

**COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD**

July 28, 2017

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor L. Amyotte
Reeve S. Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services
Kyle Attanasio, Director of Corporate Services
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Phyllis Corbiere, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Councillor G. Ockerman
Councillor D. Dach

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor C. Martin to adopt the Minutes of the March 28, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. Carried.

3. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Reeve S. Upham to accept the Agenda for the July 28, 2017 ASB Meeting as presented. Carried.

5. **DELEGATION – Alyssa Krone**

Alyssa Krone, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program with LARA entered the meeting at 1:05 p.m. She provided Council with an overview of what LARA does and reviewed their Mission Statement. In 2017, LARA reached 615 producers and operated on a budget of \$636,858. Highlights for the year included an Industrial Hemp Demo and Quinoa. Following her presentation, Alyssa left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Bale Scale**

Council was informed that the County of Two Hills had a bale scale that they rented to ratepayers. There was not enough usage so they sold it. Moved by Councillor M. Fodness to table further discussion on purchasing a bale scale to Strategic Planning. Carried.

b. Drone School

Warren Leister gave a brief update on the Drone School he attended in April. He discussed bringing in a speaker to give a demonstration on the use of a drone and how it can be used to find diseases in fields.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Program Updates:

- **Clubroot Program** – Checked 100 fields; to date 1 tested positive.

Moved by Councillor M. Fodness that the meeting go in camera as per section 27 of the FOIP Act. Time: 1:35 p.m. Carried

Moved by Councillor C. Martin that the meeting reverts to an open meeting at 2:00 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Councillor C. Martin that if County staff find clubroot in a field, the producer will be notified and then will go out with staff to take more tests. Carried.

- **Roadside/Private Spraying** – on track to finish in August. All divisions are completed except for Division 1.
- **Noxious Weeds** - Warren Leister informed Council that he has been out with the summer student dealing with Field Scabious, Toadflax, White Cockle and Common Tansey in the Hamlet of Ashmont. They have been picking some of it by hand and have sent the mower in to clean up some.
- **Roadside Mowing** – Both mowers are currently working in Division 1 and the first pass of all roads will be done next week. The board also discussed mowing on newly constructed roads where sweet clover is established. Council was requested to let the Ag Service Department know if they have other roads with sweet clover that require mowing.

The board discussed mowing at Crestview and the hourly rate and minimum charge to landowners. 26 lots were mowed this year which takes a considerable amount of time.

Moved by Councillor M. Fodness to table further discussion on fees charged for cutting on private lots to the Strategic Planning sessions. Carried.

- **Roadside Seeding** – Northern Valley Road is done.
- **Roadside Backsloping** – Staff have received 5 applications; \$9,000 has been committed.
- **Beaver Control** – Have blown approximately 30 dams. Beaver Gizmo was installed on July 26th at Borden Lake.

- **Coyote Reduction Program** – North and East ends of municipality still have lots of coyotes.

7. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

a. **ASB Summer Tour:**

A general discussion on the 2017 ASB Tour in Olds – Hemp Farm; Malt Farm; Carrot Processing; Willow Barn; Greenhouse. Average farmer farms 3000 acres. There are lots of inter-generational farms in that area. They are becoming more diversified.

b. **ASB Resolution Meeting in Two Hills:**

Chairman Frank Sloan provided the board with a summary of the NE Region ASB Chairman Meeting on July 20:

- Wild Boar At-Large Ear Bounty Program
- Ag Plastics Recycling
- Northeast Regional Conference – November 2 in Flat Lake
- Resolution Response Grading
- ASB Provincial Committee Meeting with the Minister
- Potential Resolution
- Clubroot
- AFSC

Councillor C. Martin left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

To be determined

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Business on the Agenda being concluded Chairman F. Sloan adjourned the meeting. Time: 2:40 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson