

The Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 9, 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. Special visitation for ASB Program Audit Pam Retzloff Agriculture Service Board Coordinator and Maureen Vadnais Agriculture Service Board Specialist from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Edmonton. Audit questions from Pam and Maureen were addressed after the formal ASB meeting.

The Chairman Clr. Valleau called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

24/10 Moved by Karla White to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED

25/10 Moved by Ted Wilkinson the minutes from March 4, 2010 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt:

1. (March 20, 2010) Eileen Chauvet, Supervisor Agricultural Service Board Program, letter of approval for 2ND ASB allocation.
2. (March 25, 2010) Cliff Munroe, Director, letter of Introduction to Phil Valleau of roles and responsibility of Regulatory Service Division.
3. (March 29, 2010) Honorable Jack Hayden, Minister Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, letter of appreciation in support of no change in policy for a non-detectable limit for Fusarium Graminearum.
4. (March 29, 2010) Honorable Jack Hayden, Minister Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, letter of Provincial Farm Safety Program Delivery and Funding.
5. (March 29, 2010) Ken Pattison Chairman of the ASB Clearwater County, letter to Honorable Jack Hayden Minister Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, advising the ASB would like to be included as a partner in the delivery of the Farm Safety Program.
6. (April 9, 2010) email from Agriculture and Food Council of Alberta for membership drive.
7. (April 9, 2010) Brenda Brindle, Director Project Champion, letter to Ted Wilkinson regarding AESA 2011 and Beyond Planning Survey Project Report Summary.
8. (April 19, 2010) Pam Retzloff, Agricultural Service Board Coordinator, email describing 2010 ASB program audit locations.
9. (May 13, 2010) Petition letter on BSE Class Action Lawsuit from organizing group.
10. (May 13, 2010) Jay Adams, Special Projects Regulatory Services Division Inspection and Investigation Branch, letter to James Schwindt looking for feedback on what training is required to assist performing duties as Agricultural Fieldman regarding the Pest Control Act.
11. (May 17, 2010) Rick Atkins, Branch Head Technology and Innovation Branch, letter to Aimee Wonsik approving AESA grant in the amount of \$45,125.

Some discussion on what the new AESA merit based program for 2011 will all entail. Ted Wilkinson is concerned with how the funds will be distributed since the municipality of Wainwright is a single entity and not a partnership. Aimee Wonsik is worried that not enough consideration is being given to the amount of time required for the Growing Forward and the Environmental Farm Plan programs plus the added extension activities. James Schwindt is considering attending the upcoming AESA training (August 20) to discover what is required for the Needs Assessment component, as he is not in favor of this.

12. (June 18, 2010) Gayah Sieusahai, Pest Regulatory Officer Agriculture Research Division Pest Surveillance Branch, letter describing the new Alberta Weed Control Act.
13. (June 22, 2010) Ray Poulin, Chief Administrative Officer Town of Wainwright, letter to James Schwindt authorizing the inspection of the Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant.

14. (July 21, 2010) Al Gorden, Chief Administrative Officer Village of Edgerton, letter to James Schwindt authorizing the inspection of the Edgerton Seed Cleaning Plant.

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Moved by Harold Gulbraa to file correspondence as presented. CARRIED

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman, presented his report. James mentioned the roadside mowing program for the year was successful with a wider 15' cut. Nodding Thistle, a restricted noxious weed has been found in the M.D. of Wainwright in a few places. The municipal spray crew is handling this issue by clipping seed heads and bagging/ incineration plus spraying of the adult plant. Baby's Breath, a noxious weed, trials from 2009 by manual removal of a shovel seems to work on individual plants however it is time consuming. In 2010 a chemical control trial of this weed with 5 different applications has been attempted with results to follow. James has not talked to CN railways this year about noxious weed control on their rite-of-ways. Toadflax is very severe this year, and since the ability to boomspray T22K has been removed by government legislation, casual labor has been hired to assist spray crew. Fusarium surveys, Clubroot surveys and grasshopper surveys will be undertaken this

Aimee Wonsik, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, presented her report saying the summer is rolling along very quickly. She has no updates for Provincial Fusarium Management Committee or Provincial Clubroot Management Committee. Aimee will be putting out another newsletter at the end of August, plus continuing with the weekly Agri-minutes on the radio. The annual photo contest is running right now, and soon the 2011 municipal calendar will be drafted.

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer, presented his report: 11 beaver dams have been blown, 400 rat inspections have been completed, also all the skunk traps are out (8).

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Moved by Ted Wilkinson that the reports be accepted. CARRIED

Next meeting to be called by the Chairman, which will be announced at a further date. (mid October)

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Moved by Clr. Karla White that the meeting be adjourned. (10:15 a.m.)
CARRIED

Chairman

Secretary

(1/2 Day)