

AG SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES

January 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Ag Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration office on January 19, 2010. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, Roberta Lindeman, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr., R. Jones, W. Cunningham, K. Palmer, J. Meeks Jr.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

MINUTES

Minutes from December 8, 2009

J. Meeks Jr. presented the minutes of the December 8, 2009 ASB meeting.

(10-01-01)

R. Ford moved to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting as amended.

Carried.

BUSINESS
ARISING

ASB Conference Provincial Conference February 1 – 3, 2010

Prepare the 4 door trucks to leave for Edmonton at 10 am and Randy will be taking his own vehicle to accommodate the meeting in Calgary on the way back.

Tax Deferral (AgroClimatic Information Monitoring Station)

A draft letter has been prepared to present to Alberta Agriculture with supporting maps.

(10-01-02)

R. Jones moved to make the necessary changes to the drafted letter as discussed and include Township 4-14 as a requested area to install a monitoring station and further, send the letter to the Minister of Agriculture and carbon copy the letter to the Minister of Environment and our MLA.

Carried.

REPORTS

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

Discussion about the coyote problem at Vandeurzen's was brought up for information.

R. Jones left the meeting at 9:47 am

R. Jones returned to the meeting at 9:49am

Expiration of the Farmer Pesticide Certificates at the end of 2010 was discussed for awareness and information purposes. We will be training farmers in-house to accommodate the farmers who have the certificate and need to renew it or need the Farmer Pesticide Certificate.

(10-01-03)

K. Palmer moved to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

Conservation Technician Report

R. Lindeman presented her report and is attached as Appendix 'B'.

(10-01-04)

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

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tiffin Conference – January 21, 2010 and March 11, 2010– Suggestions for producers to send to the conference and offer to pay for their registrations.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess at 10:09 am

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 10:24 am

Growing Forward was discussed to see if there was any further information about the program.

Montana Salinity Control Association could be invited to one of our Ag Service Board meetings and possibly a workshop - One day tour for salinity control.

- (10-01-05) R. Jones moved to contact Montana Salinity Control Association to see if they have been making progress on their salinity concerns and if they have any information or techniques to bring to us, and further see if there is a possibility of participating in a workshop.

Carried.

Action for Agriculture

- (10-01-06) R. Ford moved to send R. Lindeman to the Workshop and Annual General Meeting "Grass Roots... Your Voice" in Cochrane on March 5, 2010.

Carried.

- (10-01-07) G. Krokosh moves to receive correspondence as information.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Milk River Watershed Council Canada – Annual General Meeting request for support April 8, 2010 at the Milk River Civic Centre – The Milk River Watershed Council Canada is holding their Annual General meeting and is requesting financial or silent auction sponsors for this event.

- (10-01-08) R. Jones moved to donate a jacket and coveralls with a mug and knife as a silent auction item.

Carried.

K. Palmer left the meeting at 11:21am

K. Palmer returned to the meeting at 11:22am

- (10-01-09) 2010 Calgary Stampede Award
R. Ford moved to nominate Darcy and Cody Cronkhite Families for the Farm Family Award.

Carried.

2010 Proposed Budget ASB/AESA

Farm Safety Building Contribution and Rural Safety Initiative - As discussed a previous motion in 2009 to review the contribution to the Farm Safety Building and Rural Safety Initiative annually. An invoice has been received and \$2000 is already in the budget for 2010.

Chairman R. Taylor called for lunch at 12:08 pm

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 12:46 pm

- (10-01-10) R. Ford moved to approve the preliminary 2010 ASB/AESA Budget as presented and is attached as Appendix 'C'.

Carried.

- (10-01-11) G. Krokosh moved to approve the preliminary 2010 ASB/AESA budget and capital as presented and proceed with the capital purchases and is attached as Appendix 'D'.

Carried.

(10-01-12) R. Jones moved to accept the reports as presented. Carried.

NEXT MEETING February 9, 2010

ADJOURN
(10-01-13) R. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55pm. Carried.

Chairman

Ag Fieldman