

Agricultural Service Board

Agenda

Council Chamber, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, January 18, 2021


1. **Order – 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**
- November 9, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting ✓
4. **Public presentations**
a) 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 verbal report		T. Wallace
d) ASB bursary awards	✓	A. Van Beers
e) 2021 Provincial ASB resolutions	✓	A. Van Beers
f) Appointment of Weed Appeal Committee & Pest Appeal Committee	✓	A. Van Beers
g) Beaver management device options for road culverts	✓	A. Van Beers
6. **Agricultural drainage reports**
a) No agricultural drainage reports
7. **Information items** ✓
 - a) Big Lakes County letter to Minister–Results Driven Agricultural Research
 - b) ASB Provincial Committee funding
 - c) Western Grains Research-Funding support to Breton Plots
 - d) The Breton Plots-Holiday newsletter
 - e) Alberta Farm Animal Care-2020 Programs + Projects
 - f) ALUS Canada-The Post December 2020 edition
 - g) Grey Wooded Forage Association
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 - h) West-Central Forage Association-Forage Views Winter 2020

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- i) CanadaGAP webinar series
- j) Rural Dugouts webinar series
- k) EFP Workshop webinars
- l) Working Well workshop

8. Adjournment



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Minutes

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Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, by Glenn Belozar as chair and board members Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Kelly Vandenberghe, Larry Wanchuk and public members-at-large Roy Eckert and Russell Kushinski present. Board member Rick Smith participated in the meeting via teleconference.

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 assistance

Agenda adoption

001-2021 Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the Monday, January 18, 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Previous minutes – November 9, 2020

002-2021 Board member Lewis – that the November 9, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Public presentation

There were no public presentations.

Action items progress report

003-2021 Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the action items progress report.

Carried Unanimously

Agricultural Services department activity report

Manager-Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a staff activity report for the period of November and December 2020.

004-2021 Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the Agricultural Services department activity report for the November through December, 2020 reporting period.

Carried Unanimously

Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key contact verbal report

The Alberta Agriculture + Forestry key contact was unable to attend due to another commitment.



ASB bursary awards

Manager-Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers reported that the 2020 Agricultural Service Board bursary awards deadline for submission of applications was November 20, 2020. This January 18, 2021 meeting is the first meeting of the Agricultural Service Board following the November 30, 2020 deadline. \$5000 was approved in the 2020 budget for five bursaries of \$1000 each. Four well-prepared and eligible applications were received for consideration.

005-2021 Board Member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board approves the awarding of the 2020 Leduc County Agricultural Service Board bursaries of \$1000 to each of the following eligible applicants:

1. Tucker Bentley
2. Reuben Patterson
3. Reegan Broadbent
4. Rianne Harrish

Carried Unanimously

2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference resolutions

Manager-Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a report with respect to the resolutions that will be presented at the upcoming 2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference and discussed clarifying points on each of the resolutions:

- 1-21 - the agricultural community in Alberta has been burdened with the lack of regular oil lease maintenance where resource companies have become insolvent or are unresponsive to requests for weed management on lease sites. Request legislation and standards to protect landowners.
- 2-21 - currently municipalities manage collection of pesticide containers for recycling in cooperation with CleanFARMS. Leduc County costs relate to maintaining the two facilities located at two sites on County property. Resolution proposes placing responsibility for collection on the agricultural retailers/dealers.
- 3-21 and 4-21 - registration ending for use of 2% liquid strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrels: Extend/reinstate registration of 2% liquid strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrels until such time as another effective product is registered for use. Resolution 4-21 that producers with Farmer Pesticide Certificate be provided with the opportunity to purchase and use strychnine.
- 5-21 - revise labeling requirement for "Fusarium free" seed so that the sample is taken at the seed plant after it is cleaned to provide a greater level of assurance to the buyer.
- 6-21 - producers be provided with the option to allocate check-off dollars directly to local research and development organization or Agricultural Service Board of their choice.
- 7-21 - ASB representation and technical advisor selected by the Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldmen and representative chosen by the ASB Provincial Committee to be present during policy and legislative discussions at commodity group and agricultural associations annual general meetings or special meetings. Clarification will be required with regard to the extent of these meetings and types of policy discussions.
- 8-21 - Alberta Agriculture + Forestry extension staff be reinstated to assist agricultural producers throughout Alberta.
- 9-21 - Agriculture Canada and Canada Food Inspection Agency abandon proposal to implement a system to collect royalties on farm-saved seed.



- 10-21 - provide a farm fuel exemption for all consumption of propane and natural gas for ALL agricultural production practices including greenhouse, grain drying, and other similar practices.

006-2021 Board member Eckert – that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the 2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference resolutions report dated January 11, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Weed Appeal Committee & Pest Appeal Committee members

Manager-Agricultural Service Aaron Van Beers provided a recommendation for the appointment of Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee members for the 2021 calendar year.

007-2021 Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board approve the appointment of the following Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee members for the 2021 calendar year, January 1 to December 31, 2021:

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

Carried Unanimously

Large culvert beaver screen options

Manager-Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a staff report pursuant to November 9, 2020 Agricultural Service Board motion 061-2020:

that with reference to beaver screens or gates to protect road culverts from beaver damming activities:

- 1) *staff investigate various options for beaver screens or gates and the relative costs and maintenance requirements associated with those options, and further that*
- 2) *staff undertake an inventory of other road culverts of this approximate size that are currently subject to beaver caused obstructions.*

Van Beers reported that he has discussed types of manufactured beaver screens with the Agricultural Services welder/fabricator and that he will look closely at the site and beveled culvert end with a view to the feasibility of developing an in-house built screen or barricade.

008-2021 Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the large culvert beaver screen options report dated January 13, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

Information items

009-2021 Board member Wanchuk – that the Agricultural Service Board receives as information the following correspondence:

- a) Big Lakes County letter to Minister–Results Driven Agricultural Research
- b) ASB Provincial Committee funding
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Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

010-2021 Board member Smith – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.



Agricultural Service Board Chair



Manager-Agricultural Services