

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Friday February 22nd, 2019.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Ryley Andersen
Reeve Bob Barss

Farmer Members – John Campbell, Wayne Leskow and Bob Dickson
Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and A.S.B. Secretary – Tanis Ponath
Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson

The Chairman Clr. Andersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

There were no additions to the agenda.

11/19 Moved by Reeve Barss to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

12/19 Moved by John Campbell that the minutes from January 8th, 2019 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt and Tanis Ponath,

1. (January 8th, 2019) Ag for Life; sent a letter providing information regarding Ag for Life's Rural Safety Unit, which helps educate, encourage and promote safety on the farm. Ag for Life is requesting a donation of \$1500.00 to support the Rural Safety Unit so they can continue to deliver quality safety education across the province.
2. (January 10th, 2019) Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Center; a letter requesting a donation from the M.D. of Wainwright in the amount of \$3682.00 to support the 2018 program which reached 1052 children in the municipality.
3. (January 18th, 2019) Stephanie Taylor, Environment Technician, 3rd Canadian Support Base; sent an emailing informing us of their chemical use in the 2018 season. They have also requested a similar amount of chemical for the upcoming spray season.
4. (January 23rd, 2019) EcoGenX; sent a letting outlining their program and grain bag recycling capabilities. A recycling facility will be opening in Saskatchewan in 2019 which will have capabilities to recycle twine, bale wrap, net twine, seed bags and other agriculture materials.
5. (January 28th, 2019) Biovisions; sent a brochure outlining their 2019 testing costs.
6. (January 29th, 2019) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA); sent out their guide for declaring Municipal Agriculture Disasters. If a disaster is declared they are requesting the municipality follows the guide and inform the RMA so they can track local disaster and utilize the information to inform about advocacy work.
7. (February 5th, 2019) Bayer; sent a letter informing their customers that Monsanto Canada is now a subsidiary of Bayer. They also provided the annual update to the terms and conditions for the Technology Stewardship Agreement.
8. (February 5th, 2019) AgroMax (division of Maxim Chemical); sent the order form to all Counties and Municipal Districts for 2% Liquid Strychnine.
9. (February 6th, 2019) Provincial ASB Committee, AAAF Executive Committee; send out a media release regarding the Agricultural Service Board 2019 Conference. The release showcased highlights from the 2019 conference, what's coming for our 75th anniversary and ASB history.

- 13/19** Moved by Reeve Barss to support the 3rd Canadian Division Support Base, Detachment Wainwright, Environment and Safety Division Branches environmental program and supply them with the request amount of herbicide at the approximate value of \$6,211.35 for 2019. **CARRIED**
- 14/19** Moved by Wayne Leskow to accept the correspondence. **CARRIED**
- James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.
- James discussed strychnine with the ASB. The ASB determined to start selling strychnine at the discretion of the Fieldman, in past years we have started selling at the end of March or beginning of April. The ASB discussed price and purchase limits.
- 15/19** Moved by John Campbell to recommend to council to set the price of strychnine at \$252.00 per case and \$10.50 per bottle for 2019. **CARRIED.**
- Tanis Ponath Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented her report.
- Tanis informed the ASB that a letter outlining the M.D. of Wainwright's concern regarding the discovery of phragmites was sent on behalf of council to CN Rail, Alberta Environment and Parks and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- Tanis led a discussion with the ASB regarding upcoming workshops.
- Tanis brought forward a letter from the Edgerton Agriculture Society requesting sponsorship for their annual Ladies Spring Break event.
- 16/19** Moved by Wayne Leskow to support the Edgerton Agriculture Society, Ladies Spring Break and fulfill their sponsorship request of \$400.00 to cover the hall rental cost. **CARRIED**
- Tanis brought forward a letter from the Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) requesting sponsorship for 2019. Tanis informed the ASB that the M.D. of Wainwright was a bronze sponsor in 2018.
- 17/19** Moved by Reeve Barss to sponsor the Alberta Invasive Species Council in the amount of \$1000.00 for 2019. **CARRIED**
- Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer presented his report.
- Rod informed the ASB that he has almost completed the first round of rat inspections. Once spring arrives, Rod will be busy with beaver control. Rod worked the Alberta Rat Control booth at the Agri-Vision conference in Lloydminster. The M.D. of Provost, County of Vermilion River and the Alberta Rat Control specialist were also present at the booth. James and Rod worked on renewing our explosive license, no: U71009/Y, which has switched to online.
- 18/19** Moved by Bob Dickson to accept the reports. **CARRIED**
- The board took a break from 10:08 a.m – 10:15 a.m.
- The ASB discussed the potential of attending the Ag in Motion summer tour in the absence of an ASB summer tour this year. Ag in Motion is an annual event held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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Moved by Wayne Leskow to authorize the ASB members and staff to attend the Ag in Motion tour in Saskatoon, Sk from July 16-18, 2019. **CARRIED**

Clr. Andersen and Reeve Barss provided the ASB with information from the ASB program review meeting they attended in St. Paul, AB.

Clr. Andersen provided the ASB with an update on the Battle River Watershed Alliance.

James and Tanis led a discussion with the ASB regarding the 2021 Agriculture Service Board conference, which will be hosted by the NE Region. The NE region is looking for input on conference themes, presenters and master of ceremonies.

James discussed with the ASB the NE Regional Conference budget and if we want to be cost recovery. The ASB decided to cover the cost of the hall and the rest will be cost recovery.

James and Tanis led a discussion with the ASB regarding our roadside spray program. The general brush and weed program will remain the same for 2019. Adjustments will be made to the type of adjuvant used with the herbicide Aspect to mitigate the purpling of the grass. The ASB decided not to add fence line buffers to policy and it will remain at the discretion of the operator. The ASB suggested a 1m buffer in front of yard sites. The Fieldman, Assistant Fieldman and ASB operators will discuss yard site options and implement an agreed upon standard.

James and Tanis discussed with the ASB the possibility of toadflax trails in 2019. The trials would highlight various herbicides and how they control toadflax. The goal of these trials is to engage producers and encourage them to control their toadflax infestations. The cost of the trials would be approximately \$2000.00.

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Moved by John Campbell to support and proceed with organizing toadflax trials for 2019 for the approximate value of \$2000.00 and include in the 2019 ASB Budget. **CARRIED**

The ASB discussed the potential of supporting Alberta Farm Animal Care and becoming a bronze level sponsor. The ASB was in favor of sponsoring in the amount of \$500.00 and include in the 2019 ASB Budget.

The board reviewed the 2019 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.

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Move by Wayne Leskow to accept the 2019 Proposed ASB Budget as presented and forward it to council to include in the 2019 Budget File. **CARRIED**

Next meeting at the call of the chair.

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Moved by Bob Dickson that the meeting be adjourned. (11:50a.m.)
CARRIED

Chairman – Clr. Andersen

Secretary – Tanis Ponath