

**COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD**

**September 22, 2020**

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Cliff Martin at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the County of St. Paul Office, there being present the following:

Councillor C. Martin, Chairman  
Reeve S. Upham  
Councillor D. Younghans  
Councillor K. Wirsta  
Councillor M. Fodness  
Councillor D. Hedrick  
Councillor L. Amyotte  
Sheila Kitz, CAO  
Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services  
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman  
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman  
Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator  
Phyllis Corbiere, Executive Assistant

2. **MINUTES**

Resolution ASB20200922.1001  
Moved by: Councillor Maxine Fodness

to adopt the Minutes of the March 31, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the typo corrected in item 3.

Carried

3. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Resolution ASB20200922.1002  
Moved by: Councillor Laurent Amyotte

to accept the Agenda for the September 22, 2020 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

New Business:  
7.8 County Ditches  
7.9 Drainage on Private Land

Carried.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

Nil

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

6. **DELEGATION**

*Vaughn Leuschen, the Area Representative from Corteva Agriscience entered the meeting via zoom at 1:10 p.m. He gave a presentation on herbicides, which attack the plant system only, and are the most effective to control brush and weeds without the adverse effects to the public, animals and other plant life. It takes 11 years to get a herbicide registered. The Clearview currently being used in roadside spraying has residual that last for 3 years. The delegation left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Clubroot Update 2020**

Keith Kornelsen provided an update on clubroot in the County. County staff tested 553 fields of canola and 12 came back positive. Incidence testing to be done.

*Staff will be cutting plants samples to test for blackleg, sclerotinia and fusarium ??*

**7.2 Beaver Bounty 2020**

The Beaver Bounty started up again this fall and will run until the end of October. Have paid out for 24 beavers to date since it opened. Staff blew 40 dams.

**7.3 ASB Grant Update**

The County has not received the ASB grant yet. Expecting to receive \$122,000, which is down from \$168,000 in 2019. The application for 2021 is still not available.

**7.4 Weed Notices (Ox Eye Daisy in the County)**

The landowner who received the weed notices, cultivated two quarter sections, sprayed one and mowed the other.

Keith Kornelsen informed the Board that they issued a weed notice to Alberta Transportation for Oxeye Daisy along the highways. The Ag Fieldmen also

informed the Board that there are approximately 40 quarters of land North East of Ashmont along Highway 36 that have Oxeye Daisy.

### **7.5 Capital Purchases**

Discussion took place on replacing the Spray Truck. A new unit will cost \$160,000, replacing the sprayer will cost \$80,000 and replacing some the sprayer parts will cost \$65,000.

There was a brief discussion on purchasing a 24' Hydraulic Tilt Trailer. Further discussion to take place during budget deliberations.

### **7.6 2021 ASB Conference**

The Conference will be held virtually from January 18 – 21, 2021.

### **7.7 Report Card on the 2020 Resolutions/Grading**

Discussion took place on the resolution grading process. The Board agreed that the provincial responses should be first sent to all the ASBs prior to the provincial committee making a decision on the response. There was also discussion on follow up on incomplete or unsatisfactory resolutions.

### **7.8 County Ditches**

A discussion took place on the process spraying County ditches, when the 8-foot boom is insufficient. Council also presented concerns with the need to mow or spray to the fence line on new construction to manage new growth. Staff will be preparing a plan for 2021. Further discussion to take place during Strategic Planning.

### **7.9 Drainage on Private Land**

Discussion regarding the process when Alberta Environment receives a complaint that a landowner is draining water from their property onto public property.

Administration will contact Alberta Environment requesting that they take prompt action when notifying a landowner that if they do not have a water management plan, that they must cease draining water from their property.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 Agricultural Fieldman Report**

Most of the seeding is done by quad with certified seed. Cut 300 miles of roadside on one side of the road, for a total of 600 miles. 75 miles done with a wet blade. Twenty-five spot spraying jobs done.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

To be scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman Cliff Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

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Date

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ASB Chairman