

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7TH, 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, November 7th, 2019 and was called to order by Chairman Carson at 1:25 p.m.

**TO ORDER AT
1:25 P.M.**

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: Lauren Grosky, Director of Legislative Services.

ABSENT

Absent: Councillor Lonnie Kozlinski and Secretary Marilyn Reinhart.

AGENDA

Moved by Cr. Tripp to accept the agenda. (Carried)

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Moved by Cr. Murray to accept the minutes of the March 28th, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. (Carried)

ASB REPORT

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT

The following reports were reviewed:

- The General Report was presented by Jessica.
- The Spraying Report and Weed Control Report was presented by Caitlin, with Brian, Jessica, and Michelle providing context when necessary.
- The Pest Control Report was presented by Michelle, with Caitlin providing context when necessary.
- The Reclamation Report was presented by Brian.
- The Mowing Report was presented by Brian.

Input from the Board was requested by Brian regarding best application methods for fertilizer at borrow pits. A discussion ensued thereafter and a solution was collectively reached between staff and the Board to apply fertilizer with the subsoil to ensure the fertilizer is used to its full potential.

The proposed Spurge Program was reviewed by Jessica.

2:32 P.M.

Caitlin Wolf absent

2:35 P.M.

Caitlin Wolf present.

The cost associated with using a helicopter versus using a spray truck and crew to eradicate leafy spurge within the M.D was reviewed.

Jessica reported on the new divisions established for the Spurge Program.

The goals of the ASB staff to be achieved over the winter were also reviewed by Jessica.

Brian, Caitlin, Jessica, and Michelle reported on a review done of the spray bills from 2017 to present.

3:03 P.M. Cr. Rustad absent.

3:05 P.M. Cr. Rustad present.

A discussion relative to a future presentation for ratepayers and stakeholders ensued, with all ASB staff providing input and context.

The proposed rotation schedule for helicopter spraying was outlined to the Board by ASB staff, with a 50% subsidy to ratepayers that would include spraying in the first year, observation in the second year, and another round of spraying in the third year. After the full three-year rotation, ratepayers would then be responsible for spraying their land at their own cost.

3:28 P.M. Cr. Rustad absent.

SPURGE SPRAYING PROGRAM

Moved by Cr. Murray to approve the Spurge Spraying Program, with the following addition:

- Spraying Rotation –
 - South Side: Helicopter spraying will occur in 2020 and 2022
 - North Side: Helicopter spraying will occur in 2021 and 2023.
- (Carried)

2020 SPRAY RATES

Moved by Cr. Carson to approve the following:

- To set the 2020 Spray Rate for Labour at \$35/applicator per hour;
- To set the 2020 Spray Rate for Equipment as follows:

56-044	1995 Chev GMT-400 Spray Truck	\$25/hr
56-051	Ranger 6x6	\$12.50/hr
56-053	2012 Dodge Ram 4500 Spray Truck	\$30/hr
56-054	2013 4x4 Dodge Ram Spray Truck	\$30/hr
56-056	2016 Ranger 6x6	\$12.50/hr

- To set the 2020 Chemical Subsidy Rate at 50% for all farmers.
- (Carried)

The proposed 2020 Capital Purchases list was reviewed. A discussion ensued thereafter.

3:54 P.M.

Cr. Motley absent.

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Cr. Motley present.

TABLE 2020 CAPITAL PURCHASES LIST

Moved by Cr. Murray to table the 2020 Capital Purchases list to the November 28th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. (Carried)

ALBERTA FARM SAFETY CENTRE DONATION

Moved by Cr. Charlton to contribute to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre for the Safety Smarts Program for 2020. (Carried)

**ADJOURN
4:17 P.M.**

Moved by Cr. Carson to adjourn. (Carried)

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

