

Crowsnest Pass **Agriculture & Environmental Services**



AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2019. 5:30 p.m.
Ag Services Office – Blairmore Fire Station
2141, 127 Street, Blairmore, Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

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| Darwin Ruzicka | Chairman |
| Wayne Kobberstad | Board Member |
| Ken Tappay | Board Member |
| Doreen Glavin | Councillor |
| Lisa Sygutek | Councillor |
| Jesse Fox | Fire Chief |
| Bill Hnatiuk | Agricultural Fieldman |
| Sasha Lassey | Recording Secretary |

ABSENT:

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| Bradley Smith | ARD Key Contact |
| Dave Filipuzzi | Councillor |
| Robert Bailey | Vice Chairman |

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Darwin Ruzicka called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1. AGENDA

1.1. Adoption of Agenda

Additions:

3.2 Summer Student Staff Hire

01-2019-04-17 Motion made by Councilor Glavin to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agricultural Service Board Minutes from March 20, 2019

02-2019-04-17 Motion made by Ken Tappay to adopt the minutes of March 20, 2019.

Carried

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspection Station

- Darwin Ruzicka felt that the proposed letter from the Ag Services Board regarding the lack of inspection stations at viable locations may be ineffective at this point as he has heard that the Burmis inspection station may have been closed
- The board decided to forward the letter to the minister as it has already been approved by council

3.2. Summer Student Staff Hiring

- Councillor Sygutek stated that union issues and government grant requirements must be considered when hiring summer students
- Councillor Glavin and Councillor Sygutek will appeal to Council and administration to consider applicants based on experience and continuity in the future during the union bargaining process

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. ARD/ASB Executed Grant Agreement

- The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the completed additional executed grant report which was to be submitted before March 31; Bill received an extension to submit this grant before the end of April
- Requires endorsement by the board to submit in the form of a motion
- Bill Hnatiuk will look into additional clarification on the completion date criteria for the project as is ongoing

03-2019-04-17 Motion by Councilor Glavin to endorse the grant report submission as presented by Bill Hnatiuk. Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Web site

- Jesse Fox will discuss the Ag Services website accessibility with administration as well as when the contract renewal is for the website host/developer

6. INFORMATION

6.1. March Activity Up-Date

- Bill Hnatiuk provided the board an update of activities in March 2019
- Twenty-nine Call Before You Dig tickets were reviewed, four of these were “cause for concern”; and have been followed up on

6.2. Year to Date Application Records

- Bill Hnatiuk provided the board a year-to-date application record update
- Mostly inspection work; slower time of the season

6.3. 2019 AAAF South Region Membership

- Provided receipt for South Region Membership fees which is a requirement for the Ag Services Fieldman certification

6.4. Annual Biocontrol Meeting, Lethbridge

- Bill Hnatiuk attended the Annual Biocontrol Meeting
- Agriculture Canada will be using the Crowsnest Pass as part of a research field release program using biocontrol agents (insects) on Tansy & Oxeye Daisy
- Several other invasive weed species are currently being treated in our Municipality with bio-agents

6.5. Staff Training, High River

- Bill Hnatiuk and seasonal staff will be attending training sessions in High River
- No cost to attend

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1. Delegations

8. ROUND TABLE

8.1. Round Table

- Councillor Sygutek met the Minister of Agriculture during a recent RMA Meeting and council members present brought forward some of the key issues in the Crowsnest Pass
- Jesse Fox wondered if the board would be interested in changing the time for future Ag Services meetings to be held earlier in the day; will discuss with Councillor Filipuzzi before deciding

9. ADJOURNMENT

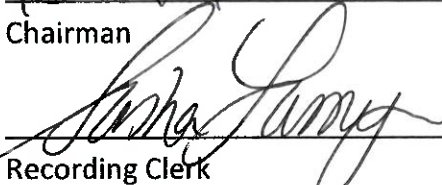
04-2019-04-17 Motion by Councilor Glavin adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. Carried

Date of next meeting: May 15, 2019, 5:30 pm. Location Ag Services Office – Blairmore Fire Station 2141 127 Street Blairmore, Alberta



Chairman

Date: May 15/19



Recording Clerk

Date: May 15 2019