



**County of St. Paul No 19**  
**Agricultural Service Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Thursday, March 25, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Board Room**

Present	Reeve Steve Upham via Zoom Councillor Cliff Martin, Division 3, via Zoom - Chairman Councillor Darrell Younghans, Division 1 via Zoom Councillor Kevin Wirsta, Division 2, via Zoom Councillor Maxine Fodness, Division 4, via Zoom Councillor Dale Hedrick, Division 5, via Zoom Councillor Laurent Amyotte, Division 6, via Zoom
Staff Present	Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO via Zoom Dennis Bergheim, Interim Director of Community Services via Zoom Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman via Zoom Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman via Zoom Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator, via Zoom Betty Richard, Executive Assistant via Zoom
Guests	Linda Sallstrom, STEP Economic Development Officer via Zoom.

**1. Call to Order**

The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Cliff Martin at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Minutes Approval**

**2.1 September 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution ASB20210325.1001**

Moved By: Councillor Kevin Wirsta

to adopt the Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following correction:

- Section 1, second line should state "in the County **of** St. Paul" not "in the County if St. Paul"

**Carried**

**3. Addition to Agenda and Acceptance of Agenda**

**Resolution ASB20210325.1002**

Moved By: Councillor Dale Hedrick

to accept the Agenda for the March 25, 2021 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

**6. Business Arising**

**6.1 Drainage on Private Land**

**Carried**

**4. Closed Session**

N/A

**5. Delegation**

**5.1 Kellie Nichiporik - LARA - Activities Up**

Kellie Nichiporik, Environmental Program Manager with LARA entered the meeting via Zoom at 10:05 a.m.

She gave a presentation on **LARA 2020: A Year in Review**

- Programs: Forage and Livestock, Cropping and Environmental, Horticulture
- Upcoming events: Grazing Planning, Succession Planning, Soil Health Academy
- Ongoing Extension, Environmental Programs

LARA conducts innovative, sustainable, unbiased applied agricultural research and extension throughout the Lakeland, with their vision is to be a leader in applied research and extension in Alberta.

## **6. Business Arising**

### **6.1 Drainage on Private Lands**

Follow up from Administration contacting Alberta Environment regarding Drainage on Private Lands inquiry.

Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman to follow up with Alberta Environment regarding the processes involved with calling the hotline number.

Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO will be meeting with Luc Boulianne, Lands Officer for the LAR/South District on April 7, 2021 to discuss boat launches and water diversion.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Ashmont Daisies**

Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman has drafted a letter to address concerns over noxious weeds (oxeye daisy) for County residents and will be sending the letter to residents as early as possible to coordinate a plan with landowners for spraying if necessary.

### **7.2 Failed Weed Notices**

Keith Kornelsen stated that other Counties have had issues with failed Weed Notices. Notices should be given to landowners personally, mailed to them and/or posted on land for success with notices. Giving landowners too many options also contribute to failed Weed Notices.

### **7.3 Mobile Seed Cleaning**

Discussion over concerns with the lack of licensing for the Mobile Seed Cleaning Unit being used within the County.

Guest Linda Sallstrom left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

#### **Resolution ASB20210325.1003**

Moved By: Reeve Steve Upham

for Agricultural Fieldman, Keith Kornelsen to submit a letter to the Private Contractor regarding licensing for his Mobile Seed Cleaning unit.

**Carried**

#### **7.4 Beaver Bounty Update**

Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman reviewed the Beaver Bounty Program.

- 2019 first year in program ran Spring and Fall with 39 registered users, which brought in 726 tails and County staff trapped another 390 for a total of 1035 Beaver harvest
- 2020 program only ran in Fall due to COVID with 21 registered users, which brought in 390 tails and County staff trapped another 476 for a total of 855 Beaver harvest
- 2021 program will have requirements:
  - Preregistration with Keith or Warren with land description of where beavers will be coming from
  - Who will be bringing in the beaver tails
  - AG staff will be checking the site to confirm the water site
  - County to determine how many beavers will be accepted from the land: 10 with a water body and 30 for a creek system
  - Will have to call for an appointment to come in with beaver tails
  - County will be keeping track of how many beavers are coming in from each quarter of land
  - Notching of beaver tails to assist with abuse of the program
- Beaver Bounty dates will be: April 15 - June 25 and September 1 - October 29, 2021

#### **7.5 Harrow Purchase**

##### **Resolution ASB20210325.1004**

Moved By: Reeve Steve Upham

to look further into other less expensive options for a flexible harrow purchase.

**Carried**

## **7.6 Newsletter**

Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator gave a brief overview of the draft (CAN) County Agriculture Newsletter that will be going into the County Tax Notices this Spring. Any errors or omissions are to be submitted to Arlene ASAP as she will be printing final copy after Easter.

## **7.7 Ratify Letter of Support - LARA**

### **Resolution ASB20210325.1005**

Moved By: Councillor Maxine Fodness

to ratify the LARA letter of support that was sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on February 25, 2021.

**Carried**

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Agricultural Fieldman Report**

Presented on the mowing and spraying plans for 2021, with maps for Council being displayed in the lower-level Board Room at the County office, in addition to the GIS system having the information available to Council under the Agricultural Maintenance 2021 mowing tab, which should be fully operational by June.

- Will be mowing more double passes and adding more roads
- Spraying will be mainly around the St. Paul area with follow-up on last years spraying job
- Keep up with the Himalayan Balsam around Horseshoe Bay area, as it is getting less and less
- 30 Club Root fields from 2017 can all grow Canola again this year, 10 fields last year had Club Root
- 4 Rat infestations with 200 rat sightings, of which over half were muskrats
- Discontinue the use of 1080 this year - coyote pills
- Strychnine will only be available till March 2022- we have lots of product on hand
- All Summer staff are all returning this year

**Resolution ASB20210325.1006**

Moved By: Councillor Dale Hedrick

to file the Agricultural Fieldman Report as information.

**Carried**

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Red Deer County**

For Information only: Red Deer County submitted a letter regarding their disappointment with the Provincial ASB Conference.

**9.2 Farm Safety Centre**

**Resolution ASB20210325.1007**

Moved By: Councillor Maxine Fodness

to approve a \$1,533 contribution to the Farm Safety Centre for their 2020 Safety Smarts Delivery program.

**Carried**

**9.3 Alberta Invasive Species Council**

**Resolution ASB20210325.1008**

Moved By: Councillor Laurent Amyotte

to file for information.

**Carried**

**10. Upcoming Meetings**

To be determined.

**11. Adjournment**

Business on the agenda being concluded, Chairman Cliff Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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Date

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ABS Chairman