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**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, December 10, 2018**

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1. **ORDER – 9:00 a.m.**
2. **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**  
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – September 10, 2018 √
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - a) 9:05 a.m. Alberta Canola Producers Commission/Canola Council of Canada Delegation Aaron Van Beers
  - b) 9:30 a.m. Mr. Henkelmann, Agricultural Producer
6. **MUNICIPAL POLICY - AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**
  - a) Agricultural Services Policy Review – Verbal Update Garrett Broadbent
7. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**
  - a) Clubroot Report √ Aaron Van Beers
  - b) Action Items – Progress Report √ Garrett Broadbent
  - c) Agricultural Services Department Activity Report √ Ag Svs Administration
  - d) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key Contact Verbal Report Trevor Wallace
  - e) RAMP Task Force Report √ Garrett Broadbent
  - f) Rural Roads Mowing Program Report √ Brendan deMilliano
  - g) 2018 Vegetation Management Programs Report √ Brendan deMilliano
  - h) Update to 2019 ASB Meeting Schedule √ Garrett Broadbent
  - i) 2019 Provincial ASB Conference √ Garrett Broadbent
  - j) ASB Bursary Award √ Garrett Broadbent
8. **AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE REPORTS**  
No Reports

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**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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All Attached

- a) Agricultural Disaster Declaration
  - i. Beaver County News Release
  - ii. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada-Livestock Tax Deferral Provision
- b) AA+F – ASB Program Review
- c) Farm Health and Safety Producer Grant Program
- d) ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee – Producer Member Vacancies
- e) PMRA Review of 2% Strychnine Registration
  - i. August 30, 2018 Letter from Wheatland County
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**10. ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF LEDUC COUNTY, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY CENTRE, NISKU, ALBERTA**

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**Order and Roll Call**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday December 10, 2018 by Mr. Garrett Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services with Board Members Glenn Belozzer, Tanni Doblanko, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Ray Scobie, Rick Smith, 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.

Also present were:

- Garrett Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services
- Aaron Van Beers, Agricultural Foreman
- Brendan deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman
- Kim Barkwell, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager
- Lucinda Melnikel, Recording Secretary
- Katherine Degaust, Communications Coordinator
- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact, Mr. Trevor Wallace, Nutrient Management Specialist
- Five individuals

Mr. Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager/General Manager, Community & Protective Services was unable to attend due to other commitments.

**Nominations for the Position of ASB Chair**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services called for nominations for Agricultural Service Board Chair pursuant to Leduc County By Law 31-08 which states that "The Agricultural Service Board shall select a Chair and a Vice-Chair at its first meeting following Council's annual Organizational Meeting".

Board Member Doblanko nominated Board Member Belozzer for the position of Agricultural Service Board Chair.

Mr. Broadbent called for nominations a second time.

Mr. Broadbent called for nominations for a third and final time.

**Nominations Cease – ASB Chair**

**075-2018** Board Member Scobie - that nominations cease for the position of Agricultural Service Board Chair.

Carried Unanimously

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Board Member Belozer was declared elected as Agricultural Service Board Chair.

**Assume Chair**

Chair Belozer assumed the position of Agricultural Service Board Chair for the balance of the meeting.

**Board Member Eckert**

Public Member-At-Large Roy Eckert entered the Council Chambers 9:01 a.m.

**Nominations for the Position of Vice-Chair**

Chair Belozer called for nominations for the position of Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair.

Board Member Vandenberghe nominated Board Member Scobie for the position of Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair.

Board Member Smith nominated Public Member-At-Large Eckert for the position of Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair. Public Member-At-Large Eckert thanked Board Member Smith for the honour of the nomination but respectfully declined.

Chair Belozer called for nominations a second time.

Chair Belozer called for nominations a third and final time.

**Nominations Cease – ASB Vice-Chair**

**076-2018** Board Member Kushinski - that nominations cease for the position of Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair.

Carried Unanimously

Board Member Scobie was declared elected as Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair.

**Adopt Agenda**

**077-2018** Board Member Wanchuk - that the agenda for the December 10, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted

Carried Unanimously

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### **Previous Minutes**

**078-2018** Board Member Doblanko - that the September 10, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### **Presentations**

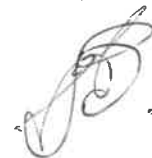
#### **Alberta Canola Producers Commission & Canola Council of Canada**

The delegation with the Alberta Canola Producers Commission & Canola Council of Canada made introductions:

- Mr. Dan Orchard, Agronomy Specialist, Canola Council of Canada
- Mr. Renn Breitzkreuz, Board of Directors Chair, Alberta Canola Producers Commission
- Mr. John Guelly, Board of Directors Vice Chair, Alberta Canola Producers Commission
- Mr. Ward Toma, General Manager, Alberta Canola Producers Commission

Mr. Orchard provided comments and invited discussion on the points covered in his presentation:

- 2018 mapping of reported clubroot infestations province wide reflects only where inspections have been undertaken and have confirmed the presence of clubroot
- AAF Alberta Clubroot Management Committee provides guidelines but the committee hasn't met nor changed guidelines for many years
- Great disparity exists from one municipality to another on clubroot policies and procedures throughout Alberta
- Leduc County is widely respected for policy development and commitment to inspection procedures
- Mapping illustrating pH, growth index factors that favour clubroot proliferation
- Spore development potential and concentrations in wind borne dust
- Positive message from Leduc County policy providing realistic rotation specifications and, consequently, the spread of clubroot has been slowed. This hasn't been the case in many other municipalities
- Assumptions that any cropland is clubroot "free" is erroneous. Utility right-of-way accessors are the only body currently submitting soil samples to discover presence of clubroot spores
- Canola Council perspective that growing canola is less of an issue, and that the movement of soil (and clubroot spores with it) is the bigger issue. Leduc County administration stated current operating perspective that some of the means of



movement are beyond control (such as wind and water) or are difficult to enforce such as all tillage practices, but rotations can be clearly specified and enforced

- Canola Council perspective that the science demonstrates that a three or more year break in canola production is no more advantageous than a two year break
- Board Member comments were heard that producers need clear guidelines and leadership from industry representatives as that will be more likely to be accepted than government regulations
- Leduc County administration provided comments that the policy was developed to protect producers by outlining and enforcing best management practices for all producers (reduce consequences on individual cropland and affect from neighbouring cropland)
- Experience of Alberta Canola is that generally only those producers who are affected by consequences of clubroot on their cropland are invested in management, those who are unaware (whether due to lack of policy, inspections, information, or interest) don't generally invest in management
- Advocate managing field areas of high counts and utilizing new field accesses to reduce soil movement
- A number of annual weeds are known clubroot hosts
- Canola Council message: Safeguard bringing clubroot on to cropland, minimize spread on farm, control host weeds, extend rotation to a minimum two year break
- Clubroot.ca "Canola Encyclopedia" Canola Council of Canada provides the most recent research and recommendations. Currently working with their communications people to develop a one page outline to make information more accessible to producers. Research is not conclusive as new information comes out almost weekly
- Leduc County administration provided comments that local producers are taking direction from retailers who are often not well informed and who are chiefly motivated to sell their seed products; it is important that message reaches them.

**079-2018** Board Member Vandenberghe – that the presentation by the Alberta Canola Producers Commission and Canola Council of Canada delegation be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

### **Leduc County Agricultural Producer**

Mr. Curtis Henkelmann, local agricultural producer addressed the Board:

- He has been dealing with clubroot since 2002 as a producer and past Leduc County Agricultural Fieldman



- Farms 5000 acres in the central area of Leduc County where clubroot is prevalent. He manages a minimum three year rotation on canola
- Works with three different companies with active research plots
- Effect from (lack of) management on neighbouring properties impacts cropland that is well managed i.e. Intensive/frequent tillage, natural watershed drainage, rotations, canola variety choices
- In his experience, retailers are poorly informed about pathotype resistance
- Canola produced in Leduc County should be credited vs canola production from areas where there is little or no clubroot policy, inspections, or enforcement. Leduc County policy and producer management deserve a positive spin message where clubroot has been a stigma in the past. *Leduc County and its canola producers have been leaders in clubroot management since its discovery (2002) by following extended crop rotations, minimum tillage, active scouting, canola continues to be a profitable and sustainable crop in Leduc County.*
- Tillage continues to be a big concern and would like to see that addressed specifically under the clubroot policy
- Advocates dealing with the producer at the time when clubroot infestations are found through inspections during the active growing season rather than late in the year, past the growing season

Board Member question regarding level of enforcement possible: Administration responded that the inspection procedures outline infestation counts that may prompt further DNA testing to establish pathotype, a notice is issued at a certain infestation level and with the confirmation of pathotype resistance. Enforcement on notices have been 100%.

**080-2018** Board Member Eckert – that the presentation by Leduc County agricultural producer, Mr. Henkelmann, be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

#### Presenters

Five individuals exited the Council Chambers 10:18 a.m.

#### Municipal Policy – Agricultural Services Verbal Update

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services informed the Board that 17 Agricultural Services municipal policies have been reviewed and re-formatted by administration for presentation to the Municipal Policy Review Committee.



**081-2018** Board Member Doblanko – that the verbal report regarding the Municipal Policy review and the scheduling of the review of the Agricultural Services policies.

Carried Unanimously

Ms. Degaust

Ms. Degaust, Communications Coordinator exited the Council Chambers at 10:20 a.m.

### **Clubroot Report**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services provided information to the Board regarding the concerns expressed by the Potato Growers of Alberta and potato producers with the existing wording of the clubroot policy that expressly limits the growing of potatoes on cropland under notice for clubroot. Discussion took place about tillage practices on noticed cropland and how that might be addressed on the clubroot policy. Mr. Van Beers, Agricultural Foreman reviewed the data from inspections performed on 800 canola fields through the 2018 growing season and reported that numbers of confirmed positive and severity of infestation levels are similar to the previous few years. Discussion took place about how meetings with landowners and/or producers could be addressed immediately in the growing season as high levels of clubroot are confirmed. Additionally, concerns were expressed about speculations that have been made about removing clubroot as a declared pest under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.

**082-2018** Board Member Kushinski – that the clubroot report dated November 30, 2018 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

### **Action Items – Progress Report**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services confirmed that arrangements have been made to have a presentation by a hydrogeologist at the January 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting.

**083-2018** Board Member Lewis – that the Action Items progress report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

### **Agricultural Services Department Activity Report**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services reviewed the Agricultural Services department activity report for the September, October, and November period.

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**084-2018** Board Member Scobie – that the Agricultural Services department activity report for the September through November 2018 period be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key Contact Verbal Report**

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact, Mr. Trevor Wallace, Nutrient Management Specialist provided comments on the following projects:

- Canadian Agricultural Partnership program: Development of 15 one-page program information sheets
- Swine initiatives, such as the Growing Forward 2 funded ManureTracker app created in partnership with AAF, Alberta Milk, Alberta Beef Producers, Alberta Pork, Intensive Livestock Working Group, and the NRCB.

**085-2018** Board Member Wanchuk – that the Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Key Contact's verbal report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

**RAMP Task Force Report**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services provided comments on a major discussion topic at the most recent meeting on the Metropolitan core area described on the map to clarify intention of protection of agricultural land rather than projected development.

**086-2018** Board Member Eckert – that the November 28, 2018 report with reference to the Regional Agricultural Master Plan task force be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Rural Roads Mowing Program Report**

Mr. deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman provided an overview of public responses and feedback from Public Works operations personnel with regard to the trial rural roadside mowing program in 2018:

- Summaries of public surveys completed on the Leduc County website as well as Facebook comments - 63% in favour of a rural roadside mowing program
- Leduc County Public Works operations responses were positive and the rural roadside mowing was seen as a benefit to road maintenance activities.



**087-2018** Board Member Vandenberghe - that Agricultural Services administration work with Communications and Public Works to develop a public information piece to provide clarity about road maintenance operations and responsibilities of respective jurisdictions with reference to the public roads.

Carried Unanimously

**2018 Vegetation Management Programs Report**

Mr. deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman presented his report summarizing 2018 vegetation management programs:

- Roadside spraying was completed by the end of August; more emphasis on control of encroaching brush will be a priority in the 2019 season
- 10 acres of spraying was completed on five properties under the Orange Hawkweed program
- Spot spraying for common toadflax was performed at the request of property owners on four properties
- Only 15 fenceline spraying jobs of the 58 registered could be completed due to wet conditions and freezing temperatures in the fall. The remaining fenceline spraying requests will be reviewed in the spring of 2019 to determine if spraying work can be completed early in the growing season
- 1520 weed inspections were completed through the 2018 growing season.

**088-2018** Board Member Wanchuk – that the 2018 Vegetation Management Programs report dated November 30, 2018 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

**Update to 2019 ASB Meeting Schedule**

**089-2018** Board Member Kushinski – that with reference to the Agricultural Service Board meeting dates for the 2019 calendar year, the following change to the scheduled meeting date be approved:

<u>Scheduled Date as Approved</u> <u>RE: ASB 069-2018</u>	<u>Date Change</u>
• Thursday, November 14, 2019	• Monday, November 18, 2019

Or at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously



**2019 Provincial ASB Conference**

Mr. Broadbent, Director of Agricultural Services reviewed the agenda package provided to Board members and noted that car pool arrangements can be coordinated for any members who plan to attend.

**090-2018** Board Member Doblanko – that Board Members respond to administration by December 10, 2018 to advise of their intentions with reference to attendance at the 2019 Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference.

Carried Unanimously

**ASB Bursary Awards**

**091-2018** Board Member Smith – that the 2018 Agricultural Service Board bursary awards of \$1,000 each be awarded to the following two applicants:

1. Edith Peeters
2. Amy Idema

Carried Unanimously

**Information Items**

**092-2018** Board Member Eckert – that the following correspondence items be received as information:

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**Adjournment**

**093-2018** Board Member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting concluded at 11:37 a.m.

  
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**CHAIR**  
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**DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES**