

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m., Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Present: Chairman – Reeve Bob Barss  
Councillor Bill Lawson  
Farmer Members – Wayne Leskow and Mel Erickson  
Agricultural Fieldman – James Schwindt  
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and A.S.B. Secretary – Tanis Ponath  
Pest Control Officer – Rod Gabrielson

Absent: Farm member Bob Dickson

The Chairman Reeve Bob Barss called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1/20** Moved by Wayne Leskow to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**2/20** Moved by Mel Erickson that the minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Correspondence was reviewed by James Schwindt and Reeve Bob Barss,

1. (January 8, 2020) Alberta Agriculture and Forestry; an email was sent out informing Agriculture Service Boards that they are holding engagement sessions and launching an online survey to gather feedback about the future of agriculture research in Alberta.

**3/20** Moved by Bill Lawson to accept the correspondence. **CARRIED**

James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.

An update was provided to the ASB on the status of the special use approval for the control of Purple Loosestrife. Nicole Kimmel an aquatic invasive species specialist with Alberta Environment is taking the lead on the application.

The Agricultural Fieldman informed the board our vegetation management program will continue as per policy. A 1 in 3 rotation for blanket spraying, a 1, and 2 rotation for tree spraying. A discussion was had regarding casual labour to assist an operator.

The tankloader year end usage was provided to the ASB for information.

Irma: 961 983 Imp  
Giltedge: 589 380 Imp  
Ribstone: 22 484 Imp

The ASB discussed the uncertainty of the 2020-2023 Agricultural Service Board Grant.

Tanis Ponath, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented her report.

The ASB was informed that Lewis and Royal have been booked as the entertainers for the 2020 Rural Routes Supper.

The Assistant Agricultural Fieldman summarized the 2019 Insect Surveys results for the M.D. of Wainwright.

The ASB was provided with a draft copy of a letter that will be send out to producers who currently have an active Notice to Control Pests for Clubroot on their property.

4/20

Moved by Wayne Leskow to send out the letter to the producers with a current notice to control pests for Clubroot. **CARRIED**

Rod Gabrielson, Pest Control Officer presented his report.

The Pest Control Officer informed the ASB that a rat infestation has been discovered 6 miles from our border in the M.D. Provost. If they require assistance Rod will be authorized to assist.

5/20

Moved by Mel Erickson to accept the reports.

The ASB took a break from 10:04 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.

The ASB reviewed and discussed the 2020 Agricultural Service Board Resolutions.

The ASB discussed the Alberta Agriculture Website resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Ropin' the Web resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are not in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Clubroot Pathotypes Testing resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are not in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Education Campaign for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sectors resolution. It was with the consensus of the board that they are not in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the AFSC Assist in Preventing the Spread of Regulated Crop Pests resolutions. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The ASB discussed the Beehive Depredation resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The ASB discussed the Agricultural Related Lease Dispositions resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The ASB discussed the Emergency Livestock Removal resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they would like to hear what is discussed before making a decision.

The ASB discussed the Mandatory Agriculture Education in the Classroom resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Reinstate a Shelterbelt Program resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Compensation to Producers on Denied Land Access to Hunters resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are not in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Proposed Amendments to Part XV of the Federal Health of Animals Regulations resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB discussed the Canadian Product and Canadian Made resolution. It was with the consensus of the ASB that they are in favor of this resolution.

The ASB reviewed the 2020 preliminary ASB budget. The ASB reviewed it, with questions being asked for clarification. The description of activities in Special Project projections plus the 10-year ASB Capital Purchase Prioritized list was also reviewed. The proposed ASB Budget will be reviewed in detail and finalized at the next meeting and forwarded to council for approval.

The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman led a discussion with the ASB on 2020 extension meetings.

6/20

Moved by Mel Erickson to cover the costs for speakers, food and hall rental for a mental and soil health workshop hosted by the M.D. of Wainwright for rural ratepayers. **CARRIED**

The Agricultural Fieldman led a discussion with the ASB regarding the purchase of strychnine for the upcoming season. The cost of 2% liquid strychnine for 2020 is \$259.00/case.

7/20

Moved by Wayne Leskow to purchase 140 cases of 2% liquid strychnine for the cost of \$22,260.00 for the 2020 season. **CARRIED**

Next meeting at the call of the chair.

8/20

Moved Bill Lawson by that the meeting be adjourned. (11:43 a.m.)  
**CARRIED**

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Chairman – Reeve Bob Barss

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Secretary – Tanis Ponath



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