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**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, December 9, 2019**

1. **ORDER – 9:00 a.m.**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – November 18, 2019

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4. **PRESENTATIONS**

No Presentations Scheduled

5. **MUNICIPAL POLICY - AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

No Policy Items

6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) Action Items – Progress Report
- b) Agricultural Services Department Activity Report
- c) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key Contact Verbal Report
- d) ASB Bursary Awards
- e) Appointment of Weed Appeal Committee & Pest Appeal Committee
- f) Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

✓ Aaron Van Beers
✓ Ag Svs Administration
Trevor Wallace
✓ Aaron Van Beers
✓ Brendan deMilliano
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7. **AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE REPORTS**

No Agricultural Drainage Items

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8. INFORMATION ITEMS

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All Attached

- a) Correspondence:
 - i. Minister of Agriculture and Forestry to Yellowhead County – Ropin' the Web/General Store Website Resource
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9. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF LEDUC COUNTY, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY CENTRE, NISKU, ALBERTA

Order and Roll Call

The Agricultural Service Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2019 by Chair Glenn Belozar with 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.

Also present were:

- Garrett Broadbent, Director Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager of Agricultural Services
- Brendan deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman
- Kim Barkwell, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager
- Sharon Faye, Local Food Coordinator
- Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager
- Lucinda Melnikel, Recording Secretary
- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact, Trevor Wallace, Nutrient Management Specialist

Adopt Agenda

053-2019 Board Member Doblanko - that the agenda for the December 9, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted with the following addition:

6 g. 2020 Provincial ASB Conference - Resolutions

Carried Unanimously

Previous Minutes

054-2019 Board Member Lewis - that the November 18, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Action Items – Progress Report

055-2019 Board Member Kushinski – that the Action Items progress report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously



Agricultural Services Department Activity Report

Agricultural Services administration staff highlighted points in the department activity report:

- CAP – There is no retroactivity to the program; pre-approval is required for funding.
- Farm-to-Market Conference planning – Currently canvassing for event sponsorship
- Upcoming clubroot information meeting, discussion to review current policy and promote producer focus group

056-2019 Board Member Eckert – that the Agricultural Services department activity report for the month of November be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key Contact Verbal Report

- Age Verification of cattle is no longer legislated as mandatory in Alberta, although voluntary birth date registration for age verification with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency continues and is a requirement under some programs such as BIXs.

057-2019 Board Member Wanchuk – that the Alberta Agriculture + Forestry key contact's verbal report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

ASB Bursary Awards

Aaron Van Beers, Manager of Agricultural Services reviewed the ASB bursary awards report background points with reference to the applications received for the 2019 Agricultural Service Board bursary awards:

- The deadline to receive applications was November 30.
- Advertising was placed in the local newspaper, on social media, the AgMatters e-newsletter, and with student services at a number of Alberta colleges with agriculture specific programs.
- Four applications were received prior to the deadline, with three meeting the eligibility criteria for attendance in an ag-related post-secondary program although of those applicants one did not reside (nor do parents reside) within Leduc County boundaries. The fourth applicant was in a program not specifically ag-related and who did not meet the residency criteria for themselves nor immediate family.
- One application was received past the deadline and further, the individual did not meet the criteria of being a student currently enrolled in a post-secondary program for the 2019/2020 term. A response has been sent encouraging the applicant to re-apply for the bursary award in 2020.



058-2019 Board Member Kushinski – that a 2019 Leduc County Agricultural Service Board bursary award of \$1,000 be awarded to each of the following eligible applicants:

1. Brent Sereda
2. Rianne Harrish

Carried Unanimously

Appointment of Weed Appeal Committee & Pest Appeal Committee

059-2019 Board Member Wanchuk – that the appointment of the following Leduc County Weed Appeal Committee and Pest Appeal Committee members for the 2020 calendar year, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, be approved as follows:

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

Carried Unanimously

Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

060-2019 Board Member Scobie – that the December 4, 2019 report regarding nominations for the annual Chamber of Commerce Business Awards be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference - Resolutions

Aaron Van Beers, Manager of Agricultural Services reported that the proposed resolutions that will be presented at the 2020 Provincial ASB Conference have just been received and provided the following review of resolution topics:

- Resolution #1 – Alberta Agriculture Website: Reinstate Ropin' the Web accessibility and re-introduce the General Store service, sponsored by Cypress County.
- Resolution #2 – Ropin' the Web: Essentially the same content as Resolution #1, and it is likely that the two resolutions will be combined to be jointly sponsored. Sponsored by Mountain View County.
- Resolution #3 - Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant: Requesting provincial grant funding to assist municipalities manage field data by means of a developed mobile application with reference to provincial surveillance programs performed by municipalities. Sponsored by Woodlands County.
- Resolution #4 - Clubroot Pathotype Testing: Commit to long term funding for the Clubroot Surveillance and Pathotype Monitoring conducted by the University of



Alberta to permit continuation of the unbiased, world recognized testing that is performed by the U of A Clubroot Research Team. Sponsored by Big Lakes County.

- Resolution #5 - Education Campaign for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sectors -Targeting dealerships of farm + construction equipment to promote management of weeds and crop diseases. Sponsored by Cypress County.
- Resolution #6 – AFSC Assist in Preventing the Spread of Regulated Crop Pests: Urging Minister of Alberta Agriculture + Forestry to enter into an agreement with AFSC to assist in regulating the spread of pests whereby AFSC would decline insuring canola crops planted back to back, and impose a premium on cropland planted in contradiction to the Province's Clubroot Management Plan. Sponsored by Kneehill County.
- Resolution #7 - Beehive Depredation: Include beehives destroyed by bears in the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program. Sponsored by Northern Sunrise County.
- Resolution #8 – Agricultural Related Lease Dispositions: Transfer of the management to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to streamline/expedite the disposition process. Sponsored by Big Lakes County.
- Resolution #9 - Emergency Livestock Removal: Provide necessary resources to create designated sites and a process for the evacuation of livestock under the Emergency Management Act. Sponsored by County of Northern Lights.
- Resolution #10 - Mandatory Agriculture Education in the Classroom: That mandatory agriculture education be implemented in the school curriculum in Alberta. Sponsored by Lac La Biche County.
- Resolution #11 - Reinstate a Shelterbelt Program – Alberta Agriculture + Forestry implement a shelterbelt program. Sponsored by Brazeau County.
- Resolution #12 - Compensation to Producers on Denied Land Access to Hunters: Do not pay compensation to producers who experience wildlife damage where land access to hunters is denied. Sponsored by District of Willow Creek No. 26.
- Resolution #13 - Proposed Amendments to Part XV of the Federal Health of Animals Regulations: -That CFIA postpone amendments to requirements to the reporting of livestock movements until such time as the identified data requirements can be accurately collected by livestock producers and farm operators. Sponsored by Municipal District of Pincher Creek.
- Resolution #14 - Canadian Product and Canadian Made: Amend guidelines for Made in Canada, Product of Canada claims to not include pure products such as honey as currently raw products such as honey may be mixed with up to 30% of imported honey. Sponsored by Northern Sunrise County.

061-2019 Board Member Eckert – that the review of resolutions coming forward to the upcoming 2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference be received as information.



Carried Unanimously

Information Items

062-2019 Board Member Wanchuk – that the following information items be received as information:

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Adjournment


063-2019 Board Member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting concluded at 10:21 a.m.



CHAIR



MANAGER OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES