

Meeting Minutes of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
May 28, 2025

Present: Chair Anna Welsch, Councillor Tony Bruder, Councillor Jim Welsch,
Members Mark Zoratti and Martin Puch, and Frank Welsch.

Also Present: CAO Roland Milligan, Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulsen, and
Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Chair Anna Welsch opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/011

Moved that agenda for May 28, 2025 be amended to include:

Business Arising

- Wildlife Predation Identification

New Business

- Blue Weed on Therriault Dam
- Drought Preparedness

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/012

Moved that the minutes of March 3, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Provincial Resolutions

- Still not available, will try again for the July ASB Meeting.

b) Agricultural and Environmental Service Board Strategic and Operational Plan
2025-2029

- Will be amended as discussed and brought back to a future ASB meeting for approval.
- ASB would like to see more opportunities for workshops for ranchers in the area. Mark Zoratti will bring information regarding costs and timelines to the speaking session for the meeting in July.

- c) Calgary Stampede Attendees
 - Frank Welsch and Jim Welsch (plus guests) are attending.
- d) Wild Turkeys
 - No changes yet as to compensation for wild turkey damage.
- e) Bear Safety Workshop
 - ASB is requesting that a bear safety workshop be arranged for the public
 - Councillor Bruder has been in contact with Jeff Bechtal.
- f) Wildlife Predation Identification Training
 - Anna Welsch is looking for information on training to become a wildlife predation specialist, unsure if it is similar to BC, where a rancher can get the training and be able to identify a wildlife kill on another property.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. 2025 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Frank Welsch 25/013

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for April, and May 2025.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

ASB Fieldman stated he needed to write the letter on MD letterhead and would come into the office for addresses. Administration reminded him that if he had a list of names, administration could compile the needed addresses.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/014

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Women's Grazing School in Twin Butte - July 17 – 19, 2025
- b) Managing Wild Boar Farms

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

a) ALUS Update

The ALUS Update for May 2025 was reviewed and discussed.

b) Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation

Discussion took place regarding possible changes to policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation, especially regarding farming practices and losing road allowances for the MD.

Martin Puch

25/015

Moved that the changes to Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation be tabled to the ASB meeting in July, 2025.

Carried

c) Blue Weed on Therriault Dam

ASB mentioned the amount of blue weed on the Therriault Dam, AES Manager is aware and has crews at that location annually.

d) Drought Discussion

Mark Zorratti

25/016

Moved that ASB recommend to Council to declare an agricultural disaster due to MD water shortages and drought concerns.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – July 2, 2025 at 1:30 pm

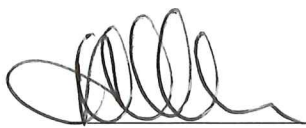
L. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/017

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:33 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson

ASB Secretary