



## Agricultural Service Board

### Agenda

Council Chamber, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, March 8, 2021

1. Order – 10:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Adoption of previous minutes
  - January 18, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting ✓
4. Public presentations
  - No presentation 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 verbal report ✓ T. Wallace
  - d) Clubroot Pathotypes A. Van Beers
  - e) Municipal Policy-Agricultural Services Department A. Van Beers
    - i) Scheduled for review
      - a AE-01 Weed Control Enforcement Obligations
      - b AE-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations
      - c AE-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
      - d AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
      - e PC-02 Control of Clubroot Disease of Canola
      - f VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
      - g VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
    - ii) Proposed policy changes
      - a Proposal to rescind
        - VM-04 Toadflax Spraying
        - VM-05 Hawkweed Spraying
      - b Proposed change and new policy
        - VM-03 Fenceline Spraying
        - VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Species Weed Prevention and Control
  - f) Hemp Processing Facilities Discussion

✓ Attachment provided

**6. Agricultural Drainage Reports**

No drainage items

**7. Information items**

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- a) Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee Posts
  - i) Key Contact Program & Ag-Info Center Redesign
  - ii) Endpoint Royalty Update
  - iii) Orphan Wells and Weed Control
- b) GWFA – The Blade
- c) Septic Sense Workshop-Online
- d) Working Well Workshop-Online
- e) Agri-News This Week in Agriculture E-Newsletter

**8. Adjournment**



*v Attachment provided*

**Agricultural Service Board****Minutes***Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB**Monday, March 8, 2021*

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**Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, by Glenn Belozar as chair and board members Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Rick Smith, Kelly Vandenberghe, Larry Wanchuk and public members-at-large Roy Eckert and Russell Kushinski present.

**Other attendees**

- Garrett Broadbent, Director-Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager-Agricultural Services
- Brendan deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman
- Lucinda Melnikel, Agricultural Services Administrative Assistant
- Trevor Wallace, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry-Key Contact

**Agenda adoption**

**011-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the March 8, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Previous minutes – January 18, 2021**

**012-2021** Board member Wanchuk – that the January 18, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Public presentation**

There were no public presentations.

**Action items progress report**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers commented on the outstanding action item “Large culvert beaver screen options” indicating that staff has plans for an on-site inspection at the culvert site to consider options as soon as conditions permit after the snow accumulation has melted.

**013-2021** Board member Kushinski– that the Agricultural Service Board accepts as information the action items progress report.

Carried Unanimously

**Agricultural Services department activity report**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a staff activity report for the January through February 2021 reporting period.

**014-2021** Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board accepts as information the Agricultural Services department activity report for the January through February 2021 reporting period.

Carried Unanimously



**Alberta Agriculture + Forestry Key Contact verbal report**

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact Trevor Wallace provided a verbal report:

- Shannon Marchand has been appointed Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Forestry
- Alberta budget 2021: Agriculture and Forestry strategic plan
  - Modernizing irrigation infrastructure
  - Attracting investment for value-added/diversification of agriculture products and increasing primary agriculture commodity and value-added exports
  - Agricultural society funding
  - Upgrading rural electrical and gas utilities
  - Mountain pine beetle program
  - Technologies to improve wildfire management
  - Consumer confidence in agriculture and forestry management practices
- Alberta Milk proAction plan – Seven modules will be available as online webinar series
- Resource management funding stream - No updates available
- InnoTech Alberta – Crop Production Research farm near Vegreville: Research + trials on industrial hemp started research in 1998.

**015-2021** Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the Alberta Agriculture + Forestry key contact verbal report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Clubroot Pathotypes**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided an update on clubroot of canola pathotype testing on field inspection samples and canola variety announcements of confirmed resistance for pathotypes 3A and 3D.

**016-2021** Board member Kushinski– that the Agricultural Service Board accepts as information the clubroot pathotype report dated March 8, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**Municipal Policy – Agricultural Services department**

**i) Policies scheduled for review**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented the following Agricultural Services department policies scheduled for review and provided information about formatting updates to the new policy template:

- a AE-01 Weed Control Enforcement Obligations
- b AE-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations
- c AE-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
- d AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
- e PC-02 Control of Clubroot Disease of Canola
- f VM 01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
- g VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands



**017-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board refer the following Agricultural Services department policies scheduled for review to Leduc County Council for approval:

- a AE-01 Weed Control Enforcement Obligations
- b AE-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations
- c AE-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
- d AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
- e PC-02 Control of Clubroot Disease of Canola

Carried Unanimously

**ii) Proposed policy changes**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented the following Agricultural Services department policies and provided information about proposed program changes:

- a VM-03 Fenceline Spraying – proposed change to policy
- b VM-04 Toadflax Spraying – request to rescind
- c Proposed new VM-04 High Risk Invasive Species Weed Prevention and Control
- d VM-05 Hawkweed Spraying – request to rescind

**018-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board refer the following Agricultural Services department policies with proposed changes to the Municipal Policy Review Committee:

- a VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
- b VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
- c VM-03 Fenceline Spraying
- d VM-04 Toadflax Spraying
- e Proposed new VM-04 High Risk Invasive Species Weed Prevention and Control
- f VM-05 Hawkweed Spraying

Carried

Pro: Chair Belozer and Board members Doblanko, Eckert, Kushinski, Scobie, and Wanchuk  
Con: Board members Lewis, Smith, and Vandenberghe

**Staff member Broadbent**

Staff member Broadbent exited the council chamber at 10:55 a.m.

**Hemp processing facilities discussion**

Board members and administration who were in attendance provided remarks relating to the January 27, 2021 webinar *Growing Opportunities in the Alberta Hemp Industry* presented by InnoTech Alberta in association with Alberta HUB:

- The purpose of the webinar was to provide an update on hemp agronomy, post-harvest crop management, and processing and market outlooks
- Presentations by InnoTech Alberta researchers, and entrepreneurs involved with hemp production for fibre, seed, and medicinals in Alberta
- Proposed Bruderheim location was chosen because it is close to fibre processing production and has rail and highway transport access
- Uncertainties with some of the models discussed:
  - Challenges in getting product from field to plant
  - Eko-terre proposal for fall harvest of plant tops for seed and spring harvesting of wintered stalks doesn't fit with ag producer spring seeding pressures in the local growing climate



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- Revenue stream information was largely absent from presentation
  - Provincial government support – Potentially, role could be via price supports through AFSC insurance; CAP funding to support production facilities
  - Hemp production will likely succeed once the market potential drives it

**019-2021** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion with reference to the January 27, 2021 Growing Opportunities in the Alberta Hemp Industry webinar as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Information items**

**020-2021** Board member Eckert –that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the following correspondence:

- a) Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee Posts
  - i. Key Contact Program & Ag-Info Center Redesign
  - ii. Endpoint Royalty Update
  - iii. Orphan Wells and Weed Control
- b) GWFA – The Blade
- c) Septic Sense Workshop-Online
- d) Working Well Workshop-Online
- e) Agri-News This Week in Agriculture E-Newsletter

Carried Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**021-2021** Board member Vandenberghe – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

  
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Agricultural Service Board Chair

  
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Manager-Agricultural Services