

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2017 and was called to order by Chairman Carson at 10:58 a.m.

TO ORDER AT
10:58 AM

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Also Present: Secretary Marilyn Reinhart.

AGENDA

Moved by Bill Wolfe to accept the agenda as presented.
Carried

AG. FIELDMAN
REPORT

Ag. Fieldman General Report

Spraying

- 104 quarters - private land - mainly leafy spurge
- 89 miles of road tree spraying
- 23 locations hand-picked for noxious weeds
- Sprayed MD yards and firehalls and water treatment plant site
- 1 transfer site – Hayter
- 1 borrow area

Road Reclamation

- Last year's projects completed
- 8 miles on 402 – rocks, discing, seeding and some fencing
- 6.5 miles on Kessler Hall road – rocks, discing, seeding and some fencing
- 1 mile - reseed grass
- ½ mile - pick rocks and roots
- Total of 16 miles from 2015 and 2016
- Reclaimed 29 acres of Cullen gravel pit – rocks, roots, discing, rock raking - rocks and grass seeding
- Started working Aug. 1 on this year's road 402 by the Hutterite Colony – discing and rock picking to this point

Pest Control

- 1 rat report – identified and baited and think we have it under control and we are monitoring
- Gopher strychnine sales 1736 bottles to date in 2017
- 9 bottles of phostoxin
- 30 pellets of 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate)
- Approx. 7200 chemical jugs picked up and transferred from pesticide sites to the main holding site at Provost landfill
- I now have my 3 rabies shots to be safe from getting a bite
- Held a Pest Control Meeting in Provost at the Canalta, for all the MD's down Sask. Border to the states and reviewed policy - rabies and skunks – wild boar – demonstration on killing a skunk with carbon dioxide and removing skunk head and bagging head for rabies testing – we need to send 10 heads in per year now – I have started on building the skunk terminator unit

Surveys and Inspections

- Grasshopper survey 48 quarters – with one sample from each division bagged and froze for delivery to Alberta Agriculture
- 9 quarters inspected to date for club root – more ongoing
- 7-yard inspections on tree issues
- 1 fish pond
- 1 acreage lawn

Some ratepayer's issues were discussed.

The equipment rentals from May 1 to July 15 were reviewed.

MINUTES

Moved by Lonnie Kozlinski to accept the minutes of April 13, 2017. Carried

RENTAL EQUIPMENT RATES

Moved by Allan Murray to set new rates for the following rental equipment:

Unit 46-066 - Cattle Scale – Damage Deposit \$500, .30/head, minimum charge \$100.00

Unit 46-067 – Tree Sprayer – Damage Deposit \$100, \$50/day

Unit 46-069 – 12 yd. Scraper – Damage Deposit \$1000, \$300/day Carried

There was discussion on the following items:

Spraying, Road Reclamation, Pest Control, Products and Chemical Storage, Rental Equipment, Trees and staff as well as the government audit on August 24.

ADJOURN

Moved by Darryl Carson to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m. Carried

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY