

Meeting Minutes  
of the  
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9  
April 15, 2020 – MD Council Chambers  
Via Virtual Meeting

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

Also Present: Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulson, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Frank Welsch called the meeting to order at 1:47 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Anna Welsch 20/046

Moved that agenda be amended to include:

- New Business:
  - ASB Response to Losing Key Contact, Bradley Smith
  - COVID-19 Check In
- Correcting “AgroMax” and “Strategic Plan 2020-2024” on the agenda

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. MINUTES

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/047

Moved that the minutes of March 4, 2020 be amended with the following:

- Resolution 20/037 remove “Councillor”
- Resolution 20/035 change the person that motioned to Councillor Terry Yagos
- Addition of absence of Councillor Bev Everts

AND THAT the minutes be approved as amended.

Carried

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Agricultural Service Board was advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The Pincher Creek Trade Show was cancelled
- Previously scheduled ASB meeting for April 1 was rescheduled to April 15

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. 2020 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Bev Everts 20/048

Moved to accept the departmental report from the Agricultural Fieldman for March 2020 as information.

Carried

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. FOR ACTION

a) Strychnine Update

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/049

Moved that the ASB take part in the letter writing campaign to support the continued use of strychnine as there is a need for a plausible option to assist landowners with ground squirrels.

Carried

b) Pincher Creek Watershed Group (Blue Weed Blitz)

David Robbins 20/050

Moved that, in regards to the Pincher Creek Watershed Groups request, ASB agree to:

- Support the annual event as long as they follow recommended practices by AHS during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Provide in-kind items of shovels, gloves and bags;
- Send a crew to the identified areas for the Blue Weed Blitz;
- Pending confirmation that the event is still taking place in July, \$1000 donation.

Carried

2. FOR INFORMATION

Anna Welsch 20/051

Moved that the following be received as information:

- The Wondrous Life and Mysterious Death of Golden Eagle
- Association of Alberta Agriculture Fieldman Meeting Minutes

- Tree Pruning Information

Carried

Anna Welsch

20/052

Moved that ASB members be encouraged to print off the poster for “Do More Agriculture Foundation” and distribute at various locations in the community.

Carried

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Martin Puch

20/053

Moved that the Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 be received as information.

Carried

- b) Key Contact Bradley Smith

Councillor Bev Everts

20/054

Moved that ASB submit a letter to Alberta Agriculture declaring that we are frustrated with the constant cuts to programs for agriculture, that we appreciated our Key Contacts **presence** at our board table as he was a provincial link between the producers and government;

AND THAT this letter be copied to MLA Roger Reid, Minister of Agriculture and MD of Pincher Creek Council.

Carried

- c) COVID-19 Update

Councillor Bev Everts updated the board on what steps the MD is doing to help support ranchers and keep them apprised of changes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

David Robbins

20/055

Moved to accept the verbal update by Councillor Bev Everts on the COVID-19 pandemic as information.

Carried

H. NEXT MEETING

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/056

Moved that unless an urgent issue arises, the next ASB meeting is on June 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

Carried


I. ADJOURNMENT

Martin Puch

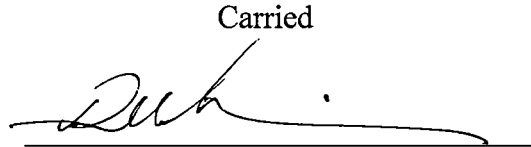
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Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:30 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson



ASB Secretary