

AG SERVICE BOARD

Minutes

August 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on August 11, 2015. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, P. Jensen, R. Jones, G. Krokosh, R. Ford, D. Cody, D. Heggie, J. Meeks and C. Preston.

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

MINUTES
(15-08-01)

J. Meeks presented the minutes from the April 21 2015 ASB meeting.
R. Jones moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
(15-08-02)

R. Ford moved the following items be added to the agenda and accepted as presented.

Carried.

1. Alberta Crop Report August 4, 2015 AFSC
2. East Bay Lease Agreement
3. Municipalities that have declared drought as disaster
4. Reduced Rates for Provincial Emergency Water Supply Agreement
5. ARD Water pumping brochure

BUSINESS ARISING

- a. 2015 ASB Summer Tour
- b. 2015 Farm Family Award
- c. ASB Program Team Field Visit August 6, 2015

R. Ford left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

R. Ford returned to the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

REPORTS

Ag Fieldman Report – J. Meeks presented his report and it is attached.

(15-08-03)

R. Jones moved to replace the irrigation pump used at Ridge Park.

Carried.

R. Jones left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

R. Jones returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

(15-08-04)

D. Heggie moved to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

Conservation Technician Report – J. Meeks presented the Conservation Technician report.

(15-08-05)

P. Jensen moved to accept the Conservation Technician Report as presented.

Carried.

ASB Members Reports

D. Cody reported that he attended the Ridge Reservoir Working Group and riparian assessment held August 6, 2015 and noted the positive landowner interactions and educational benefits. Also reported attending the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award on July 6, 2015 and expressed appreciation from the Ken and Nora Balog Farm Family.

R. Ford reported on attending the Ridge Reservoir tour August 6, 2015 which was a good and cooperative event with government staff and landowners; including wintering sites improvements, bank stabilization and reduced run off. Also reported on the Irrigation Tour and Milk River Integrated Watershed Management Plan Land Access ID draft document to indemnify leaseholders/landowners; hand out sheet was made available to ASB members for review.

(15-08-06)

P. Jensen reported on the Ridge Reservoir road allowance reclamation.

D. Cody moved to accept the reports as presented.

Carried.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess for ASB members to tour the Ag Service Board Shop at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 10:30a.m.

ASB SHOP BLDG.

ASB shop building tour discussions regarding staff working conditions; including office and bathroom expansion requirements and air quality concerns. J. Meeks will come back with a cost of dealing with the building maintenance concerns.

FIRE ADVISORY
NOTICE
(15-08-07)

R. Taylor motioned to ask the Board if they wished to upgrade the current status of Fire Advisory Notice within the County of Warner to FIRE BAN. The motion was defeated. The Fire Advisory will remain in effect until moisture conditions change.

CORRESPONDENCE
(15-08-08)

P. Jensen moved to accept correspondence as information.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
(15-08-09)

R. Jones moved to present the Species at Risk Resolution at the 2015 South Region Conference in October.

Carried.

(15-08-10)

R. Ford moved to accept the revised Milk River Ridge Reservoir Water Quality Initiative Terms of Reference.

Carried..

(15-08-11)

D. Cody moved to receive New Business as presented.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
(15-08-12)

D. Cody moved to receive the updated list of municipalities declaring drought as disaster as information.

Carried..

(15-08-13)

R. Ford moved to receive the following additions as information.

1. East Bay Agreement was reviewed by the Board. The agreement will be presented at the next Council meeting for final approval.
2. Reduced Rates for Provincial Emergency Water Supply Agreement
3. Agriculture and Rural Development Water pumping brochure

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2015

ADJOURNMENT
(15-08-14)

R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Carried.

Chairman

Ag Fieldman