

# **Crowsnest Pass** **Agriculture & Environmental Services**



**AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING**  
**September 21, 2022, 5:00 pm**  
**Municipal Office – Council Chambers**  
**8502 19 Avenue, Coleman Alberta**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Kathy Wiebe	Chair
Dale Paton	Vice-Chair
Grace O’Leary	Agricultural Services Fieldman
Melisa Atkinson	Board Member
Megan Evans	Board Member
Doreen Glavin	Councillor
Jesse Fox	Manager of Protective Services
Sasha Lassey	Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Frank DeGroot	Board Member
Dave Filipuzzi	Councillor
Vicki Kubik	Councillor

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Kathy Wiebe called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**ASB-01-2022-09-21** Motion made by Megan Evans to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Adoption of Agriculture Services Board Minutes from May 18, 2022.

**ASB-02-2022-09-21** Motion made by Councillor Glavin to adopt the minutes of May 18, 2022, as presented. Carried.

## **DELEGATIONS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Vendor Registration – Progress Update**

- Ag Fieldman, Grace O’Leary is process of acquiring a Pesticide License application as a requirement for vendor registration

**2022 Provincial Resolutions – Bounty Update**

- As of June 23, 2022, every municipality can choose to participate in the wild boar control program through the province which can provide potential compensation for damages; currently 24 municipalities report wild boar sightings within their boundaries in Alberta
- Three counties are currently offering the bounty program which has not been well received
- Board may want to consider continued support for a resolution of a recreational ban or additional controls within the region

**ASB-03-2022-09-21** Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to accept the information on the wild boar bounty update as presented. Carried

**Department Update**

- Agricultural Fieldman, Grace O’Leary provided an update to the board on the department events and activities from May through September 2022
- Had several successful community weed pull events; approximately 145 bags of regulated weeds disposed as of early September
- Very successful information sessions at the Community Market for public education and awareness
- Facilitated three public weed identification workshops and one identification session with the municipal transportation department
- Continue to have challenges with CPR regarding weed notices and vegetation management along the right of ways; Grace O’Leary will continue to try to work with CPR representatives to resolve the issues
- Winter season will be focused on prioritizing vegetation management plans for identified sites that require additional attention in 2023
- Discussion regarding continued outreach for public for proper disposal of weeds

**ASB-04-2022-09-21** Motion made by Megan Evans to accept the information on the Agricultural Services Department update as presented. Carried

### **Wild Caraway (Carum carvi) Elevation – Update**

- Grace O’Leary provided an update on the status of the bylaw to elevate Wild Caraway (Carum carvi) as a noxious and prohibited species within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the bylaw is scheduled to appear at an upcoming Council meeting; if the readings are passed at that time, the bylaw will become enacted and enforceable

**ASB-05-2022-09-21** Motion made by Councillor Glavin to accept the information on the Wild Caraway (Carum carvi) Elevation – Update as presented. Carried

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **South Region Conference**

- Grace O’Leary provided an update and review on the agenda for the South Region Conference on October 25, 2022
- The registration fee is \$70 plus administration fee; 80-100 people expected to attend
- Deadline to register is October 18
- Venue will be held at the Crowsnest Pass Golf Course; breakfast, coffee snack and lunch will be served
- Several expert speakers/presenters have been confirmed so far
- Monday night Mixer on October 24<sup>th</sup>, will be hosted at The Pass Beer Co.; potential sponsor for the food portion
- The party planning committee will meet October 20, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Blairmore Firehall to finalize details of the event, prepare prizes and gifts for attendees and speakers

#### **Resolutions Submission and Review**

- Resolution submission deadline from all regions is September 27 and reviewed in early October, by Resolution Review Committee
- One additional volunteer from the board is required to act as a member of the Resolution Review Committee; will be determined closer to review date
- Closing date for the resolution review is October 18
- Late resolutions may be considered however priority will be given to resolutions that were submitted on time
- No resolutions submitted as of the meeting date

#### **Resolutions Submission from the Agricultural Services Board**

- The board discussed potential ideas for resolution submissions including:
  - Provincial prohibition on new wild boar farms
  - More support for current provincial eradication program for wild boar control

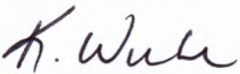
**ASB-06-2022-09-21** Motion made by Dale Paton for Megan Evans to draft a resolution prior to September 27, 2022, on behalf of the board, incorporating the two discussions as well as adding any input or additional feedback that was provided previously from expert review. Carried

**NEXT MEETING**

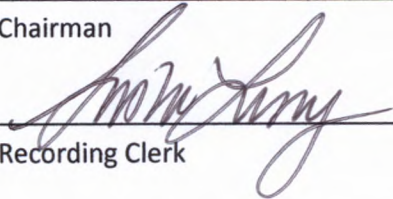
**ASB-07-2022-09-21** Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to have the next Agricultural Services Board meeting on November 23, 2022, at 5:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ASB-08-2022-09-21** Motion made by Megan Evans to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. Carried.

  
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Chairman

Date: November 24, 2022

  
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Recording Clerk

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