

AG SERVICE BOARD

Minutes

November 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board was held in the County of Warner Administration Office on November 8, 2016. In attendance were Chairman R. Taylor, P. Jensen, G. Krokosh, D. Cody, S. Hathaway, J. Meeks, K. Gross, D. Christensen and C. Preston.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

MINUTES
(16-10-01)

J. Meeks presented the minutes from the September 13, 2016 ASB meeting.
R. Ford moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
(16-10-02)

P. Jensen moved the following item be added to the agenda

- 2016 Species at Risk Resolution, sponsored by the County of Warner submitted to the AAMD&C resolution committee for Fall convention.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING
(16-10-03)

D. Heggie moved to join the Montana Water Resource Association for \$340 minimum base membership rate.

Carried.

REPORTS

Ag Service Board Building Progress Report

MRRRWQSI Activities & Projects Update

- Wetland Ridge Inlet - completed first phase on construction.
 - AWE Funding - Agriculture producers along the Milk River Ridge Reservoir Watershed qualify for 100% funding to improve riparian function and water quality. This funding available until February. Information Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2016 at the Ag Society Barn in Raymond.
 - Phosphorous Filter at OK Colony has been approved for additional funding for BMP's around the phosphorous filter. Waiting on Alberta Environment approval to proceed with the construction of the filter
 - MRRRWQSI Meeting scheduled for Nov. 17, 2016
 - Ridge Water Quality Committee Meeting scheduled for Nov. 18, 2016

(16-10-04)

R. Ford moved to receive the MRRRWQSI Report as information.

Carried.

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

(16-10-05)

R. Ford moved to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

Conservation Tech Report – K. Hyatt presented her report and it is attached as Appendix "B"

(16-10-06)

D. Cody moved to accept the Conservation Technician Report as presented.

Carried.

G. Krokosh left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

G. Krokosh returned to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

DELEGATE FARM SAFETY CENTRE

Laura Nelson, Program Manager with Alberta Farm Safety Centre, arrived at the meeting at 10:00 am and presented a brief update on the 2015-2016 program..

(16-10-07)

R. Ford moved that Council will attend the second session of the Sustainable Farm Families' workshop, proposed date of January 5, 2017.

Chairman R. Taylor called for a recess at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman R. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 11:20 a.m.

ASB Members Reports

D. Cody reported on the 2016 South Region Conference October 27 in Claresholm Community Hall, hosted by M.D. of Willow Creek; had very good speakers. Also reported on the 2015 Ag Plastics survey. As well reported attending Border Seed Cleaning Plant's AGM. Noting a temporary shut-down for renovations; the upgraded plant is now certified to clean organic.

R. Ford reported that the 2016 South Region Conference was very good. Also reporting that he applied to be on the Federal Environmental Minister's Species at Risk Advisory Committee.

G. Krokosh reported attending Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant's AGM and that the plant's recent improvements to the handling process will be of benefit to the plant.

R. Taylor reported on the 2016 South Region Committee meeting, October 26 in Claresholm. As well reporting attendance at the 4H Warner Beef Club annual awards banquet, November 6 to sponsor and celebrate the member's achievements.

(16-10-08)

D. Cody moved to accept the reports as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

(16-10-09)

P. Jensen moved to accept correspondence as information.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

(16-10-10)

D. Heggie moved to accept New Business as information.

Carried.

FARM SAFETY

CENTRE

(16-10-11)

P. Jensen moved to continue support for the Alberta Farm Safety Centre with a contribution of \$3,000 for 2017.

Carried.

CROP PEST

RESPONSE FUND

(16-10-12)

D. Heggie moved to accept the CPRF application for knapweed funding as information.

Carried.

1. 2016 Species at Risk Resolution, sponsored by the County of Warner submitted to the AAMD&C resolution committee for Fall convention.

ADDITIONS

(16-10-13)

R. Ford moved to carry forward the Species at Risk Emergent Resolution to the Provincial ASB Conference Jan 23 – 27, 2017 Westin, Edmonton.

Carried.

2. Cattle producers affected during the recent Tuberculosis outbreak are eligible for financial support.

NEXT MEETING

December 13, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

(16-10-14)

P. Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Carried.

Chairman

Ag Fieldman