

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

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

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 1:33 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Martin Puch

20/065

Moved that agenda be amended to include:

- New Business:
 - Ivermectin Email to Dr. Hinshaw
 - Cattle Watering in Drywood Creek
- Information
 - Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. MINUTES

Councillor Bev Everts

20/066

Moved that the minutes of June 3, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Update on Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award

Councillor Bev Everts

20/067

Moved that as the Calgary Stampede in not recognizing the 2020 Farm Families until 2021, ASB direct administration to provide an opportunity to celebrate the MD's Farm Family by:

- Contacting local media
- Announcing on social media
- Inviting them to the September ASB meeting to present a certificate

Carried

2. Draft Letter to Brad Smith

Councillor Bev Everts 20/068

Moved that the letter to Brad Smith be approved as amended and that to thank him for his years of dedication administration be directed to purchase and send;

- a \$50 gift certificate from Co-op
- Certificate of Appreciation
- MD Coffee Mug

Carried

3. Draft Letter to AB Minister of Ag and Forestry

Councillor Bev Everts 20/069

Moved that the draft letter to AB Minister of Ag and Forestry be approved and sent as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. 2020 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Anna Welsh 20/070

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

Carried

F. POLICY REVIEW

1. C-AES-001 Licence of Occupation

Anna Welsch 20/071

Moved that administration look into the feasibility of sending out the Licence of Occupation invoices with the tax notices;

AND THAT policy C-AES-001 Licence of Occupation be brought back in September with changes as discussed.

Carried

2. C-AES-002 Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways Adjacent to their Property

Councillor Bev Everts

20/072

Moved that policy C-AES-002 Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways Adjacent to their Property, be brought back in September, with the form, and changes as discussed.

Carried

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. FOR ACTION

a) Removal of Fusarium Graminearum from Pest and Nuisance Control

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/073

Moved that the survey on Removal of Fusarium Graminearum from Pest and Nuisance Control, be received as information.

Carried

2. FOR INFORMATION

a) Alberta Crop Reports

Martin Puch

20/074

Moved that the following crop reports be received as information:

- June 2, 2020
- June 9, 2020
- June 23, 2020

Carried

b) ASB Provincial Committee – Executive Assistant

David Robbins

20/075

Moved that the announcement of the ASB Provincial Committee – Executive Assistant, be received as information.

Carried

c) Bacterial leaf streak on the Great Plains

Councillor Bev Everts 20/076

Moved that the following be received as information:

- Bacterial leaf streak
- Stripe rust

Carried

d) Emerging Tech Solutions for Business – Agriculture

Anna Welsch 20/077

Moved that as it may be of interest to our community, the Emerging Tech Solutions for Business – Agriculture webinar be shared on the MD website and social media, and received as information.

Carried

e) UFA Rural Communities Foundation Continues Community Grant Program

Anna Welsch 20/078

Moved that as it may be of interest to our community, the UFA Rural Communities Foundation Continues Community Grant Program be shared on the MD website and social media, and received as information.

Carried

f) Stripe Rust Update

Martin Puch 20/079

Moved that the update on Stripe Rust be received as information.

Carried

g) Thornhill County State of Agricultural Disaster

David Robbins 20/080

Moved that the Thornhill County State of Agricultural Disaster be received as information, and administration bring back information on declaring an agricultural disaster to the meeting in September.

Carried

h) Promoting Local in Partnership with Government

Councillor Bev Everts 20/080

Moved that as it may be of interest to our community, the Promoting Local in Partnership with Government be shared on the MD website, social media, sent to the local farmers' market committee, and received as information.

Carried

i) Moisture Situation Update as of June 8, 2020

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/081

Moved that the following moisture situation updates be received as information:

- 6 day precipitation
- 24 day precipitation
- 30 day precipitation
- Soil moisture reserves relative to normal
- Soil moisture reserves

Carried

j) Moisture Situation Update as of June 24, 2020

Councillor Quentin Stevick 20/082

Moved that the following moisture situation updates be received as information:

- 7 day precipitation
- 60 day precipitation relative to normal
- 60 day precipitation
- Soil Moisture Reserves Relative to Normal

Carried

k) Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women

Councillor Bev Everts 20/083

Moved that as it may be of interest to our community, the Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women webinar series be shared on the MD website, social media, and received as information;

AND THAT as the June 30, Mental Health for Ag Producers, isn't going to be recorded, administration be directed to host a live event in the Council chambers as long as physical distancing can be assured.

Carried

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ivermectin Email to Dr. Hinshaw

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/084

Moved that the email response from Dr. Hinshaw's office regarding usage of Ivermectin in COVID-19 cases, be received as information.

Carried

- b) Cattle Watering in Drywood Creek

Councillor Quentin Stevick

20/085

Moved that administration be directed to obtain background information on the landowners concerns of cattle watering in Drywood Creek and that the matter be forwarded to Council for their attention and direction.

Carried

- c) Weeds in the MD

As it is noted that 2020 has been a tough year for control of weeds, locations and plans were discussed with the board on the flourishing of blue weed and oxeye daisy in certain locations. Crews will be monitoring the conditions.

H. NEXT MEETING

September 2, 2020

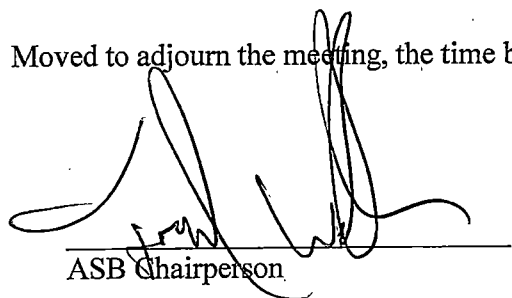
I. ADJOURNMENT

Martin Puch

20/086

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:28 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson



ASB Secretary