

## Agricultural Service Board

### Agenda

Council Chambers, County Centre, Nisku, AB

Monday, September 14, 2020

1. **Order – 9:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**  
- July 20, 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 administration
c) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – key contact verbal report		T. Wallace
d) 2020 ASB resolutions report card	✓	A. Van Beers
e) 2020 NW Regional ASB conference and 2021 Provincial ASB conference	✓	B. de Milliano
f) Proposed 2021 ASB meeting schedule	✓	B. de Milliano
6. **Agricultural Drainage Reports**  
a) No agricultural drainage reports
7. **Information items** ✓
  - a) Farm Safety Centre-Interactive learning tools for program delivery
  - b) 2020 BMO Farm Family award recognition event
  - c) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – On-farm slaughter operation licence
  - d) ASB Bursary
  - e) Grey Wooded Forage Association – The Blade newsletters, July + August
  - f) West-Central Forage Association – Forage Views newsletter
8. **Adjournment**



✓ Attachment provided

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**Agricultural Service Board****Minutes***Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB****Monday, September 14, 2020*****Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, 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 (arrived after the meeting convened) and Russell Kushinski present.

**Other attendees**

- Garrett Broadbent, Director, Road Operations and Agricultural Services
- Aaron Van Beers, Manager of Agricultural Services
- Brendan deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman
- Lucinda Melnikel, Recording Secretary

**Agenda adoption**

**037-2020** Board member Doblanko – that the agenda for the September 14, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Previous minutes – July 20, 2020 Agricultural Services Board meeting**

**038-2020** Board member Wanchuk – that the July 20, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**Action items progress report**

**039-2020** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board receive as information the action items progress report.

Carried Unanimously

**Staff member Broadbent**

Director of Road Operations and Agricultural Services Garrett Broadbent entered the council chamber at 9:03 a.m.

**Agricultural Services department activity report**

**040-2020** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board receive as information the Agricultural Services department activity report for the July through August 2020 period.

Carried Unanimously

**2020 ASB resolutions report card**

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a staff report reviewing the 2020 ASB Resolution responses and the Provincial ASB Committee report card grading those responses:

#1-20: Ropin the Web – Accept in Principle; administration concurs with grade

#2-20: Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant – Incomplete; administration concurs with grade



#3-20: Clubroot Pathotype Testing – Unsatisfactory; administration concurs with grade. Additional comments regarding potential to utilize some portion of the canola grower checkoff to support funding.

#4-20: Education campaign for cleanliness of equipment for industry sectors – Unsatisfactory; administration concurs with grade. Additional comments that response did not address the intent of the whole that education/expectation of equipment sanitizing management should not be limited to industry sector or be seen to shift responsibility solely to industry sector.

#5-20: AFSC Assist in preventing the spread of regulated crop pests – Unsatisfactory; administration concurs with grade. Additional comments: at present, Warburg seed cleaning plant has a policy to not accept fusarium infected seed for cleaning. Administration is aware that there are municipalities that have passed a bylaw regarding control of fusarium and is watching those developments closely.

#6-20: Beehive depredation - Accept in principle; administration concurs with grade

#7-20: Agricultural related lease dispositions – Accept in Principle; administration concurs with grade

#8-20: Emergency livestock removal – Accept in principle; administration concurs with grade

Public member-at-large Eckert

Board member Eckert entered the council chamber at 9:47 a.m.

#9-20: Mandatory agriculture education in the classroom – Unsatisfactory; administration concurs with grade. Additional comment that directing resolution to school trustees may find a more receptive body.

#10-20: Reinstate a shelterbelt program – Accept in principle; administration concurs with grade

#11-20: Resolution was defeated at conference and not brought forward (provided for numbering continuity)

#12-20: Proposed amendments to federal health of animals regulation – Accept in Principle; administration concurs with grade

#13-20: Canadian product and Canadian made – Incomplete; administration concurs with grade. Additional comments that resolution misses the mark, that this is a food labelling issue.

E1-20, E2-20, E3-20 – Business risk management programs, including AgriRecovery, Agri-invest, Agri-Stability – Unsatisfactory; administration concurs with grades on each of these emergent resolutions. Additional comments: municipality specific impacts on local producers vastly different from one area of Alberta to another, trade partner references to specific countries is sensitive to changing politics.

Board member Smith

Board member Smith exited the council chamber at 10:02 a.m. and did not vote on Motion No. 041-2020.

**041-2020** Board member Lewis – that with reference to the 2020 ASB resolution responses:

- I. The Agricultural Service Board receive as information the report dated September 14, 2020, and further
- II. The Agricultural Service Board directs administration to submit opinions and comments on behalf of the board to the Provincial ASB Committee.

Carried Unanimously



**2020 NW Regional ASB conference and 2021 Provincial ASB conference**

Agricultural Foreman Brendan deMilliano provided a staff report on delivery options for the upcoming 2020 NW Regional ASB conference and the 2021 Provincial ASB conference and explained that the proposed dates for the Provincial ASB conference will likely be condensed to a one or perhaps a two day time period. Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers commented that resolutions will be a part of both conference agendas and it is hoped that resolution packages will be made available to boards prior to the conference dates for board discussion and the coordination of voting.

**Board member Smith**

Board member Smith entered the council chambers at 10:17 a.m.

**042-2020** Board member Doblanko – that regarding the 2020 NW Regional ASB conference and the 2021 Provincial ASB conference:

- I. the Agricultural Service Board receive as information the September 8, 2020 update, and further
- II. the Agricultural Service Board directs administration to coordinate a blended format for the October 29, 2020 NW Regional ASB online conference for attendance options in council chambers and at home at the discretion of individual board members.

Carried Unanimously

**Proposed 2021 ASB meeting schedule**

Agricultural Foreman Brendan deMilliano provided a staff report with the proposed 2021 Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule. A board member suggestion was heard to change the time of the meeting to commence at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

**043-2020** Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board approve changing the time of the Agricultural Service Board meetings to commence at 10 a.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously

**044-2020** Board member Lewis – that the Agricultural Service Board approve the following Agricultural Service Board meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year to commence at 10 a.m. in the Leduc County council chamber:

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| • Monday, January 25, 2021 | • Monday, September 13, 2021 |
| • Monday, March 8, 2021    | • Monday, November 8, 2021   |
| • Monday, April 12, 2021   | • Monday, December 13, 2021  |
| • Monday, June 14, 2021    |                              |

Or at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously



**Information items**

**045-2020** Board member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board receive the following correspondence as information:

- a) Farm Safety Centre-Interactive learning tools for program delivery
- b) 2020 BMO Farm Family award recognition event
- c) Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – On-farm slaughter operation licence
- d) ASB Bursary
- e) Grey Wooded Forage Association – The Blade newsletters, July + August
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Carried Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**046-2020** Board member Kushinski – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

  
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*Agricultural Service Board Chair*

  
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*Manager of Agricultural Services*