letter for the Chair's signature expressing Leduc County Agricultural Service Board's appreciation for the valuable input and support provided by Mr. Wallace in the role as key contact.

Carried Unanimously

039-2021 Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board accept as information the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry key contact discussion.

Carried Unanimously

Drought conditions update

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented a staff report on the drought conditions and impacts to agricultural producers in Leduc County through the 2021 growing season. Van Beers also itemized the federal and provincial programs and initiatives that have been announced to date to provide supports for producers. Discussion took place about overall loss of crop production and high feed costs for livestock producers.

040-2021 Board member Vandenberghe – that the Agricultural Service Board accept as information the drought conditions update dated September 13, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



041-2021 Board member Belozer - that the Agricultural Service Board instruct administration to prepare a recommendation for Council with reference to consideration of a declaration of agricultural disaster for Leduc County.

Lost

Pro: Chair Belozer, Board members Scobie and Smith

Con: Board members Doblanko, Eckert, Kushinski, Lewis, Vandenberghe and Wanchuk

042-2021 Board member Doblanko - that the Agricultural Service Board direct administration to work with Communications on behalf of the Agricultural Service Board to prepare information for the Leduc County website and social media to itemize federal and provincial programs currently available to support agricultural producers experiencing hardship due to drought.

Carried Unanimously

Provincial highways vegetation management

043-2021 Board member Vandenberghe - that the Agricultural Service Board instruct administration to develop a resolution for the Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference to address concerns about vegetation management along provincial highways.

Carried Unanimously

Proposed 2022 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule

044-2021 Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board refer the Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule for the 2022 calendar year to Council for consideration at the annual organizational meeting, as follows

Meetings to commence at 10 a.m. in the Leduc County council chamber:

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| • Monday, January 17, 2022 | • Monday, September 12, 2022 |
| • Monday, March 7, 2022 | • Monday, November 14, 2022 |
| • Monday, April 11, 2022 | • Monday, December 12, 2022 |
| • Monday, June 13, 2022 | |

Or at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously

Importation of corn affecting feed barley producers

Discussion took place about imported corn being contracted for feedlots and consequent impacts on Alberta feed barley producers.

045-2021 Board member Kushinski – that administration research information relating to the importation of corn for livestock feed in Alberta.

Carried Unanimously

Information items

046-2021 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the following correspondence items as information:

- a) Drought conditions update
 - i) Soil moisture maps
 - ii) Livestock Tax Deferral provision



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- iii) Alberta Water Pumping program
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Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

047-2021 Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



Agricultural Service Board Chair



Manager of Agricultural Services