

Meeting Minutes
of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
January 8, 2020 – MD Council Chambers

Present: Councillors Bev Everts, and Quentin Stevick and Members Anna Welsch, Frank Welsch, Martin Puch and David Robbins.

Also Present: Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Environmental Services Technician Lindsey Davidson and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Martin Puch, called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Bev Everts 20/001

Moved that agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

B. WELCOME NEW ASB MEMBER

Martin Puch introduced our new member to the ASB, Anna Welsch, and went around the table for introductions of other members and staff.

C. ELECTION 2020 ASB CHAIR

Martin Puch opened the floor for nominations for the 2020 ASB Chairperson. Councillor Bev Everts nominated Frank Welsch. Frank Welsch agreed to let his name stand for chairperson for the ASB. Martin Puch asked for other nominations a further two times. With no other nominations, Frank Welsch was declared Chairperson for the ASB for 2020 and assumed the role.

D. ELECTION 2020 ASB VICE CHAIR

Frank Welsch opened the floor for nominations for the 2020 ASB Vice-Chairperson. Councillor Quentin Stevick nominated Martin Puch. Martin Puch agreed to let his name stand for vice-chairperson for the ASB. Frank Welsch asked for other nominations a further two times. With no other nominations, Martin Puch was declared vice-chairperson for the ASB for 2020.

E. MINUTES

Martin Puch

20/002

Moved that the minutes of November 6, 2019, resolution 19/102, be amended with the change of “chage” to “change”;

AND THAT the minutes be approved as amended.

Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Quentin Stevick updated the board on the meeting that took place with himself, MD staff, Tony Bruder, Provincial Key Contact Bradly Smith and Robert Sissons with Waterton Park. The meeting was in regards to the concerns from MD landowners of the potential infestation of weeds coming out of Waterton Park and into the Municipality.

As there has been an exponential increase from 1970 in napweed in the park, suggestions from residents and Councillor Stevick were made to park staff to assist in stopping the continued spread of these invasive weeds. Councillor Stevick feels a more political approach needs to be taken and will be updating the board as more information becomes available.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MD of Ranchland – Weed Concerns – Draft Strategy 2020

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/003

Moved that the draft strategy on working with the MD of Ranchlands in regards to weeds along the MD border, be approved as presented.

Carried

2. BMO Farm Family Award Nominee 2020

Discussion took place with regards to the BMO Farm Family Award Nominee for 2020. After much discussion and voting, the nominees were chosen. Administrative staff will follow up with BMO for the event.

H. ALUS PROGRAM

1. ALUS Community Expression of Interest

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/004

Moved that administration is to completed the ALUS Expression of Interest and return it to the February ASB meeting.

Carried

I. 2020 Provincial ASB Conference

ASB discussed and voted on each of the resolutions being presented at ASB regional conference.

a) Alberta Agriculture Website

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/005

Moved that the ASB support a resolution for the Government of Alberta to review its Agriculture section of the website ensuring that extension material, online courses and other useful items are easy to find and access for farmers and those in the agriculture industry and reintroduce the general store.

Carried

b) Organize Direct Weed and Pest Control

David Robbins 20/006

Moved that the ASB not support a resolution for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry providing a technology grant and personnel resources to assist municipalities in establishing a provincial pest and weed surveillance and monitoring system to improve timely access to data for all the Agricultural stakeholders.

Carried

c) Clubroot Pathotype Testing

David Robbins 20/007

Moved that the ASB support a resolution for the Province of Alberta should commit to consistent and sustainable funding for the Club root Surveillance and Pathotype Monitoring conducted by the University of Alberta.

Carried

d) Education Campaign for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sectors

Councillor Bev Everts

20/008

Moved that the ASB support a resolution for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry create an education campaign directed specifically at equipment dealerships that outlines their role and promotes the importance of moving clean, uncontaminated equipment.

Carried

e) AFSC Assist in Preventing the Spread of Regulated Crop Pests

Councillor Bev Everts

20/009

Moved that the ASB not support a resolution for the Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry to enter into an agreement with AFSC to decline insurance on canola acres under their program if canola has been planted back to back in rotation.

Carried

f) Beehive Depredation

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/010

Moved that the ASB support a resolution for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks work with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation to amend the Wildlife Compensation Program to include coverage for hive destruction by bear activity.

Carried

g) Agricultural Related Lease Dispositions

Councillor Bev Everts

20/011

Moved that ASB support a resolution for transfer of the management of Public Lands-Agricultural Related Lease Dispositions to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to streamline and/or provide increased resources to expedite the disposition of Agricultural Leases within the Province of Alberta.

Carried

h) Emergency Livestock Removal

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/012

Moved that the ASB not support a resolution for Municipal Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry and Environment and Parks-Public Lands to change access and provide all necessary resources to create separate allotments at grazing reserves and/or other created sites designated for livestock during emergency management situations.

Carried

i) Mandatory Agricultural Education in the Classroom

Anna Welsch

20/013

Moved that the ASB support a resolution to request that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and Alberta Agriculture & Forestry work with other rural stakeholders, Alberta Education, and the Alberta Teachers' Association to request that mandatory agriculture education be implemented in the school curriculum in Alberta.

Carried

j) Reinstate a Shelterbelt Program

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/014

Moved the ASB support a resolution that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry implement a shelterbelt program.

Carried

k) Compensation to Producers on Denied Land Access to Hunters

David Robbins

20/015

Moved that the ASB not support a resolution that Alberta Environment and Parks withhold compensation for damage caused to fences, stacked feed or green feed to landowners that do not permit access to land for hunting of wildlife.

Carried

l) Canadian Product and Canadian Made

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/016

Moved that the ASB support a resolution that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency amend the Guidelines for "Product of Canada" and "Made in Canada" claims to not include pure products such as honey.

Carried

J. 2019 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Martin Puch

20/017

Moved to accept the departmental reports from Environmental Services for December 2019 as information.

Carried

K. CORRESPONDENCE

1. FOR ACTION

a) Key Contact Bradley Smith Attendance at Meetings

Administration to contact our key contact Bradley Smith to see how we can facilitate his attendance at the ASB as we find his information important to the board.

2. FOR INFORMATION

David Robbins

20/018

Moved that the following be accepted as information:

- a. Alberta Agriculture Report
 - i. Final Crop Report for 2019 December 6, 2019 Release
 - ii. Moisture Situation Update as of December 4, 2019
- b. If You Can't Beat It, Eat It - workshop poster
- c. Rural Roots Canada - AG DAYS

Carried

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. NEXT MEETING

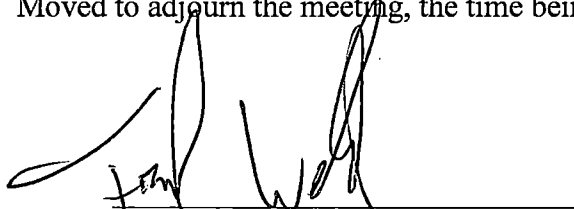
Moved that the next ASB meeting is on Wednesday, February 5 at 1:30 pm.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Anna Welsch

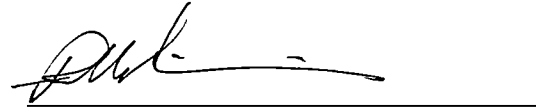
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Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:17 pm.



ASB Chairperson

Carried



ASB Secretary