

The Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2010.

Present: Chairman – Clr. Phil Valleau, Councilor – Ted Wilkinson. Farm Members – Harold Gulbraa, Chris Oracheski, Karla White. Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson, Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman & Secretary – Aimee Wonsik. Not present delegation of Darrell Bignell from ARD.

The Chairman Clr. Valleau welcomed the new Farm Member Harold Gulbraa to the ASB and then called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

01/10 Moved by Karla White to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED

02/10 Moved by Karla White that the minutes from October 8, 2009 accepted as presented. CARRIED

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt:

1. (November 10, 2009) Cliff Martin, A.S.B. Chairman, County of St. Paul, letter to George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture commenting on local beef producers issues.
2. (December 30, 2009) Rich Atkins, Technology & Innovation Branch Head, Government of Alberta; letter to Aimee Wonsik informing approval for 2010 AESA funding.
3. Farm Tech 2010

03/10 Moved by Ted Wilkinson that interested ASB or local farmers have registration covered for Farm Tech 2010 event. CARRIED

4. Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association 2010 Conference

04/10 Moved by Chris Oracheski that the correspondence be filed. CARRIED

The Agricultural Fieldman James Schwindt presented his report.

- 2010 Alberta-Municipal Rat and Rabies Control Agreement
- Natural Resources Canada, Magazine License Renewal
- 2010 Emergency 2% LSC approval

05/10 Moved by Harold Gulbraa to recommend to Council for signing, the 2010 Alberta Municipal Rabies Control Agreement in the amount of \$57,700. CARRIED

06/10 Moved by Karla White to recommend to Council for signing, the 2010 Magazine License Renewal. CARRIED

07/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson to recommend to Council the M.D. of Wainwright participation in the 2010 Emergency 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate program agreement. CARRIED

Aimee Wonsik, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, presented her report.

Aimee has successfully mailed out the January newsletter to 578 farm households for the municipality. She notes that ratepayers are calling into the office to comment on the articles. She is pleased with the interest created for the Water Management component of the Growing Forward Program. Aimee also reported the M.D. of Wainwright office is actively involved with the Environmental Farm Plan program, and is an outlet for EFP workbooks for local farmers that would like to obtain a copy.

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer, presented his report. Rod does not expect beaver dams to be as high for 2010, since in the previous year 3 cases of dynamite was used (moderate amount) which reflects a good preventative program. Rat inspections are up to date, and there are zero infestation in the M.D. of Wainwright. Rod is still concerned with Special Areas 4, since there is lack of regular patrol of rats; no appointed inspector for that area. Coyotes spotted in the Chauvin area are healthy and fully furred, which suggests population is steady and increasing. Chris Oracheski has seen coyotes with mange in the Irma area.

08/10

Clr. Ted Wilkinson moved that the reports be accepted. CARRIED
Break for coffee 9:56 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

James led ASB through initial proposed changes for 2010 ASB Budget. Members can review until the next meeting, where the budget will be approved and recommended to Council.

James led discussions from the ASB on presented resolutions, for upcoming ASB Conference (Feb 1-3, 2010).

Chairman Clr. Phil Valleau designated a first and second alternate, 2 of the 3 farm members (Karla White and Chris Oracheski) to hold the voting cards at the ASB Conference, in the event of absences.

Next meeting called by the Chairman Thursday February 11, 2010.

09/10

Moved by Karla White that the meeting be adjourned. (12:03 p.m.)
CARRIED

Chairman

Secretary

(1/2 Day)