



# Agricultural Service Board

## Agenda

Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB  
Monday, December 13, 2021

1. **Order – 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**  
- November 8, 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) Agricultural Service Board Bursary √ A. Van Beers
  - d) Appointment of Weed Appeal Committee & Pest Appeal Committee √ N. Berg
  - e) Importation of corn for livestock feed √ A. Van Beers
  - f) 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference √ A. Van Beers
  - g) Emergent resolution – 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference A. Van Beers
6. **Agricultural Drainage Reports**  
No reports
7. **Information items** √
  - a) Ag for Life acquires Classroom Agriculture Program
  - b) Getting into horticulture: commercial opportunities for Alberta growers
  - c) Preparing for CanadaGAP: webinar series
  - d) Alberta Land Linking workshop – Got Land? Want Land? summary
  - e) West-Central Forage Association-Forage Views November 2021 e-newsletter
  - f) 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance – Phase two
  - g) MD Willow Creek Letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change – Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions
  - h) Chief Provincial Veterinarian Notification – Equine Infectious Anemia
  - i) Upcoming industry events and conferences
    - i) FarmTech - Postponed
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vi) The Chamber - 2022 Business Awards Gala

8. Next meeting date – Monday, January 17, 2022

9. Adjournment

*v Attachment provided*

**Agricultural Service Board****Minutes***Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB****Monday, December 13, 2021*****Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 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**

- Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager - Agricultural Services
- Nathanael Berg, Coordinator – Agricultural Services
- Lucinda Melnikel, Recording Secretary

**Agenda adoption**

**064-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the December 13, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Previous minutes – November 8, 2021**

**065-2021** Board member Kushinski – that the November 8, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Action items progress report**

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers reported that discussion has taken place with the regional key contact liaison about Leduc County's interest in a coordination of meetings with the regional key contact and northwest region Agricultural Service Boards.

**066-2021** Board member Wanchuk– that the Agricultural Service Board accept the action items progress report as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Agricultural Services department activity report**

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented the staff activity report.

**067-2021** Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board accept as information the Agricultural Services department activity report for the month of November 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**2021 Agricultural Service Board bursary award**

**068-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board approve the awarding of the 2021 Leduc County Agricultural Service Board bursary of \$1000 to Curtis deMilliano.

Carried Unanimously



**Appointment of Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee for 2022**

Coordinator - Agricultural Services Nathanael Berg provided a staff recommendation for approval of the 2022 appointments to the Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee.

**069-2021** Board member Smith – 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 2022 calendar year, January 1 to December 21, 2022:

1. Doug Balzer
2. Allan Halwa
3. Rod Sagert

Carried Unanimously

**Importation of corn for livestock feed**

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented information relating to the impact of the importation of corn for livestock feed.

**070-2021** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the December 13, 2021 report with reference to the impacts of the importation of feed corn on Alberta feed barley markets as information.

Carried Unanimously

**2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference**

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a report with reference to the upcoming 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference and reviewed the following resolutions that will be presented for vote at the conference:

- 1-22 Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways
- 2-22 Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts
- 3-22 Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools
- 4-22 Properly Managing Ungulate Populations – A suggestion was heard to make a friendly amendment to the wording of the resolution for the sake of clarity and consistency.
- 5-22 Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*
- 6-22 Amendments to the ASB Conference Resolution Rules of Procedure

Deputy County Manager Rick Thomas provided confirmation that a previously scheduled session requiring Leduc County council attendance could be rescheduled to allow attendance at the Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference.

**071-2021** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board accept the December 13, 2021 report regarding the 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference as information.

Carried Unanimously



**Emergent resolution – 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference**

Manager – Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers presented his report regarding the potential development of an emergent resolution for the upcoming 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference. In review of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (PASB) Resolutions Rules and Procedures and through discussion with PASB executive members it was felt that the topic concerning the disparity between consumer “grocer store” prices and producer revenues did not meet the requirement as a policy or legislative matter and would therefore not be considered emergent.

**072-2021** Board member Kushinski – that the Leduc County Agricultural Service Board accept the December 13, 2021 report regarding the potential development of an emergent resolution for the 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference as information.

Carried Unanimously

**073-2021** Board member Kushinski – that administration develop a draft resolution for presentation at the 2022 Northwest Region Agricultural Service Board conference regarding the need for public awareness with reference to the disparity between consumer pricing and agricultural producer revenues.

Carried Unanimously

**Information items**

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**074-2021** Board member Vandenberghe – that administration research and assemble information concerning potential impacts to crop producers with reference to the Government of Canada mandate to reduce emissions from the use of fertilizers; to be presented at an upcoming Agricultural Service Board meeting in the first quarter of 2022.

Carried Unanimously

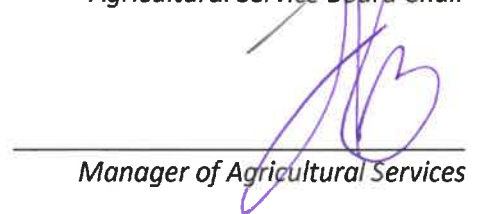


**Adjournment**

**075-2021** Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
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*Agricultural Service Board Chair*  
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*Manager of Agricultural Services*