

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

March 14, 2019

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Martin at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor C. Martin, Chairman
Councillor D. Younghans
Councillor K. Wirsta
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor D. Hedrick
Councillor L. Amyotte
Sheila Kitz, CAO
Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Reeve S. Upham

Chairman C. Martin introduced Members to Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator.

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the November 14, 2018, Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. **Carried.**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Younghans to accept the Agenda for the March 14, 2019 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

6. e. Grain Bag Collection
- f. Dog Trailer
- m. Lamont County **Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business to mention.

5. **DELEGATION**

No Delegations were in attendance.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **ASB Provincial Review Update**

Councillor C. Martin and Councillor D. Younghans spoke of their attendance at the ASB Provincial Conference and of the miss communication of Resolution responses and protocol followed.

Councillor K. Wirsta expressed his thoughts on proper Agricultural education training for our young generation. Tim Mahdiuk commented on this education coming forth through 4-H Clubs.

Councillor C. Martin briefed Members in on Kellie Nichiporik's involvement with LARA and of how Agricultural Service Boards need to tell the story.

Sheila Kitz stated that we must focus more on communication through the newspaper and our purpose for the spraying and mowing programs, targeting lake lot owners.

Councillor D. Younghans commented on the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a program that educates students in the K-12 system to help build further public trust in the Agriculture and Agri-food Industries in Alberta.

After some discussion, Councillor K. Wirsta moved that the Agricultural Service Board work on a Communication Plan. **Carried.**

b. **Clubroot Policy Review**

Keith Kornelsen shared with Members a slideshow presentation of the caterpillar infestation, spruce tree winter kill and concern to Himalayan Balsam. Keith shared Clubroot Policies from other Counties and an outlined map of Clubroot locations throughout the years of 2016 – 2018 in the County of St. Paul. Keith explained the process involved in the detection of Clubroot, stating that our new Clubroot Policy is now in place.

Keith explained if inspectors suspect that Clubroot is present in a field, detection will be confirmed by an approved laboratory test. If a field is then verified to have Clubroot by this laboratory test, then the landowner will be notified in person or by telephone by an ASB employee. A Clubroot Pest Notice will then be issued to the landowner of that field. Keith further explained the rotation restrictions process for Clubroot; receiving a 1 in 3 year rotation restriction if found to have a low incidence and a 1 in 4 year rotation restriction if found to have a high incidence.

Councillor D. Younghans moved that the new ASB Clubroot Policy state that a 1 in 3 year rotation and a 1 in 4 year rotation restriction process as noted above be followed through. **Carried.**

c. **Beaver Bounty Guideline**

Warren Leister informed Members of the initiation of the Beaver Reduction Program.

Members suggestions were heard and of the process for landowners to pre-register and being pre-approved for the Beaver Reduction Program.

Councillor C. Martin stated that Bounty shall remain at \$15.00 per beaver tail. Advertisements will be placed in local newspapers with program commencing on April 15, 2019.

d. Rental Equipment Review

Warren Leister gave an overview of an equipment rental chart throughout the years of 2014-2018.

Tim Mahdiuk spoke of costs involved for repair and servicing of all ASB equipment.

e. Grain Bag Collection

With concern to the disposal of these grain bags from producers, Warren Leister shared pictures of this trailer unit with a built in roller, From speaking with a number of Municipalities, Warren commented on their experiences with cost measures. Warren also commented on the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program, having fifty Municipalities already signed up.

With Members views coming forth, Councillor K. Wirsta asked that more concrete numbers be brought back to our next meeting.

Tim Mahdiuk stated that Warren Leister will acquire information before the March 25/19 Budget Meeting.

f. Dog Trailer

Warren Leister shared with the Board pictures of a 7 x 12 ft. trailer unit for the transportation of dogs, also mentioning the laws that govern the hauling of animals. A cost estimate of approximately \$10,000.00 was spoke of.

Councillor C. Martin stated that if this is the plan, more discussion will come forth.

g. Rifle Policy

Warren Leister commented on the creation of a County of St. Paul Firearm Policy, which would work hand in hand with the Beaver Control Policies.

Councillor L. Amyotte moved that the ASB recommend to establish a Rifle Policy. **Carried.**

h. 2019 Labour Update

Keith Kornelsen and Warren Leister updated Members on employees hired as Field Operators and Mowing Staff.

i. 2019 Program Update

Keith Kornelsen gave a detailed report on all upcoming program updates, which included right-of-way spraying, coyote/wolf reduction, dogs/pest solutions, strychnine/mouse poison sales, beaver control and back-sloping.

j. 2019 Farm Family Awards

Tim Mahdiuk announced the application process for the nomination of a deserving Farm Family with deadline of May 31, 2019.

k. Grazing School For Women Funding Request

Tim Mahdiuk spoke of this two day annual event and of their request for sponsorship once again towards this event.

After some discussion, Councillor M. Fodness moved that the ASB sponsor \$1,000.00 towards the 2019 Grazing School for Women.

With no vote prior to the vote, Councillor C. Martin stated we respectfully decline. **Motion was defeated.**

l. Farm Safety Centre Funding Request

Members briefed through funding request from the Farm Safety Centre.

Councillor D. Younghans then moved that the ASB sponsor \$2,000.00 towards the 2019 Safety Smarts Program. **Carried.**

m. Lamont County

Councillor D. Younghans spoke of thoughts originating from the ASB Conference of Emergency Plans for Farms. Tim Mahdiuk commented on the possibility of organizing a Farm Safety event in January. More information will come forth.

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. 2019 ASB Provincial Conference

Members expressed their views with pleasing comments coming forth.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tim Mahdiuk stated date will be determined by the end of June or July.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman C. Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson