



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

Tuesday, August 23, 2022
1:00 PM
Council Chambers

Present	Reeve Glen Ockerman Councillor Darrell Younghans, Division 1, Chairman Councillor Kevin Wirsta, Division 2 Councillor Maxine Fodness, Division 4 Councillor Dale Hedrick, Division 5 Councillor Louis Dechaine, Division 6
Absent	Councillor Ross Krekoski, Division 3
Staff Present	Sheila Kitz, CAO Tim Mahdiuk, Director of Community Services Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator Betty Richard, Executive Assistant
Guests	Jake Battenfelder, Administrative Intern

1. Call to Order

The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrell Younghans at 1:55 p.m.

2. Minutes Approval

2.1 April 26, 2022, Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution ASB20220823.1001

Moved By: Councillor Louis Dechaine

to accept the minutes from the April 26, 2022, Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

3. Addition to Agenda and Acceptance of Agenda

Resolution ASB20220823.1002

Moved By: Councillor Dale Hedrick

to accept the agenda for the August 23, 2022, Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:

5.5 Mowing and Spraying Maps

7.2 Noxious Weeds

Carried

4. Closed Session

ACTION Keith Kornelsen to draft letter to landowner regarding process prior to and post-harvest

Resolution ASB20220823.1003

Moved By: Reeve Glen Ockerman

to move into closed session as per Section 17, Division 2, Part 1 of the FOIP Act 1:59 p.m.

Carried

Resolution ASB20220823.1004

Moved By: Councillor Maxine Fodness

to revert to open session at 2:11 p.m.

Carried

Resolution ASB20220823.1005

Moved By: Councillor Kevin Wirsta

to draft a letter to landowner in SE 20-59-9-W4 regarding Clubroot found on his property and request that he lime the entrance/approach to his field prior and post-harvest for the 2022 season.

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Strychnine Letter for Support to PMRA

ACTION Keith Kornelsen to draft resolution

Resolution ASB20220823.1006

Moved By: Reeve Glen Ockerman

to bring forward a resolution at the next upcoming ASB meeting for the reinstatement of strychnine for the control of the Richardson's ground squirrel.

Carried

5.2 Clubroot Policy Change

Resolution ASB20220823.1007

Moved By: Councillor Kevin Wirsta

to table to gather more information from further resources and bring back to Committee for decision.

Carried

Resolution ASB20220823.1008

Moved By: Reeve Glen Ockerman

to correct typo in section 3.2 (e) and send back to Policy Committee.

Carried

5.3 NE Regional ASB Meeting Agenda

Discussion regarding the agenda for the NE Regional ASB Conference being held Friday November 4th at the Ashmont Agriplex.

- Add the 30% reduction of nitrogen as an agenda item (Smoky Lake for be drafting a resolution)
- Fertilizer mandate to be looked into further
- Betty Richard, Executive Assistant to be the official recording secretary for the conference if available

Resolution ASB20220823.1009

Moved By: Reeve Glen Ockerman

to appoint Councillor Darrell Younghans as the NE Regional ASB Conference Chair for the upcoming NE Regional ASB Conference being held on November 4, 2022, at the Ashmont Agriplex.

Carried

5.4 Prohibited Animals (Wild Boar) Bylaw

Discussion regarding the Prohibited Animals (Wild Boar) Bylaw:

- Section 4.3 - typo
- Section 5.2 - typo
- Reference to Schedule B should be "as set out in Penalties Bylaw"

Resolution ASB20220823.1010

Moved By: Councillor Maxine Fodness

to table to gather for more information, make necessary corrections and bring forward to policy committee.

Carried

5.5 Mowing and Spraying Maps

Discussion regarding the Mowing and Spraying schedules within the County:

- Maps to be sent out earlier next year.
- Should mowing main arteries be a priority for next year, and not necessarily the smaller trails.
- To be brought to levels of service discussions
- Do we need to add in our policy, legality with spraying on private property, past the fence lines by 6 inches or a foot? In current contract it states to the fence.
- Need to look into current Brushing and Back sloping agreements and amend to allow for over spraying.
- Do we spray every year, or three/four-year rotations, if there is a need, we spray before the rotation, with all roads being checked annually.

- After brushing in the winter, do the roads need to be sprayed for 2 consecutive years.

ACTION Keith Kornelsen to follow up with the spraying and brushing

Sheila Kitz to look into the current Brushing and Back sloping agreements

Councillors to send roads to be sprayed to Tim Mahdiuk and Sheila Kitz

7. New Business

7.1 Federal Fertilizer Targets

Discussion for Federal Fertilizer Targets

- Federal Dugout testing is being done in Saskatchewan, farmers have been reporting that federal vehicles were entering private land and want to know why? What is the Federal Government testing for?
- Federal Fertilizer Target discussions are ending on August 31, 2022.

ACTION Keith Kornelsen to check into where we are with the Federal Fertilizer Targets.

7.2 Noxious Weeds

Discussion regarding noxious weeds:

- Dealt with on a complaint basis
- County can decide which species to target
- There is a plan/process in place for noxious weeds and weed notices
- Possible list for next meeting of the prohibited noxious weeds to communicate and educate the public, however a list of noxious weeds is already available on the County website

8. Reports

8.1 Agricultural Fieldman Report

Keith Kornelsen presented the following:

- Roadside spraying is finished in all divisions except Division 6, with spot spraying continuing for thistle.
- Roadside mowers are now mowing Division 5 and 6.
- 384 Beavers have been harvested under the Beaver Reduction Program, with 200 trapped by staff.
- Clubroot in four (4) fields currently found, with still more surveying to be completed
- Weed notice given to landowner south of Elk Point Airport

9. Next Meeting

To be called at the Chairman's discretion.

10. Adjournment

Business on the agenda being concluded, Chairman Darrell Younghans adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Date

ABS Chairman