

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:06 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT: Les Stulberg (Chairperson)
Paul McKay (Vice Chairperson)
Dave Grover
James Nibourg
Larry Clarke

Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services
Farrah Fischer, Assistant Manager of Agricultural Services
Yvette Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer (via Zoom)
Andrew Brysiuk, Director of Municipal Services
Michelle Hoover, Legislative Assistant (Minutes)

ABSENT: Ernie Gendre
Justin Stevens

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, by Chairperson Les Stulberg.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

90.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the August 28, 2024 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved with the following additions:

- 11.1 ASB Provincial Committee Report – October 17, 2023 (B. Knight)
- 11.2 ADM ASB Town Hall – June 20, 2024 (B. Knight).”

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

91.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the minutes from the July 24, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

Yvette Cassidy joined via Zoom at 10:12 am.

DELEGATIONS

None

REPORTS

Agricultural Services Board Administration Report

- Participated in the Stettler County Fair. This included setting up heavy horse panels, participating in booth events.
- Working on a draft Wild Boar Bylaw.
- Provincial ASB surveys are in the process of being completed.
- Completing vegetation control for the Stettler Waste sites.
- Hydroseeding projects will continue at Carlisle Estates following completion of the drainage projects.

92.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the Agricultural Services Board Administration Report dated August 28, 2024, be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

Agricultural Service Board Extension Report

Discussed the results of County participation in both the Stettler County Fair and the Stettler Agricultural Society Bench Show. Are also beginning to plan workshops for Fall 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of the Shelterbelt Vouchers Kathy Rairdan and Neal Walgenbach.

BOARD'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Drought Assistance (Stulberg)

Chair Stulberg received a question from a ratepayer wondering about financial supports for producers experiencing drought this growing season. With the drought conditions being less severe than in 2023, there are fewer programs available. Ratepayers looking for more information should contact the Agricultural Services staff.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Last Call for Resolutions

93.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

"that the Last Call for Resolutions agenda item be received for information."

Carried Unanimously

Livestock Bylaw Updates

Administration brought back topics that the Board discussed as possible elements for a County of Stettler No. 6 Livestock Bylaw.

94.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

"that the Board receive the Livestock Bylaw Updates for information and that Livestock Bylaw Updates be added to future Agricultural Service Board meeting agendas for updates."

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.07 – Control of Virulent Blackleg

95.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

"that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.07 – Control of Virulent Blackleg to a future Council Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.08 – Soil Conservation

96.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

"that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.08 – Soil Conservation to a future Council Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.09 – Use of Equipment

97.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

"that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.09 – Use of Equipment to a future Council Meeting."

Carried Unanimously

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.10 – Water Management Projects

98.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.10 – Water Management Projects to a future Council Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.11 – Grazing Right of Ways

99.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.11 – Grazing Right of Ways to a future Council Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

Request for Decision

RE: Policy AG 3.12 – Animal Health Act

100.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the Board directs Administration to further review the amended Policy AG 3.12 – Animal Health Act to a future Council Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ag Extension Alberta
RE: Program Updates
2. MD of Smoky River
RE: Letter of Support for Ag Know
3. MD of Greenview
RE: Ag for Life Sponsorship Request
4. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
RE: August 7 Moisture Situation Update
5. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
RE: On-Farm Efficiency Program
6. Ag Extension Alberta
RE: Discontinuation of Ag Extension Alberta
7. Minister RJ Sigurdson - Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
RE: Response to Stettler County ASB Letter on the Weed Control Regulation
8. Ag for Life
RE: Investing in Tomorrow Follow Up
9. Sturgeon County
RE: Dig into Horticulture Webinar Series
10. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
RE: Alberta Drought and Red Deer River Updates
11. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
RE: August 20 Moisture Situation Update
12. City of Camrose
RE: Be Wise with Water Update
13. Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldmen
RE: AAAF Memorial Bursary

101.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the Correspondence items attached to the Agricultural Services Board package for the August 28, 2024, be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

FINANCE

Year-to-Date Financials (verbal)

102.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the Year-to-Date Financials (verbal) dated August 28, 2024, be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE/MEETING/CONFERENCE REPORTS

103.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the ASB Provincial Committee Report – October 17, 2023 (B. Knight) be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

104.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the ADM ASB Town Hall – June 20, 2024 (B. Knight) be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS

105.08.28.24 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the upcoming Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and Invitations attached to the August 28, 2024, be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

IN-CAMERA SESSION

106.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board meeting enter into an in-camera session at 11:19 am to discuss the following agenda item:

Wild Boar Update

FOIP Section 20: Disclosure harmful to law enforcement.”

Carried Unanimously

Larry Clarke joined the meeting at 11:45 am.

107.08.28.24 Moved by James Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting exit the in-camera session at 12:07 pm.”

Carried Unanimously

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next Agricultural Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.


ADJOURNMENT

108.08.28.24 Moved by Larry Clarke

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board meeting be adjourned at 12:07 pm.”

Carried Unanimously


Chairperson


Manager of Agricultural Services