

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Service Board was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, 4504 – 53 Avenue, Provost, Alberta on Thursday, April 12, 2018 and was called to order by Chairman Charlton at 12:39 p.m.

TO ORDER AT
12:39 PM

PRESENT

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Present: Councillors Darryl Motley, Darryl Carson, Ron Rustad, Richard Charlton and Allan Murray and Agricultural Fieldman Brian Carter.

ALSO PRESENT

Also Present: Secretary Marilyn Reinhart and Administrator Tyler Lawrason.

ABSENT

Absent: Councillors Barrie Tripp and Lonnie Kozlinski.

AGENDA

Moved by Ron Rustad to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried

MINUTES

Moved by Allan Murray to approve the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2017.
Carried

ASB REPORT

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT

Brian reported on the following:

General

Seasonal workers are in place with two starting April 16 and the rest starting April 30.

I will have all my legislative courses done by April 24.

I should be more prepared to do a better job this season in general. I have much to learn and I have been trying my best to achieve my Ag. Fieldman status. Last year was a big learning curve and I hope the knowledge I gained will help me gain more on this job.

Equipment

New equipment in process and should be here by May 1.

Older equipment about 70% gone through with the rest of it being ready by May 1.

Pest Control

We have had 2 infestations this year down near Bodo and one by Rosenheim. These are a big concern and I hope to try and make sure we secure our border and hope to get these infestations under control. Since I have started there have been 3 to 4 infestations and 5 other single rat infestations.

Road Reclamation

Will hopefully go better now with the new equipment and with not being quite so far behind – we need to go back and try and fix some of the issues from 2016 & 2017.

Mowing

We are going to try a rotary mower in the gravel road ditches – hopefully with a good operator we will be able to keep our repairs down – if we start getting into too many repairs we will have to go back to disc cutters.

We are going to try converting the old JD mower into a cable mower instead of blades – if this works well it will reduce our cost of mower repairs.

Brian submitted ASB reports from November 21, 2017 – April 18, 2018.

BUSINESS/STRATEGIC PLAN

Moved by Ron Rustad to approve the changes to the ASB Business/Strategic Plan for 2018-2019. Carried

2018 SPRAY RATES

Moved by Allan Murray to approve the 2018 spray rates as follows:

- Labour rate \$60/hr
- Equipment rate \$50/hr
- Chemical subsidy for all farmers set at 50%

Carried

ADD NEW EQUIPMENT TO RENTAL LIST

Moved by Allan Murray to add the 20' Brillion Seeder, 16' Packer Style Grass Drill and Epic Hydro Seeder to the rental equipment list at the rental rate of \$5.00/acre and damage deposit of \$1,000 for all. The Epic Hydro Seeder is not to go out without an ASB employee.

Carried

CONTRIBUTION

Moved by Darryl Carson to contribute to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre for the Safety Smarts program for 2018 in the amount of \$1,473.50. Carried

The ASB Policy/ASB Audit information was reviewed and discussed. A Clubroot policy for the MD will be drafted for the next Council meeting.

Brian discussed with the board some spraying ideas.

Correspondence was reviewed.

2:18 PM

Moved by Richard Charlton to adjourn the meeting. Carried

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY