

AG SERVICE BOARD

Minutes

February 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on February 9, 2016. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, P. Jensen, R. Jones, R. Ford, G. Krokosh, D. Cody, D. Heggie, S. Hathaway, J. Meeks and C. Preston.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

MINUTES (16-02-01)

J. Meeks presented the minutes from the January 12, 2016 ASB meeting.
R. Jones moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (16-02-02)

R. Ford moved the following items be added to the agenda

- Proposed Budget Items
- Preliminary budget
- Equipment Replacement Plan & Building Reserve
- Small Equipment Replacement Plan
- News Release – Feb 5, 2016 Gov. of AB
- Growing Forward 2 update

REPORTS (16-02-03)

Ag Fieldman Report – J. Meeks presented his report and it is attached as Appendix "A"
R. Ford moved to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

ASB Members Reports

D. Cody reported on Border Seed Plant Meeting Feb 3, 2016. The plant is back up and running after upgrading equipment and electrical. Border Seed Plant is 100% fusarium free.

R. Ford reported that the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference January 18 – 21 in Edmonton, hosted by the Northeast Region was very good.

G. Krokosh reported that Sunshine Seed Plant has completed upgrades to the legs and dust control. Next meeting is in April; date and time to be announced.

(16-02-04)

D. Heggie moved to accept reports as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Tim Romanow, BSc, Executive Director, Milk River Watershed Council Canada (MRWCC) arrived at the meeting at 9:25 a.m. and presented an informative overview of the MRWCC projects and programs.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess at 10:08 a.m.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 10:22 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE (16-02-05)

P. Jensen moved to accept correspondence as information.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AB FARM SAFETY CENTRE (16-02-06)

R. Ford moved to postpone the request for funding for the AB Farm Safety Centre. P. Jensen will investigate background information for the next ASB meeting.

Carried.

WRRP GRANT (16-02-07)

R. Jones moved to proceed with the Phosphorus filter (WRRP Grant) 50,000

Carried.

- J. Meeks updated the Board on MRRRWOSI activities and projects.
 - WRRP Funding – received \$52,000 expect the remaining \$140,000 before March 31/16
 - Unofficial Summary Notes Meeting 30 January 29, 2016 and Meeting 31 February 3, 2016
 - Ridge Inlet Wetland Budget
 - Irrican Power presentation March 2/16
 - Environment staff. New protocol, procedures and legal counsel.
- R. Taylor presented an update of the January 12, 2016 Species at Risk/AB Environmental Farm Plan (SAR-EFP) Stakeholder Advisory Committee (first) meeting.
- County of Warner Strategic Planning Retreat Feb 22 & 23, 2016 discussions and review.
- 2014 & 2015 ASB Cost Reports and Summaries reviewed and discussed.

ADDITIONS
(16-02-08)

R. Jones moved to approve the proposed 2016 ASB Capital and forward to Council for final approval; and further, proceed to tender with the 2016 ASB Capital as presented.

Carried.

(16-02-09)

D. Cody moved to forward the preliminary operating budget to Council for budget deliberations.

Carried .

1. News Release – Feb 5, 2016 Alberta is leading on climate change and creating jobs with solar power
2. Growing Forward 2 – Updated information for On-Farm Energy

NEXT MEETING

May 10, 2016

ADJOURNMENT
(16-02-10)

R. Ford moved to refer the next meeting date arrangements to Council and adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Carried.

Chairman

Ag Fieldman