

The Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10th, 2017.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Phil Valleau
Councillor Ted Wilkinson
Farmer Members – Grant Rathwell, Don Jones and John Campbell
Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and A.S.B Secretary – Tanis Ponath
Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson

The Chairman Clr. Valleau called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1/17 Moved by John Campbell to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2/17 Moved by Grant Rathwell that the minutes from November 29th, 2016 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt

1. (December 5, 2016) Alberta Farmers Association; a letter looking for sponsorship for their upcoming 2017 conference in Olds, AB. AFFPA is a membership driven association that connects local farms to local people.

Accepted as Information.

3/17 Moved by Clr. Wilkinson to accept the correspondence. **CARRIED**

The December and January ASB monthly reports were available to the board for review, questions where asked with clarification.

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.

James led a discussion with the board regarding the 2017 strychnine order from Maxim. James stated last year we sold 248 cases and 23 bottles to 122 producers. James stated we are waiting for 2017 prices before we order.

4/17 Moved by Grant Rathwell to recommend to council the purchase of 250 cases of strychnine once pricing and product becomes available. **CARRIED**

James informed the board the water usage for the M.D. tankloaders were as follows, Irma 3072.3 cubes, Giltedge 2867 cubes, and Ribstone 624.1 cubes. James gave an update on the Irma tankloader that is currently undergoing repairs due to a freeze up.

James gave an update on the sale of our Municipal spray truck. James stated that advertisements have been sent out, the deadline for submissions is February 13, 2017. Once biding has closed they are taken to council for a decision.

Tanis Ponath, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented her report.

Tanis informed the board that those who were interested in FarmTech have been registered and the hotels have been booked.

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer presented his report.

Rod informed that board that he has finished his year-end paperwork. There was no rat infestation in 2016. Rod stated he has placed his bait order for this year and it should be here in March. Due to direction of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Rod will be reducing the amount of baiting done in range 3 however, baiting in ranges 1 and 2 will remain the same. Rod informed the board that in 2016 he gave 1 rat presentation, 67 culverts where unplugged by hand, blew 5 dams, received 9 additional rat calls, 4 coyote calls, removed 87 beavers, 65 muskrats and 25 coyotes. The skunk trap was rented 30 times, magpie traps 5 times and there were no raccoon calls. The final reports for the rat control grant have been completed and submitted.

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Moved by Clr. Wilkinson to accept the reports. **CARRIED**

The board took a break from 9:47- 9:53 a.m.

The board discussed the Regional Resolution Response Reviews,

The board discussed the first resolution, Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the second resolution, Ensuring Completion for Seed and Crop Protection Products. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the third resolution, Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom. No consensus with the board, they would like to hear what is said when discussed.

The 2016 Report Card on the Resolutions was presented to the board for reference.

The board discussed and reviewed the ASB 2017-2019 Grant Application.

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Moved by Don Jones that the ASB 2017-2019 Grant Application be forwarded to Council for approval with requested dollar amount of \$168,359.46 for the Legislative Stream and \$43,000.00 for the Environmental Stream. **CARRIED**

The board reviewed the 2017 preliminary ASB budget. It was reviewed by the board, with questions being asked and answered with clarification. The description of activities in Special Projects projections plus the 10 year ASB Capital Purchase Prioritized list was also reviewed. James led a discussion with the board regarding new laptops for the spray trucks.

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Moved by Grant Rathwell to recommend to the council the purchase of 3 new laptops at a cost of \$3500.00 (approx.) each for the spray trucks for a total cost of \$10,500 (approx.). **CARRIED**

James led a discussion on roadside mowing. James informed the board that we are anticipating doing up to 900 miles in 2017. Round Corner Welding is in the final year of their 3-year contract. Round Corner Welding proposed a price of \$90.60/mile plus GST as per there contract for 2017.

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Moved by Clr. Wilkinson to recommend to council that we accept the proposed price of \$90.60/ mile from Round Corner Welding in the final year option of their existing contract for the 2017 roadside mowing contract. **CARRIED**

James discussed the 2017 summer tour that is being hosted by Mountain View and Red Deer County July 11-14. Taken as information.

Next meeting February 13th, 2017 at 1:00p.m.

9/17

Moved by John Campbell that the meeting be adjourned (11:22 p.m.).
CARRIED.

Chairman – Clr. Valleau

Secretary – Tanis Ponath