

Crowsnest Pass **Agriculture & Environmental Services**



AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

November 23, 2022, 5:00 pm

Municipal Office – Council Chambers

8502 19 Avenue, Coleman Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

Kathy Wiebe	Chair
Dale Paton	Vice-Chair
Grace O'Leary	Agricultural Services Fieldman
Melisa Atkinson	Board Member
Frank DeGroot	Board Member
Megan Evans	Board Member (Arrived 5:38pm)
Dave Filipuzzi	Councillor
Vicki Kubik	Councillor
Doreen Glavin	Councillor
Jesse Fox	Manager of Protective Services
Patrick Thomas	CAO
Sasha Lassey	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Kathy Wiebe called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition: Strategic Management Plan 6(f)

Addition: Cypress County Correspondence 6(g)

Addition: Future Program Planning 6(h)

ASB-01-2022-11-23 Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Agriculture Services Board Minutes from September 21, 2022.

ASB-02-2022-11-23 Motion made by Dale Paton to adopt the minutes of September 21, 2022, as presented. Carried.

DELEGATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

South Region ASB Conference Review

- Ag Fieldman Grace O’Leary gave members of the board an update and review of the South Region ASB Conference that was hosted in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in October
- Very successful conference

ASB-03-2022-11-23 Motion made by Councillor Kubik to accept the review as presented. Carried.

South Region Conference Resolutions

- Both resolutions brought forth were carried as supported and will be moving forward to the Provincial ASB conference

ASB-04-2022-11-23 Motion made by Councillor Glavin to accept the information on the South Region Conference Resolutions as presented. Carried.

Wild Caraway Bylaw Update

- The bylaw has gone to the Minister for review and is expected back from the review shortly

ASB-05-2022-11-23 Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to accept the information on the Wild Caraway Bylaw presented. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Market Garden Resolution

- Ag Fieldman, Grace O'Leary, reviewed correspondence from Red Deer County regarding the adequacy and affordability of crop insurance for market gardens requesting additional coverage for fruit producers

ASB-06-2022-11-23 Motion made by Dale Paton to accept the correspondence as information. Carried.

IST (In Service Training)

- December Grand Prairie training for Ag Fieldman; Grace O'Leary will be

ASB-07-2022-11-23 Motion made by Councillor Filipuzzi to accept the information as presented. Carried.

ASB Connector

- Bi-annual online event to improve communications between boards and other organizations
- Next event scheduled for December 16th, 2022, from 10:30am to 11:30am
- Grace provided the link in a recent email; board members are welcome to register

ASB-08-2022-11-23 Motion made by Frank DeGroot to accept the information as presented. Carried.

Provincial ASB Conference

- Provincial Conference January 17-20, 2022
- Budget for up to 3 board members to attend, only two can vote on resolutions
- Provincial resolution submissions are expected by December 1, 2022; may have additional emergent resolutions presented at the conference
- Grading package for the presented and passed resolutions will be sent back to the boards in May 2023 for review
- Interested board members can contact Grace O'Leary by December 2, 2022

ASB-09-2022-11-23 Motion made by Councillor Filipuzzi to accept the information as presented. Carried.

Department Updates

- Ag Fieldman, Grace O'Leary provided a year-end department update
- 20 site inspections
- 9 pest site inspection

- 2240kg of weeds taken to the landfill (227 bags)
- 3 markets attended
- 45 volunteers at the weed pull events
- 3 identification sessions held
- Looking to expand awareness with Weed Wednesday social media posts
- Starting in April, Flower Friday posts to focus on native vegetation
- School presentations
- Riverdale Resources environmental department employee information sessions for plant identifications during field walks
- 2023 Golf Course and Municipal Staff information sessions planned
- SWIM (Southwest Invasive Managers) logo update
- The board requested a future presentation from the Ag Fieldman showing mapping of work done during the year

ASB-10-2022-11-23 Motion made by Frank DeGroot to accept the 2023 Department Updates as presented. Carried.

Strategic Management Plan

- Grace O'Leary requested input from the Agriculture Services Board on ideas to bring forward on developing a strategic management plan for the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Ideas brought forward by board members to be considered are:
 - Enhanced community awareness plan
 - Measured action reporting
 - Wide-scope pest management plan
- Draft is currently being worked on; will be circulated to the board members for review and feedback

ASB-11-2022-11-23 Motion made by Megan Evans to accept information regarding the Strategic Management Plan as presented. Carried.

Cypress County Correspondence

- The board members reviewed correspondence sent from Cypress County on their veterinary shortage to the Minister requesting credit towards work experience to apply to education requirements for veterinarian schooling to help with the shortage

ASB-12-2022-11-23 Motion made by Megan Evans to accept the Cypress County Correspondence as information. Carried.

Future Program Planning

- Board members discussed ideas for future program planning for the Agricultural Services Board and their partnership with the municipality
- The board requested that the Ag Fieldman provide a listing of current workshops that are offered within the Municipality as well as in other communities to see if there is an opportunity to expand in the future
- Discussion on prioritization of problem sites and planning for weed control efforts in the future which can be combined with contractor efforts to maximize effects

Councillor Filipuzzi and Councillor Kubik exited the meeting at 6:25pm.

- Discussion on how the board may be able to recommend or help support a full-time Ag Fieldman in the future; CAO Patrick Thomas relayed that as an advisory board, the board may recommend a full-time Ag Fieldman position for consideration and provide benefits that could be realized from a full-time position

Councillor Glavin exited the meeting at 6:57pm.


ASB-13-2022-11-23 Motion made by Megan Evans to bring forth a letter to Council on behalf of the Agricultural Services Board as a recommendation to consider that the Agricultural Fieldman position be adjusted to full-time in the future. Carried.

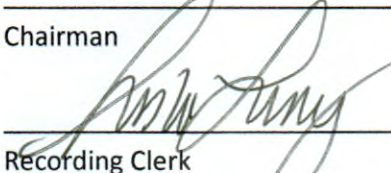
NEXT MEETING

ASB-14-2022-11-23 Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to have the next Agricultural Services Board meeting on December 14, 2022, at 5:00pm. Carried.

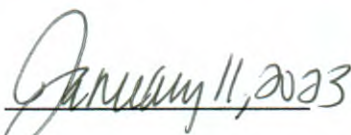
ADJOURNMENT

ASB-15-2022-11-23 Motion made by Dale Paton to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Carried.



Chairman


Recording Clerk

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