

The Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday January 3rd, 2018.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Ted Wilkinson
Councillor Ryley Andersen
Farmer Members – John Campbell and Wayne Leskow
Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and A.S.B. Secretary – Tanis Ponath
Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson
Absent: Farm member Don Jones

The Chairman Ted Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1/18 Moved by **John Campbell** to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2/18 Moved by **Wayne Leskow** that the minutes from October 3rd, 2017 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

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

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt,

1. (October 2017) Town of Wainwright; weed control work summary report 2017.
2. (October 26, 2017) Battle River Watershed Alliance; annual municipal funding request from the Battel River and Sounding Creek Watershed Alliance.
3. (November) Alberta Agriculture and Forestry; Agricultural Service Board 2017-2019 grant agreement.
4. (November 24, 2017) Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association; 2018 AFFPA/AFMA Farm to Market conference information and sponsorship.

3/18 Moved by John Campbell to accept the correspondence. **CARRIED**
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The board discussed sending a letter to the Agriculture Minister regarding our concerns on the Agricultural Service Board Grant. The board requested a drafted letter to bring back to the next ASB meeting for discussion and review.

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.

James provided the board with a summary of the water usage at Irma, Giltedge and Ribstone tankloaders for 2017.

Ribstone, 1143.7m³
Giltedge, 2439.00m³
Irma, 3193.95m³

James mentioned to the board the delegation coming in is the chairman for AgSafe Alberta. We want more information on what they offer to producers and some of the changes that have happened to the program. Kent is a local producer and may give us some insight on if we want to host a producer meeting in the future.

James provided the board with a summary report on strichnine sales in 2017. 2017, 149 cases and 15 bottles and is roughly half the amount that we sold in 2016. still have 101 cases in inventory. The board discussed how much the M.D. should order for the upcoming year.

Tanis Ponath, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented her report.

Tanis informed the board that those who are attending FarmTech are registered and rooms are booked. Those attending discussed travel arrangements.

Tanis gave an update on Environmental Farm Plans (EFP). They are moving towards and National EFP and have a plan that is harmonized between provinces. EFP launched self-registration for producers in October and they have moved to online only with paper copies will no longer be printed off. A species at risk chapter was added to the farm plan with an anticipation of 3 additional chapters being added by 2021. The Alberta EFP has started a renewal period, books that are 10 years or older must have their book renewed if they want to be eligible for grant funding.

Tanis gave an update on the new Canadian Agriculture Partnership. This program will replace Growing Forward 2 when it ends on March 31st, 2018. The program is projected to come into effect in April 1st, 2018. Tanis will be attending conference calls to learn more information.

Tanis gave an update on the Buffalo Trail Riparian Restoration program. To date there are 3 interested producers in the program.

Tanis stated that the Grazing School for Women will be hosted in Two Hills, Alberta this year the second week of June. The committee has been very busy with conference calls and planning is ongoing.

Tanis led a discussion with the board regarding workshops for 2018. The board discussed what they would like to see happen in the M.D. and what would get interest from producers.

The board discussed having inspector signs made for ASB trucks to let producers know who we are and what we are doing when completing surveys.

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer presented his report.

1 and 2 start rat checks.

James waiting for rat control contract to come in, not taking away range 3 this term and working in Saskatchewan, we are seeing cuts but not aware till we see it, contract was suppose to be here by the end of 2017.

2 coyote complaints over holidays, numbers have increased. Showed landowners how to snares

Trapped beavers in 2 locations before holidays, looking good going into spring,

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

The board took a break from 10:25- 10:40

The board reviewed the 2018 preliminary ASB budget. It was reviewed by the board, with questions being asked with clarification. The description of activities in Special Project projections plus the 10 year ASB Capital Purchase Prioritized list was also reviewed.

Provided the board with the preliminary budget for review. Board members with any questions can call before the next meeting when the budget is confirmed and forwarded to council.

James led a discussion on roadside mowing. The contract will be put up for bid this year and will be advertised on the APC website for tender. Submissions will be reviewed and taken to council for decision in February.

Tanis informed the board that the 2018 ASB Summer Tour is in Strathcona County this year. The dates are July 10th-13th, 2018. Registration opens in January. Taken as information.

Kent Erichsen with AgSafe Alberta joined the meeting from 10:55-11:45a.m.
Questions were asked from the board were asked with clarification from Kent.

The board took a lunch break from 11:45a.m.- 12:55p.m.

The board reviewed and discussed the 2018 ASB Resolutions.

The board discussed the first resolution, Environmental Stream Funding of the Agricultural Service Board Grant. It was with the consensus of the board that they are not in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the second resolution, Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the third resolution, Organic Food Testing and Labeling. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the fourth resolution, Proposed Federal Tax Changes. It was with the consensus of the board that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The board discussed the fifth resolution, Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands within Green Areas. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the sixth resolution, Appeals to the Minister under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the seventh resolution, Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority. It was with the consensus of the board that they to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The board discussed the eighth resolution, Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the ninth resolution, Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers. It was with the consensus of the board that they are in favor of this resolution.

The board discussed the tenth resolution, Increasing Limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for all Farm Direct Producers. It was with the consensus of the board that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The board discussed the eleventh resolution, Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products using Eggs. It was with the consensus of the board that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The board discussed the twelfth resolution, Chemical Control of Wireworms. It was with the consensus of the board that they are not in favor of this resolution.

James led a clubroot discussion with the board.

The M.D. of Wainwright has 8 positive locations. James discussed our process and how the notices where delivered to producers. James brought forward the idea of having another Clubroot Producer meeting. The board was in favor of setting up a meeting for producers in March. James led a discussion of sanitation protocol for the ASB department. Custom spraying requests could have us travelling along cultivated lands. A policy will need to be created to address cleaning off equipment on site. The board would like prices for cleaning equipment brought back for next meeting for discussion. Also, any

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policies from neighboring municipalities.

The board discussed the Fusarium survey that was sent out by Alberta Agriculture for producer and industry input. They are seeking information regarding how Fusarium should be managed in the province. The email will be forward to the board for completion.

Next meeting February 7th, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

/18 Moved by wayne that the meeting be adjourned. (2:20p.m.) **CARRIED**

Chairman – Clr. Wilkinson

Secretary – Tanis Ponath

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