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**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 9, 2020**

1. **ORDER – 9:00 a.m.**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – January 27, 2020

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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) Clubroot Status Report
- e) City of Edmonton Mosquito Abatement Program
- f) 2020 BMO Farm Family Awards Nominations
- g) Alberta Budget 2020 Potential Implications

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Trevor Wallace
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7. **AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE REPORTS**

No Agricultural Drainage Reports

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8. INFORMATION ITEMS

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All Attached

- a) AF Minister Dreesen Response – *Fusarium graminearum* As A Regulated Pest
- b) Working Well Workshops Infographics
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9. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF LEDUC COUNTY, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2020 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, March 9, 2020 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

One individual was also in attendance.

Adopt Agenda

013-2020 Board Member Wanchuk - that the agenda for the March 9, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Previous Minutes

014-2020 Board Member Lewis - that the January 27, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be confirmed, as amended:

Motion 002-2020 – Motion made by Board Member Lewis

Carried Unanimously

Action Items – Progress Report

015-2020 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:

- Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency announcement of their decision to cancel registration of 2% liquid strychnine concentrate (LSC) product for the control of Richardson's ground squirrels. Sales of 2% LSC will end on March 4, 2022 and the last date that the product can be legally used by agricultural producers is March 4, 2023.
- Under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership – New Efficient Grain Dryer program; a current Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is required for funding and that requirement has prompted renewed interest in completing/updating EFP.
- Rahr Malting is using the EFP as part of their sustainable sourcing program and all of the producers must have a current EFP.
- Before the Plate event – 33 enthusiastic registrants in attendance and planning is underway for future discussion and collaboration.
- Letter from Minister of Agriculture and Forestry referencing support of the removal *F. graminearum* from the Pest + Nuisance Control Regulation.
- Agricultural Services & Road Operations road right-of-way maintenance activities coordination: It has been a prolific brushing season and discussions are underway regarding the coordination for follow up spraying during the growing season.
- Whitemud/Blackmud Creeks Water Act approval for maintenance activities – Ensures pre-development release rates are adhered to by all contributing municipalities under “fenceline approval”. Will serve to lessen impact on the local watershed.

016-2020 Board Member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Services department activity report for the January and February 2020 reporting period be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

Alberta Agriculture + Forestry – Key Contact Verbal Report

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

- Fusarium on the Pest + Nuisance Control Regulation – Consensus was heard from a round table discussion of a few years ago regarding removal of *F. graminearum*. However, since that time concerns have been raised that all interests weren't involved in the discussion.



- Farmer-led Research - Received comments from over 1400 participants. Farmer-led focus to ensure that research initiatives are consistent with what producers need/desire.
- Canadian Centre for Food Integrity: Attended a recent presentation which provided interesting statistics reporting current areas of consumer concerns and trending attitudes. A summary will be provided to Board members at a later date.
- Alberta Milk has initiated their "proAction" on-farm food safety program which focuses on food safety assurance on farm. Program utilizes on-farm verifiers.

017-2020 Board Member Lewis – that the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact's verbal report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

Clubroot Status Report

Aaron Van Beers, Manager of Agricultural Services presented his report:

- Presentation at the Alberta Canola Producers workshop in Grande Prairie, providing perspective on the municipal side of the experience and participated in a question and answer period.
- Confirmation that some currently available seed varieties are showing 3D resistance although there has also been some concerns about variety resistance purity reported by the Canola Council of Canada.
- Have just been notified that the latest application for funding for the University of Alberta research and laboratory pathotype testing has not been successful. This was the second submission for funding that has been refused. The U of A may need to go to a fee for service for pathotype testing, if continued. Plans for a meeting with U of A researchers later in the week to discuss the situation.

018-2020 Board Member Eckert – that the Clubroot Status Report dated February 28, 2020 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

City of Edmonton Mosquito Abatement Program

Notification has been received from the City of Edmonton regarding their annual mosquito monitoring and control program:

- Requesting permission to perform larval control efforts on Leduc County owned lands within a limited buffer zone adjacent to City of Edmonton boundaries.
- The City of Edmonton will make requests for permission for access and treatment on private property directly to landowners.



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- Since 2014, Leduc County has provided permission conditional upon limiting product use to *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* only.

019-2020 Board Member Scobie – that administration respond to the City of Edmonton granting permission to conduct their 2020 mosquito monitoring and control program activities on Leduc County owned, operated, or leased lands utilizing products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* only.

Carried Unanimously

2020 BMO Farm Family Awards Nominations

Brendan deMilliano, Agricultural Foreman reviewed administration's report regarding the 2020 BMO Farm Family Awards nomination:

- Every second year Leduc County has the opportunity to submit a nomination in recognition of an outstanding farm family.
- The deadline to submit the detailed nomination form is May 29, 2020.

020-2020 Board Member Doblanko – that with reference to nomination for the 2020 Northlands BMO Farm Family Awards, administration is directed to approach Hofstra Dairy to inquire as to their prospective interest.

Carried Unanimously

Alberta Budget 2020 Potential Implications

021-2020 Board Member Doblanko – that the March 3, 2020 report regarding Alberta Budget 2020 Potential Implications for Agricultural Service Boards be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

Information Items

022-2020 Board Member Lewis – that the following correspondence and event notifications be received as information.

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Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

023-2020 Board Member Doblanko – that the Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The Agricultural Service Board meeting concluded at 10:08 a.m.



CHAIR



MANAGER OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES