

AG SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES

February 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Ag Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on February 8, 2011. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, R. Lindeman, J. Meeks, G. Krokosh, R. Ford, CAO A. Romeril, W. Cunningham, R. Jones, P. Jensen, and J. Meeks Jr.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

J. Meeks Jr. presented the minutes from the December 14, 2010 ASB meeting.

(11-02-01) G. Krokosh moved to accept the minutes as presented. Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a) Seed Cleaning Plant Responses from Fieldman
- b) Canadian Wheat Board Contract Terminations

(11-02-02) R. Jones moved to accept additions to the agenda. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

M.D. of Taber Response Letter of Concern for the South Region Ag Service Board Conference

Calgary's Farm Family Award – Keith and Lynn Palmer Family accepted the award and are very excited to receive it.

REPORTS

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

(11-02-03) R. Ford moved to accept the Ag Fieldman report as presented. Carried.

Conservation Technician Report - R. Lindeman presented her report and it is attached as Appendix 'B'.

(11-02-04) R. Jones moved to accept the Conservation Tech report as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

SARA Annual General Meeting

(11-02-05) W. Cunningham moved to send R. Ford to the SARA Annual General Meeting on March 3, 2011 at the Exhibition Grounds in Lethbridge. Carried.

SACA Annual General Meeting - W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, and G. Krokosh would like to attend the Annual General Meeting

(11-02-06) J. Meeks moved to send W. Cunningham, R. Taylor and G. Krokosh to the SACA Annual General Meeting in Taber on February 23, 2011. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ridge Park Update - The Park will not be ready for tourists and campers by May Long Weekend. Does Council have any expectations of what to do in the interim? No action will be required at this time.

RECESS

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess at 10:14am  
Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 10:26am

POLICIES

Policy 630.09 and 630.10 - Weed Retriever

(11-02-07) G. Krokosh moved to decommission and dispose of the weed retriever, and further, remove it from the policy list. Carried.

(11-02-08) R. Jones moved to approve Policy 630.09 and 630.10 as amended. Carried.

BYLAW 766  
(11-02-09)

R. Jones moved to recommend to Council to revisit Bylaw 766, repeal it and develop a new bylaw.

Carried.

AG PEST ACT REVIEW

Council is to review the documents and any recommendations can be forwarded to J. Meeks Jr. to take to the committee.

Fusarium *graminearum* - Discussion regarding zero tolerance for seed testing took place and how it will be enforced and who will be enforcing it.

(11-02-10)

R. Ford moved to send a letter to Alberta Agriculture or the Minister of Agriculture to investigate the County of Warner's concern for the lack of testing for *Fusarium graminearum* in neighbouring Municipal Districts and County's seed cleaning plants.

Carried.

REPORTS

R. Ford - Canadian Wheat Board Contract Termination

G. Krokosh – Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant reviewed Zero Tolerance Policy and will be continuing the Zero Tolerance Policy for *F. graminearum*

R. Jones – Meeting with Jack Hayden – Rural Water funding; there should be some funding for rural water in the future.

R. Taylor – Provincial ASB Conference – Cam Francis spoke to Jack Hayden regarding rural water storage. Land can be set aside for future use. Is anyone interested in getting together with Cardston County to discuss storage issues?

NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2011

ADJOURNMENT  
(11-02-11)

R. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting 12 p.m.

Carried.

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Chairman

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Ag Fieldman