

The Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 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 called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

11/10 Moved by Karla White that the minutes from January 7, 2010 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt:

1. (January, 2010) Invitation to Beef 2010: Raising Optimism + Global Strategies.
2. (January 2010) Grey Wooded Forage Association "The Blade" Newsletter
3. (Winter 2009) Battle River Watershed Alliance "The Current" Newsletter
4. (Winter 2009) Agriculture and Agri-Food Council "The Catalyst" Newsletter
5. (January 13, 2010) Jim Henderson, Manager V.S.I. Services; letter to James reminding about the existence of VSI.

Some discussion on VSI letter. James stated that the M.D. of Wainwright currently meets maximum on ASB eligible activates for municipal funding, and does not have extra funds to contribute to the verified services set out with VSI. James does not see how it retains veterinarians, however the comment has been raised that it may help to facilitate local business if program was in place. Letter was filed as information only.

6. (January 22, 2010) Trevor Hadwen, National Agro-climate Information Service, letter to James regarding 2009-2010 Prairie on farm Surface Water Supply
7. (February 12, 2010) Areca News Release on VRT Training
8. (February 16, 2010) IVMAA invitation to Spring Conference
9. (February 25, 2010) Dow Agro Sciences Letter on new registrations for Milestone herbicide.
10. (February 2010) Alberta Farm Animal Care, Invitation to Livestock Care Conference

Harold Gulbraa started discussion on Trichomoniasis in cattle; he is strongly in favor of grazing reserves having compulsory testing, however it is not only a camp issue but also it can be a neighbor issue. Harold suggested getting in touch with Public Lands to see if there could be some influence given.

James briefly left the meeting, to contact Harry Loonen, about possibly meeting with the ASB to address Trichomoniasis in local grazing pastures.

12/10 Moved by Ted to file correspondence as presented. CARRIED

Aimee Wonsik, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, presented her report starting out by saying that the March newsletter has been mailed out, to her delight she may have found another function to add more rural farm boxes to the mailing. Aimee inquired with the ASB if there are meeting ideas that should be looked into. Harold suggested an agricultural first aid course for farmers. Phil suggested another water well workshop, since they are very popular. Discussion ensued writing a letter on behalf of the M.D. of Wainwright, to support a concise and more workable Fusarium Management Plan.

13/10 Moved by Karla White, to support the Ladies Spring Break Conference in the amount up to \$500.00, if a suitable amount of the agenda is agricultural based. CARRIED

14/10 Moved by Karla White, to send a letter to the Agricultural Minister supporting a zero tolerance stance against Fusarium for the whole Province, and remove the NCF or CF divisions (Not Commonly Found or Commonly Found). This letter will also support a condensed and more workable format of the draft Fusarium Management Plan being proposed. CARRIED

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman, presented his report. James brought a proposed roadside mowing map to the meeting, showing the roads to be mowed starting July 15th, (deadline for haying on side of road). The roads chosen are school bus routes and high traffic roads. Strychnine has been approved under emergency use registration for the 2010 season, and will be sold every Tuesday starting March 23 – July 27, 2010, from 1-3p.m. in the Rec Shop (located west of Wainalta).

- 15/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson to approve the 2010 herbicide order for the 2010 spraying season as presented and proceed with the quote process through TILMA. CARRIED
Break for coffee 10:20 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.
Harry Loonen of Sustainable Resource Development, Public Lands was welcomed by the ASB, and presented the current situation of Trichomoniasis with regards to Grazing Associations in the M.D. of Wainwright. Trich is predominately being found in the Buffalo Park Grazing Lease, and this year new protocols for the association are being set to reduce its incidence. Public Lands act as a guide for reference, however it is the individual associations that set their own bylaws to deal with infected animals.
Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer, presented his report. Annual rat training day will be hosted in Carstairs this year June 24-25. Rod is using a handheld GPS to locate his rat checks now. Coyote population is up in the municipality. Rod has requested to attend the Saskatchewan Pest Control Officers' meeting in June.
- 16/10 Moved by Karla White that the ASB contribute \$500.00 for rat control training day, Carstairs June 24-25, 2010. CARRIED
- 17/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson to send a letter (as a group of municipalities that are involved in the rat control zone), to the Minister to continue to support on going rat training initiatives. CARRIED
- 18/10 Moved by Harold Gulbraa to authorize Rod to attend the Saskatchewan Pest Control Officer's meeting in June. CARRIED
- 19/10 Moved by Harold Gulbraa that the reports be accepted. CARRIED
- 20/10 Moved by Chris Oracheski to locate a suitable contractor to carry out the 2010 Provincial weed survey, coordinated by Chris Neeser with a provided specified dollar amount of \$1800 from the Province, for the locality of the M.D. of Wainwright. CARRIED
James led discussions on the changes of the current budget.
- 21/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson to approve the draft budget as presented and forward it to Council. CARRIED
Discussion about checking into the M.D. of Wainwright's policy of 100 Year Farm Family Awards, for ratepayers who qualify with century land that may have been qualified for under non-homestead agreements (such as CPR land).
- 22/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson to approve the review of the current ASB Business Operations Plan, and James to make changes to update the plan where necessary. CARRIED
Next meeting to be called by the Chairman, which will be announced at a further date.
- 23/10 Moved by Clr. Ted Wilkinson that the meeting be adjourned. (12:15 p.m.)
CARRIED

Chairman

Secretary