

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

January 18, 2013

1. The Meeting for the Agricultural Service Board was called to order by Chairman F. Sloan at 10:10 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2013 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following Members:

Councillor F. Sloan, Chairman
Councillor D. Dach
Councillor C. Martin
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor A. Corbiere
Reeve Steve Upham
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Dennis Bergheim, Agricultural Fieldman
Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor G. Ockerman
Jack VandenBerg, ASB Field Officer

- a. **Agenda:**

Additions to Agenda:

No additions were made to the Agenda.

It was noted that Item 4.d. 2013 ASB Budget be moved to the end of Agenda.

Moved by Councillor C. Martin to accept the Agenda as presented. **Carried.**

2. **MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meetings; Regular and Organizational held December 13, 2012 as presented. **Carried.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Hay East:**

Members discussed an update on the Hay East 2012 program, a partnership involving Farm Organizations across Canada. The program is a follow-up to the Hay West program that saw thousands of eastern Canadian farmers send forages to Western Canada in 2002 to help alleviate the effects of that region's drought. For information purposes.

- b. **Coyote Bounty:**

Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman spoke on the program, which has taken in 240 Coyotes and 1 Wolf so far this year, whereby last year and estimate at this time was 420. Reports from the County of Two Hills and the M.D. of Bonnyville have also seen to a declination in numbers. Local Trappers state that they are less abundant.

Dennis Bergheim stated that in areas up north, Bounty Fees for Wolves are in the range of \$500.00. This may be something we may look at for the coming year, along with the possibility of another form of punch type marking system for tagging carcasses. Councillor F. Sloan spoke highly of the effectiveness of the program with bookings of appointments normally taking place on a Friday at the Public Works Shop.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Beaver Control:**

Keith Kornelsen circulated a Potential Beaver Policy Information sheet and spoke of the Beaver Control Application, noting an increase in fees of \$200.00 per Beaver Dam charged to recover some of the costs of materials used to remove the Beaver Dam.

Councillor F. Sloan made mention of the protocol to trapping Beavers and the hiring of three trappers for the whole area. Problem areas with plugged culverts that affect our infrastructure would be dealt with. Keith Kornelsen commented that more planning will come forth from the 2013 Budget plans.

Sheila Kitz stated that the County has a staff member who enjoys trapping Beavers, therefore hiring could possibly be done internally.

Keith Kornelsen commented that Dean Hedrick would be very interested in the position and will look into the Firearm Regulation with regard to staff caring Firearms. Will look into Policies that surrounding Counties have in this regard. Keith will meet with Leo deMoissac discussing how Dean's schedule would allow for Beaver Trapping.

Councillor F. Sloan stated that more information will have to be acquired and taken to the Policy Meeting scheduled on January 28, 2013.

Councillor C. Martin then moved that the issue of Beaver Trapping be referred to the Policy Committee for discussion. **Carried.**

b. **Oxeye Daisy:**

Keith Kornelsen informed the Board of a Weed Notice that will be addressed to four County residents, who will become part of the Oxeye Daisy Control Program where infested lands will be catalogued and control measures taken to combat the problem. A Thistle control demo will also play a part to this program. Keith shared with Members a detailed map of problem areas.

Keith also spoke of a separate issue being a letter addressed to landowners as a standard procedure for the concern of Noxious Weeds as stated in the "Weed Control Act."

c. **2013 ASB Provincial Conference – January 22-25, 2013:**

Resolution Package circulated to all Members.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that Councillors F. Sloan and C. Martin be appointed as voting Members for the 2013 ASB Provincial Conference. **Carried**

d. **Fieldman's Report:**

Keith Kornelsen briefed Members on his Oxeye Daisy Report and a series of Upcoming Events with importance to a Workshop scheduled for March 4/13 at Flat Lake Hall upon Negotiating Surface Lease and Surface Rights Agreements.

e. **2013 ASB Budget:**

Sheila Kitz presented the 2013 ASB Budget reporting that requirements were less than last year, by approximately 6.6% less and seeing that the Budget seen to key 2012 accomplishments with one being that of the Coyote/Wolf Incentive Reduction Program with approval of \$20,000.00 for the spring and another \$10,000.00 for the fall of 2013.

Members noted that the Landrollers and Post Pounders are our largest rented items.

It was then determined that our Fee Schedule Bylaw for Equipment Rental be brought to the Policy Meeting on January 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Keith Kornelsen will assure that the ASB Equipment will be in fine safe working order as requested by Councillor F. Sloan.

After a thorough discussion of the Budget, Councillor A. Corbiere moved that the 2013 ASB Budget be approved as presented. **Carried.**

Councillor C. Martin then moved that the Capital Purchases also be approved as presented. **Carried.**

Members noted that Budget Highlights should have included that of "Herbicide Expense" in the Budget.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to mention.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

To be scheduled at a later date.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve S. Upham adjourned the meeting.
Time: 11:10 a.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson