

ASB Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Ag Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on October 11, 2011. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, C. Preston, W. Cunningham, J. Meeks, G. Krokosh, S. Hathaway, R. Ford, P. Jensen, and J. Meeks Jr. Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

J. Meeks Jr. presented the minutes from the June 14, 2011 ASB meeting.

MINUTES
(11-10-01)

P. Jensen moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Carried.

REPORTS

Ag Fieldman - J. Meeks Jr. presented his report and it is attached as Appendix 'A'.

(11-10-02)

W. Cunningham moved to inventory the surplus 3280 Litres LV 700 to be used in the 2012 Roadside Spray Program.

Carried.

ASB SEASONAL STAFF
(11-10-03)

G. Krokosh moved to keep two seasonal staff on for up to one man month to help carry out the Fall Roadside Reclamation program.

Carried.

(11-10-04)

G. Krokosh moved to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

Conservation Technician Report - J. Meeks Jr. presented conservation report and it is attached as Appendix 'B'

(11-10-05)

G. Krokosh moved to research Ergot in roadside grasses and bring the information back to the next scheduled ASB meeting.

Carried.

(11-10-06)

R. Ford moved to accept the Conservation Technician Report as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
(11-10-07)

W. Cunningham moved to sponsor the Farming Smarter (formerly SACA) Conference at a Gold Level Partnership for the amount of \$1500. Council attending pending regular Council meeting date is changed. Send two producers to the Conference on December 6 and 7, 2011 at the Lethbridge Lodge in Lethbridge.

Carried.

(11-10-08)

P. Jensen moved to accept correspondence.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 South Region ASB Conference, October 27, 2011 @ Strathmore Travel Lodge – Randy Taylor will also be attending the meetings.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess at 10:18 am

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 10:31 am

2011 Provincial Resolutions Responses - presented to the Board for review and discussion.

(11-10-09)

R. Double Diamond Cattle Company Ltd. – Financial assistance - Drainage issue

G. Krokosh moved to proceed by conducting preliminary drainage investigations as per Policy No. 630.12

Carried.

Invasive Plant Council Sponsorship Request

(11-10-10) G. Krokosh moved to continue to support the Invasive Plants Council educational and awareness projects with a Bronze sponsorship of \$250. Carried.

Milk River Bank Stabilization Project Partnership Request

(11-10-11) R. Ford moved to donate \$500 cash to help implement a Caring of our Watershed project that was proposed by M.R.W.C.C. Jessie Tollestrup, Earle Rivers School student. Carried.

Environmental Funding Stream

(11-10-12) G. Krokosh moved to continue the Environmental Stream component in the ASB Grant and proceed to hire a Conservation Technician to help carry out the Environmental Programs based on provincial funding and approval of the 2011 – 2013 annual grant cycle. Carried.

County Parks Items

Future capital items, Ridge Park development, 2012 budget, Ridge Park Maintenance Contract

(11-10-13) G. Krokosh moved to defer the items to the Parks Committee set for October 19, 2011 at 9:00am at the County office. Carried.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess for lunch at 12:05 pm
Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 12:42 am

Funding Inquiry – for new Seed Cleaning Plant

(11-10-14) G. Krokosh moved to have Shawn Hathaway, CAO, look into tax assessment exemptions for Border and Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plants. Carried.

REPORTS

J. Meeks – Farm Safety Center – some Provincial Government funding available. Funds low this year.

R. Ford – Seed Cleaning Plants – discussions.

MRWCC – new hire Tim Romanow, BSc accepted the position of Executive Director with the Milk River Watershed Council of Canada

(11-10-15) R. Ford moved to receive reports as information. Carried.

NEXT MEETING

November 8, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

(11-10-16) G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. Carried.

Chairman
