

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with members Earl Hemmaway, John Kroetsch, Maryanne Sandberg, Glen Alm, Henry Van Hierden, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Arlene MacOdrum, recording secretary, present.

Members Ian Sundquist & Neil Wilson absent.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. The meeting was called to order by CAO Cindy Vizzutti at 11:50 a.m.

2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Sandberg nominated Earl Hemmaway as Chairman.

Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for Nominations.

Member Earl Hemmaway has been appointed Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

18-16

CARRIED

Chairman Hemmaway called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Member Alm nominated Member Van Hierden.

Member Sandberg nominated John Kroetsch.

Kroetsch declined and thanked Sandberg.

Chairman Hemmaway called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for nominations.

Member Henry Van Hierden has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

19-16

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

The minutes of September 14, 2016 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of September 14, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.

20-16

CARRIED

4. FIELDMAN'S REPORT

Fieldman Carla Preachuk presented the Fieldman's report (attached).

- 2016 South Region Agricultural Service Board Conference was held October 26 & 27 in Claresholm – attended by 120 people. Very well supported by our local sponsors and service providers.

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the Fieldman's Report be approved as presented.

21-16

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Foothills Forage & Grazing Association request for funding

The MD funded \$2,000 in 2012.

Moved by Member Kroetsch to donate \$2,000 to Foothills Forage and Grazing Association.

22-16

DEFEATED

b) Alberta Farm Animal Care

Discussion regarding the benefits to be gained from becoming member of this group.

Member Alm moved to table this item for more information.

23-16

CARRIED

c) Agriculture Plastic Disposal

Fieldman Preachuk has had inquiries regarding the farm recycling programs. She asked the ASB if they want her to invest time in researching this topic.

Member Kroetsch reported on plastics recycling program discussed at a course in High River.

Member Hemmaway provided information regarding an eco-waste oxidizer and will pass the information on to Carla.

d) Legacy of Our Land Banquet

Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB that Ron MacKay (now retired) had contacted Sarah Schultz, Wheatland County Blogger – Nurse loves farmer, but we have yet to get confirmation from her.

Fieldman Preachuk proposed a couple of other ideas for speakers and or entertainment.

Fieldman Preachuk reminded the ASB that the Legacy of our Land banquet will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017, in Fort Macleod at the Community Hall. Tickets go on sale December 1, 2016.

7. UPDATES

Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB that Foothills Restoration Forum is holding the fall session at the Claresholm Community Centre on November 17th, 2016.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Kroestch that the meeting adjourn.

24-16

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Member Glen Alm absent.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:30 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of May 11, 2016 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the minutes of May 11, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.

15-16

CARRIED

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman Ron MacKay present his report (attached).

Moved by Member Sundquist that the Fieldman's Report be approved as presented.

16-16

CARRIED

4. **RESPONSES TO 2016 ASB RESOLUTIONS**

ASB discussed and recorded responses.

Resolution #1 – unsatisfactory

Resolution #2 - unsatisfactory

Resolution #3 – unsatisfactory – get something started?

Resolution #4 – begrudgingly accept

Resolution # 5 – accept in principle

Resolution # 6 – no response (n/a)

Resolution # 8 – accept in principle

Resolution #E1-16 – no response (n/a)

5. **UPDATES**

a) 2016 SRASB CONFERENCE OCT 26/27 CLARESHOLM

Fieldman MacKay presented the Agenda and Registration forms. Showed the members the Portfolios & small coolers that will be part of the package given to all Conference attendees. Letters asking for donations for the door prizes are being mailed today. Ron will be speaking to a couple of the AG

businesses to obtain sponsorship for coffee breaks and other incidentals. Lions Club Claresholm is preparing dinner on the 27th. Several speakers will present.

b) Transboundary Water, Weeds & Stewardship Tour Update

Fieldman MacKay gave report on the Transboundary tour held Aug 8 – 10th at Glacier National Park & Cardston County. Henry Van Hierden, John Kroetsch & Ron MacKay attended. Presented photos of the canal and upper elevation in Glacier Park showing knapweed. Photo of dog trained to detect zebra mussels. Very well attended. Cardston County and County of Warner did excellent job as organizers. Possibly next tour in B.C.? Noted that we have active bio control programs with waiting lists. Five years into knapweed seed head mining weevil. Two years since inception of root mining weevil. \$5,000.00 budget for MD bio agents – cost share program with farmers wanting to use. County and City of Lethbridge also active in bio control programs.

6. FORM 7 TRAINING

Fieldman MacKay recommended that Gary Murray be sent to Whitecourt to take the course for pesticide/pest control October 12-13.

Moved by Member Sundquist that two people attend this year.

17-16

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL

Fieldman MacKay is retiring from the M.D. of Willow Creek at the end of September, 2016. This is Ron’s last ASB meeting. Carla Preachuck will be returning for one day per month until January when she will assume the role of Fieldman for the M.D. on a full time basis. Cindy Chisolm will concentrate her time on Development and will no longer be recording minutes for the ASB. Rachel Hallson will assume those duties. We will confirm the date of the next ASB meeting soon.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Kroestch that the meeting adjourn.

18-16

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Members Henry Van Hierden and Glen Alm not present.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:32 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of April 13, 2016 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sundquist that the minutes of April 13, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.

12-16

CARRIED

3. **UPDATES:**

a) PASTURE TENDER: N ½ 12-09-26-W4M

Agricultural Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that he and Jody Best, Rangeland Agrologist P. Ag. toured the N ½ 12-09-26-W4M pasture. Fieldman MacKay stated the pasture seems healthy with some issues. He suggested there be no early season use, possibly July or August to start using.

Member Kroetsch suggested Fieldman MacKay check on the lands in July prior to any grazing taking place on the lands.

Fieldman MacKay suggested writing the tender and that there be no cattle grazing on the pasture prior to July 15, 2016.

Member Sundquist moved to tender out the pasture N ½ 12-09-26-W4M for July 15. It shall be to the Agricultural Fieldman's discretion for use after.

13-16

CARRIED

b) TRANSBOUNDARY WATER, WEEDS & STEWARDSHIP TOUR

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB of the upcoming Transboundary Water, Weeds & Stewardship Tour to be held on August 8th -10th, 2016 at Glacier National Park and Glacier County, Montana as well as Cardston County and the County of Warner, Alberta. He informed the ASB that the tour date is in conflict with the Council and Agriculture Service Board meetings on August 10, 2016.

ASB members agreed there would be no Agriculture Service Board meeting on August 10, 2016.

c) 2016 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE UPDATE

Fieldman MacKay updated the ASB members on the upcoming 2016 South Region ASB Conference October 26 – 27, 2016 and that there are 81 hotel rooms block booked between Motel 6 and the Blue Bird Motel.

Claresholm, Alberta

May 11, 2016

Fieldman MacKay stated October 26th the Regional meeting will be held and on October 27th will be the conference.

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB for suggestions for a registration gift and if the ASB would like to have the Claresholm Lions Club cater the dinner on October 27th.

d) MOON RIVER HORSE PADDOCK

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter addressed to Stephen Harris, President of the Moon River Residents Association, informing Stephen Harris of the issues such as overgrazing at the Moon River horse paddock and recommends the pasture be allowed to rest for at least one growing season. The letter also mentioned, that in conversation with Andy Berns some weed issues were identified in the smaller paddocks that are hampering grass production and should be controlled. Andy Berns has volunteered to organize moving horses around so the ASB crew can apply some herbicide to initiate some weed control.

Fieldman MacKay presented the response letter from Stephen Harris, President of the Moon River Residents Association, informing they will comply as instructed, as the long term viability of the grazing area is important to them as well.

Member Sandberg stated she is very appreciative as to how it's been handled

4. AGRICULTURAL SERVICES: NEW AUTHORIZED ASSISTANT ERIKA WIERZBA

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of the new hire, Authorized Assistant Erika Wierzba.

5. GROWING FORWARD 2: ON-FARM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter to the ASB from Kristen Lorenz, Director of the Farm Water Supply Branch, providing information for the Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program which continues to provide technical and financial assistance to individual agricultural producers in Alberta to develop and implement a Long-Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP) on their farms.

6. INFORMATION: PORCUPINE HILLS COALITION

Fieldman MacKay presented information to the ASB on Managing Linear Footprint in the Porcupine Hills.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of a workshop being held at the Blairmore Elks Hall, Blairmore, Alberta.

Member Hemmaway informed the ASB there will be sixteen Rangers, boots on the ground, starting on the May long-weekend out in the Livingston, Westcastle and Porcupine areas.

Discussion ensued.

7. PROVINCIAL FUSARIUM SURVEY

Fieldman MacKay presented to the ASB as information preliminary lab results for the FHB survey. Data is still being received and sorted through for more specific information from the 2015 survey, full details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Fieldman MacKay mentioned the attached schedule for the upcoming Survey Training Sessions for 2016.

8. ADDITIONAL:

a) Fieldman MacKay stated in the past Volker Stevin budget amount was \$25,000 for work on the highways. He said this year budget has been cut by 3%, the mowing budget has been cut as well. He said the hay permits have been adjusted to a longer term to get the hay off. He said there will only be one shot at mowing, no property line to property line.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Kroestch that the meeting adjourn.

14-16

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

Claresholm, Alberta

April 13, 2016

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Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:37 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of January 27, 2016 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of January 27, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.

08-16

CARRIED

3. **2016 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he has spoken with Joel Tschetter, about the possibility of speaking about the soybean plant operations, Western Soybean Co. at the upcoming 2016 South Region ASB conference.

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB to suggest additional ideas to add to the 2016 South Region ASB conference agenda.

Discussion ensued.

CAO entered at 9:42 am

Member Wilson suggested block booking at the local motels, Motel 6 and Bluebird Motel.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOON RIVER HORSE PASTURE**

Fieldman MacKay presented photos taken of the Moon River horse pasture.

Member Sandberg asked if the area is fenced to enable rotation.

Fieldman MacKay stated the area is fenced. He said the pasture could really use a rest. There are seven horses currently there in smaller pens.

Fieldman MacKay suggested to rest the pasture for a year or at least until this fall.

Fieldman MacKay presented the stocking math sheet and aerial photo to the ASB.

Fieldman MacKay stated if the area could set seed once it would show improvement.

Member Sandberg stated Andy Berns recognizes the pasture needs to rest. She asked if anyone had spoken with Andy Berns.

Fieldman MacKay stated no he hadn't, that he only inspected the pasture and brought back his recommendations.

Claresholm, Alberta

April 13, 2016

Member Alm stated straight up management should be done by the horse owners.

Member Kroetsch suggested a letter be sent to all the horse owners.

Member Sandberg stated the paddock is an appeal for moving to Moon River Estates.

Fieldman MacKay asked if there is a fee and does it go to the association.

Member Sandberg stated there is a fee and it pays for the insurance.

CAO Vizzutti stated there is an agreement the owners are responsible.

Moved by Member Kroetsch that Agricultural Fieldman MacKay inspect the pasture after it has been rested and give approval when the pasture can be grazed upon, and also, send out letter to each horse owner.

09-16

CARRIED

5. TENDER FOR TAX RECOVERY PASTURE N 1/2 12-09-26-W4M

Fieldman MacKay presented the photos taken of N 1/2 12-09-26-W4M.

Fieldman MacKay stated he has water concerns, but there is water and descent grass coverage.

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from Jody Best Rangeland Agrologist P. Ag.

Fieldman MacKay suggestion is to tender it out again.

Member Sundquist asked if off-site watering is possible.

Discussion ensued.

Member Sundquist moved that Fieldman MacKay obtain costs for off-site watering and fencing for the N 1/2 12-09-26-W4M.

10-16

CARRIED

6. CROSS BORDER WEED TOUR

Fieldman MacKay presented the Transboundary Water, Weeds & Stewardship tour registration package, to be held on August 8th – 10th, 2016.

Fieldman MacKay stated the hosts are asking for two elected officials and two from the weed crew, to register by May 15, 2016.

The ASB members / Weed crew registering are:

- Henry Van Hierden
- John Kroetsch
- Ron MacKay
- Gary Murray

7. ADDITIONAL

a) Fieldman is waiting for meeting with Volker Stevin to determine budget amounts for weed control on numbered highways.

b) Annual General Meeting for Leavings Water Co-op – April 27, 2016 at Claresholm Community Centre, 7:30 pm.

c) Krovar will be finished shortly

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

11-16

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Member Ian Sundquist was not present.

Reporter Rob Vogt present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:30 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of December 9, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of December 9, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.

01-16

CARRIED

FARM SAFETY CENTRE – 2016 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

Fieldman MacKay presented the Farm Safety Centre letter, dated January 19, 2016, a request for the MD to support the "Safety Smarts" 2016 program.

Member Wilson moved to support the Farm Safety Centre "Safety Smarts" 2016 program and to forward a contribution in the amount of \$3,489.50.

02-16

CARRIED

3. **LAND USE 2016 CONFERENCE**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of the Land Use 2016 Conference coming up on May 4th and 5th, 2016, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Discussion ensued.

4. **REQUEST CONFIRMATION FOR 2016 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE DATES**

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB if the following dates, October 26th and 27th, would be considered to hold the 2016 South Region ASB Conference in Claresholm, Alberta.

Discussion ensued.

Member Sandberg moved to approve October 26th and 27th, 2016, for the 2016 South Region ASB Conference to be held in Claresholm, Alberta at the Claresholm Community Centre and the MD to provide the supper.

03-16

CARRIED

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

CAO Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

5. **CALGARY STAMPEDE 2016 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARD**

Cindy Chisholm informed the ASB that the Calgary Stampede 2016 BMO Farm Family Award nomination family for the MD is Douglas and Olive Darch and family, and the form has been submitted.

Cindy Chisholm stated a representative from the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards will be in contact with Douglas and Olive Darch. Also, a package will be sent to Chairman Hemmaway and Douglas and Olive Darch with an itinerary for the event and parking passes.

7. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Legacy of Our Land banquet is right around the same time as the 2016 South Region ASB Conference.

Discussion ensued.

Member Van Hierden moved to have the Legacy of Our Land banquet be held in Fort MacLeod.

04-16

CARRIED

Member Wilson moved to hold the Legacy of Our Land banquet next year, on January 20, 2017.

05-16

CARRIED

8. 2016 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE – UPDATE

The ASB members who attended the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference enjoyed the conference.

9. ACP GRANT APPLICATION CARDSTON COUNTY

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from CAO Murray Millward of Cardston County, requesting support from the MD of Willow Creek for the ACP Grant application on weed control along the rivers.

Discussion ensued.

The letter will be presented to the MD Council for a resolution.

Member Kroetsch moved to support the ACP Grant.

06-16

CARRIED

10. ADDITIONAL:

a) SHELTER BELT PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay informed the members that Marketland Nurseries cease to operate as of the beginning of this year.

Fieldman MacKay said that if there is an interest, Tree Time out of Edmonton, Alberta, will ship direct to producer.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Van Hierden that the meeting adjourn.

07-16

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO