

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2017**

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 13, 2017 and was called to order by Chairman Carson at 12:32 p.m.

TO ORDER AT  
12:32 PM

**PRESENT**

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Present: Councillors Barrie Tripp, Darryl Motley, Darryl Carson, Bill Wolfe, Richard Charlton and Allan Murray and Agricultural Fieldman Brian Carter.

**ABSENT**

Absent: Councillor Lonnie Kozlinski.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Also Present: Secretary Marilyn Reinhart and Administrator Tyler Lawrason.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Barrie Tripp to accept the agenda as presented.  
(Carried)

**AG. FIELDMAN  
REPORT**

Ag. Fieldman General Report

February 16 – 28

- Started job
- Introduced to many new people and all have been of great assistance
- Started organizing office and researching full scope of job
- Went through ASB equipment
- Went to NE Regional AAF meeting in Vegreville
- Touched base with Flagstaff and Wainwright – County and MD
- Started to put together new quotes on rental equipment
- Learning easement process with Len and Marty and met landowners with them
- Got information to study and get set up to write licenses and Form 7
- Did homework on getting Seed Plant licensed
- Looked into ASB grant
- Touched base with Burt about day to day stuff and grant
- Got the bobcat and mulcher repairs done and back out to work
- Went through items on spray trucks and repairs on them
- Discussed pest control with Kent
- Start process on getting a single day per week strychnine – sale day

March 1 – 31

- Still trying to get office in order – going through many files
- Went to conference in Macklin – Farming and Future of Farming plus the Markets
- Seen the Town of Provost about trade show
- Got quotes on scrapers, sprayers, cattle scale, mulchers, ranger and land roller
- Resourced material for the trade show
- Talked to Phil Merrill about the new regulations coming for the pest control
- Worked with office to get the 2% strychnine ad out to hand out the strychnine Tuesdays of every week

- Worked on the files in back storage room and did some house cleaning and re-organizing
- Made up MSDS sheets for the chemicals the spray crews are using
- Researched mulchers and sprayers set up demo
- Worked on ASB grant with Burt so we could get some info. to Marilyn
- Went to Wetlands Conference with Marty in Leduc
- Went to Lethbridge for tutorial on pesticide and fumigation to get licenses
- Went to Camrose 3 days for tutorial on industrial applicator training
- Wrote Pesticide License 86% - Fumigation License (phostoxin) 90% - Industrial License 84% so I now have 4 licenses with my Ag. – I still need to get Form 7 for coyote predation
- Got Seed Plant inspection done and re-licensed – 97.5% down from 2 years ago – missed last year license
- Went to Renewable Energy meeting in Castor with Tyler
- Went through resumes for new hires – did a few interviews

#### April 1 – 12

- Meeting with employee to clarify job and resolved issue
- Worked on trade show information and set up booth and ran trade show April 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Got quotes on this year's chemical products from 3 suppliers
- Got together with Mike about starting reclamation and going through equipment
- Went and looked at Twp Rd 402 and decided to start reclamation on the 12<sup>th</sup> – rock picking – tilling and start seeding on the 18<sup>th</sup>
- Talked to Doug Rasmussen about incinerator and will be done shortly

#### **PEST CONTROL REPORT**

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- No infestations to date
- Had 3 or 4 possible hot spots that we kept on during the winter and baited
- No skunk traps out to date
- No magpie traps out to date
- No issues so far that I know of with Tuesday strychnine sales
- Lot of mouse bait starting to go out

#### **MINUTES**

Moved by Allan Murray to approve the organizational minutes of October 27, 2016. (Carried)

#### **MINUTE**

Moved by Bill Wolfe to approve the regular minutes of October 27, 2016. (Carried)

#### **ASB POLICY CHANGES**

Moved by Barrie Tripp to approve the ASB Policy changes as presented. (Carried)

#### **2017 SPRAY RATES**

Moved by Allan Murray to approve the 2017 spray rates as follows: \$55.00/hour for labour, \$40.00/hour for equipment and a 50% chemical subsidy for farmers. (Carried)

#### **ASB RENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Moved by Barrie Tripp to approve the ASB rental equipment list as presented and to add a delivery fee of \$25.00 and pickup fee of \$25.00 for all equipment. (Carried)

It was noted that the 2009 Chev Tahoe has been sold. The truck canopy cover/slide-in tool box was discussed and left up to the Ag. Fieldman's discretion and he will investigate the purchase of a 2016 Ranger and sprayer.

**PURCHASE CATTLE  
SCALE**

Moved by Darryl Motley to purchase a cattle scale from Triple Star Manufacturing for a purchase cost of \$4,500.00 plus an estimated freight charge of \$450.00. (Carried)

It was noted that a re-built hitch will be needed when the cattle scale arrives at an approximate cost of \$500.00.

Discussion took place on the scrapers and it was decided to trade in the 8 yd. and 10 yd. scrapers and to purchase a re-built Lever 80F scraper. Brian will investigate further and find out the cost.

A 42-foot land roller that can be converted to a grass seeder with the existing Valmar was discussed. Brian reported that we cannot get one this year but will investigate for next year.

A Super Duty Mist Sprayer with 1-way 11-nozzle Adjustable Vertical Volute was discussed. Brian reported that this piece of equipment could be rented out and could be used for spraying mosquitoes as well. The board tentatively approved to purchase the sprayer dependent on the Ag. Fieldman's approval after seeing one in operation.

Tree mulching equipment was discussed and will look further into it later in the season for next winter.

Brian presented the board with some new ideas as follows and was given approval to go ahead with them:

- Build a sprayer to spray rough terrain
- Build a rack to mount all the cattle panels on
- Have a HYD – PAK to lift the rental equipment
- Use Dye in spray solutions

There was clarification on a budget amount for the spraying program.

Discussion took place on the sale of strychnine to someone outside MD boundaries who does not own land in the MD. It was decided to leave it up to the discretion of the Ag. Fieldman.

The damage deposit and sale cost of skunk traps was discussed and clarified that the damage deposit and sale cost will be the actual cost of the trap plus the freight charges.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Darryl Carson to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m. (Carried)

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY