

Crowsnest Pass Agriculture & Environmental Services

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2019. 5:00 p.m.

Ag Services Office – Blairmore Fire Station

2141 127 Street, Blairmore, Alberta

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	Darwin Ruzicka	Chairman
	Robert Bailey	Vice Chairman
	Wayne Kobberstad	Board Member
	Ken Tappay	Board Member
	Dave Filipuzzi	Councillor
	Doreen Glavin	Councillor
	Lisa Sygutek	Councillor (Arrived 5:06pm)
	Jesse Fox	Fire Chief
	Bradley Smith	ARD Key Contact
	Bill Hnatiuk	Agricultural Fieldman
	Sasha Lassey	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Darwin Ruzicka called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. AGENDA

1.1. Adoption of Agenda

01-2019-06-19 Motion made by Ken Tappay to adopt the agenda. Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agricultural Service Board Minutes from May 15, 2019

02-2019-06-19 Motion made by Robert Bailey to adopt the minutes of May 15, 2019. Carried

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. 2019 Contractor Spray Job Scope (Info Only)

- Bill Hnatiuk updated the board on the status of the contractor this year; has been trying to contact other contractors to assist with miscellaneous non-compliance applications
- Jesse Fox stated that in the 2020 season the department will have to issue an RFP for new contractors

3.2. 2018 ASB/ARD Legislative Grant Report (Info Only)

- Bill H. shared that the grant report which was reviewed at last month's ASB meeting has been submitted along with a signed statement of income to Alberta Rural Development in Edmonton
- Expecting payment in late July or early August

3.3. ARD Municipal Funding Workshop

- Bill H. Provided an update that the workshop has been delayed further due to government changes
- Discussed some programming that will be available that may be of value to the Crowsnest Pass
- Drone program for monitoring invasive species discussed; will assist in identifying trouble spots that have not yet been recognized

3.4. ASB Review Steering Committee

- Bill H. Provided an updated email correspondence report from Doug Macaulay on the review of the next grant cycle
- Councillor Glavin and Darwin Ruzicka expressed interest in attending the next ASB Steering Committee meeting

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. ASB Member Resignation

- Member resignation from Ken Tappay; the board thanked him for his service on the Agricultural Service Board.

- The board will forward the resignation letter from Mr. Tappay to the Executive Assistant to advertise for a new member

4.2. SWIM, Summer Field Day

- South West Invasive Managers Field Tour being held July 11 in Lundbreck from 9am-4pm
- Bill H. has reserved spots for three members to attend; it is a free tour
- Jesse Fox, Bill H. will attend and Councillor Glavin and Darwin Ruzicka expressed interest if no one else came forward

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Web site

- Dutch Elm Disease awareness information up-dated on the website

6. INFORMATION

6.1. May Activity Up-Date

- Bill H. Provided the board a review of activities to date

6.2. Year to Date Application Records

- The board reviewed the application records to date; and is starting to pick up
- The seasonal staff have been great to work with and very knowledgeable

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1. Delegations

- Bradley Smith, ARD Key Contact shared photos with the board members regarding invasive species found in a site visit with Bill. H
- Found several noxious and prohibited weeds on a plot of land where the ground had been disturbed for future development

- Very concerning as the entire property is covered by invasive species, some of which are very dangerous and toxic to humans
- Bill H. reviewed each species for the board
- Control on this property is required and will be done as a large blanket application because of the large number of species over the area
- Discussed use of goats to control leafy spurge; CNP uses a biological agent "insect" on leafy spurge as part of our control, which has been very effective

8. ROUND TABLE


8.1. Round Table

- Contractor will be doing a small application at the Pool on the outside of the fence; may be done within the week
- The board found the photo presentation very useful and requested similar discussion in future meetings

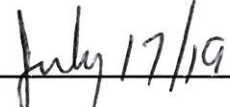
9. ADJOURNMENT


03-2019-06-19 Motion by Robert Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Carried

Date of next meeting: July 17, 2019, 5:00 pm. Location Ag Services Office – Blairmore Fire Station 2141 127 Street Blairmore, Alberta



 Chairman

Date: 



 Recording Clerk

Date: 
