

The Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday February 7th, 2018.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Ted Wilkinson
Councillor Ryley Andersen
Farmer Members – Don Jones, John Campbell and Wayne Leskow
Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and A.S.B. Secretary – Tanis Ponath
Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson

The Chairman Ted Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

6/18 Moved by **John** to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

7/18 Moved by **Wayne** that the minutes from January 3rd, 2018 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt,

1. (January 9th, 2018) Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Center; a letter requesting a donation from the M.D. of Wainwright in the amount of \$1995.00 to support farm safety presentations presented to schools in the municipality.
2. (January 11th, 2018) UCP Caucus; a letter to the Government of Alberta urging them to extend the Bill 6 consultation period and host town hall meetings.
3. (February 5th, 2018) Becky Pedersen, Edgerton Ag Society; a letter requesting hall sponsorship from the M.D. of Wainwright in the amount of \$400.00 for the annual Ladies Spring Break.

Moved, Clr. Andersen to support the farm safety center in the listed amount. **CARRIED**

Moved John Campbell to support the Ladies Spring Break in the amount of **CARRIED**

8/18 Moved by **Wayne** to accept the correspondence. **CARRIED**

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.

James informed the board we have asked for grass seed quotes for our roadside, PH and CPS sent in prices. PH price \$175 per bag lowest same as last year.

Moved to accept PH price for grass seed, John Campbell 9625.00 **CARRIED**

Moved by Wayne to order 100 cases of strychnine and to keep the price that was set last year for 2018. **CARRIED**

Tanis Ponath, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented her report.

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer presented his report.

50% rat check completed in range 1 and 2 lots of areas not accessible

Continue to chat with Phil and it is still unknown when we are going to see the new rat control agreement. Rat control meeting in Oyen April 17th with all the rat control personal

Rod sent bait request in for 2018 50 pail contract and 20 pails of resolve, still good for stock

James has had talks with Saskatchewan on Rod continuing to complete rat control check across the border.

2 coyote calls from producers

Beavers have been looked after till spring

There are some dams to remove with dynamite early in spring.

Year end

- 93 culverts cleaned
- 1 presentation
- No dams blwoen
- 6 extra rat calls out of zone
- 6 coyote calls, 15 coyotes disposed
- No raccoon calls
- 30 skunk traps
- 215 beavers
- 165 mustrats
- 2 magpie traps
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Moved by **Don** to accept the reports. **CARRIED**

Moved by John Campbell to authorize members to attend the 2018 summer tour hosted in Strathcona County Carried

Letter to the minister discussion

Moved by Clr. Andersen to send the letter to the Ag minister to reiterate our concerns regarding the Ag Service Board Funding Delay.

The board reviewed the 2018 Proposed ASB budget. Please see attachment, Proposed ASB budget. The board reviewed it, with questions being asked and answered with clarification. The description of activities in Special Project projections plus the 10-year ASB Capital Purchase Prioritized List was also reviewed.

Move by **Don Jones** to accept the 2018 Proposed ASB Budget as presented and forward it to council to include in the 2018 Budget File. **CARRIED**

The board took a break from 10:15 – 10:30

Laurel presented to the board from 10:30- 11:05 on the

Clubroot meeting discussion, (provide details on the meeting)

James led a discussion on the M.D. clubroot policy. Biosecurity with the spray trucks and spot spraying. Dennis to set up a cleaning system to clean on site. Discussed the provincial act, checks, producer information etc.

Next meeting at the call of the chair.

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Moved by Clr. Andersen that the meeting be adjourned. (11:44 a.m.)
CARRIED

Chairman – Clr. Wilkinson

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Secretary – Tanis Ponath