AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2019

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, March 28, 2018 and was called to order by Chairman Darryl Carson at 1:06 p.m.

TO ORDER AT 1:06 PM

PRESENT

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Present: Councillors Barrie Tripp, Darryl Motley, Darryl Carson, Ron Rustad, Richard Charlton and Allan Murray, Agricultural Fieldman Brian Carter, Assistant Agricultural Fieldmen Jessica Robley and Caitlin Wolf and Pest and Weed Control Manager Michelle Holte.

ALSO PRESENT

Also Present: Secretary Marilyn Reinhart.

ABSENT

Absent: Lonnie Kozlinski.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

6. New Business

Discussion Items

BMO Farm Family Award

AGENDA WITH ADDITION

Moved by Barrie Tripp to accept the agenda with the addition.

Carried

MINUTES

Moved by Barrie Tripp to accept the Organizational meeting minutes of November 29, 2018 as presented.

Carried

MINUTES

Moved by Ron Rustad to accept the Regular meeting minutes of November 29, 2018 as presented.

Carried

ASB REPORT

ARICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT

The following reports were reviewed:

- The General Report was reviewed, with Jessica and Brian providing context when necessary.
- The Spraying Report was reviewed, with Jessica and Brian providing context when necessary.
- The Pest Control Report was reviewed, with Michelle and Brian providing context when necessary. Brian reported that a Clubroot grant has been applied for and approved.
- The Mowing Report was reviewed, with Brian providing context when necessary.
- The Reclamation Report was reviewed, with Brian providing context when necessary.

1:48 PM

Barrie Tripp absent.

The Grazing Lease Assessment was reviewed by Caitlin.

Jessica gave an update on the ASB Newsletter which has received positive feedback.

Caitlin reported on the successful Ladies Calving Clinic.

Tyler Lawrason present.

1:58 PM

Brian reported that the Clubroot Workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest at this time.

Jessica reported on the Range & Pasture Tour to be held sometime in August.

2:07 PM

Tyler Lawrason absent.

The BMO Farm Family Award was discussed. The MD has an opportunity to nominate a deserving farm family if they wish to do so. Brian was asking the board for any suggestions. The deadline is the end of April. The item will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

2:15 PM Darryl Motley absent.

2:16 PM Tyler Lawrason present.

2:18 PM Darryl Motley present.

2:19 PM Caitlin Wolf absent.

2:20 PM Caitlin Wolf present.

Rental equipment was discussed.

2:25 PM

Brian Carter absent.

DISPOSE OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Move by Darryl Motley to authorize the disposal of the following rental equipment through public tender:

- Tree Planter
- Tree Planter & Jack
- Agrowplow
- Grain Bag Roller
- Wire Roller (x2)
- Pasture/Pipe Plow
- Land Roller
- 12' Cultivator
- Tree Sprayer
- Fabric Mulch Machine
 Carried

2:28 PM

Tyler Lawrason absent.

The 2019 spray rates were discussed.

2:30 PM

Brian Carter present.

2019 SPRAY RATES

Moved by Allan Murray to set the 2019 spray rates as follows: \$70/hr. for labour and \$60/hr. for equipment. Carried

2019 CHEMICAL SUBSIDY Moved by Darryl Motley to set the 2019 chemical subsidy for all farmers at 50%.

Brian reported that he is looking into helicopter spraying for leafy spurge.

Policy changes were reviewed. Michelle reported that the rental equipment pages had been removed as they no longer apply but nothing new had been added.

POLICY CHANGES

Moved by Allan Murray to accept the ASB policy changes as presented. Carried

CONTRIBUTE TO SAFETY SMARTS PROGRAM

Moved by Darryl Motley to contribute to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre for the Safety Smarts Program for the 2019 request, based on 2018 delivery to 421 children @ \$3.50/student, is \$1473.50. Carried

Discussion took place on the need for a trailer with equipment for the fire department for livestock evacuation during an accident.

3 PM Moved by Darryl Carson to adjourn the meeting. Carried

CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY