

Meeting Minutes of the  
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9  
November 13, 2025

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

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

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

A. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Roland Milligan opened the floor for nominations for the 2025/2026 ASB Chairperson. Mark Zorratti nominated Anna Welsch. Anna Welsch agreed to let her name stand for chairperson for the ASB. Roland Milligan asked for other nominations a further two times.

With no other nominations, Anna Welsch was declared Chairperson for the ASB for 2025/2026 and assumed the role.

Anna Welsch opened the floor for nominations for the 2025/2026 ASB Vice-Chairperson. Councillor Jim Welsch nominated Mark Zorratti. Mark Zorratti agreed to let his name stand for vice chairperson for the ASB. Anna Welsch asked for other nominations, Councillor Tony Bruder nominated Martin Puch, Martin Puch declined the nomination. Anna Welsch asked for other nominations, with no other nominations, Mark Zorratti was declared vice-chairperson for the ASB for 2025/2026.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/031

Moved that agenda for November 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/032

Moved that the minutes of September 22, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) 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.
- b) Trade Fair Event
  - Trade fair-type program to showcase all the programs that can assist the Agricultural community, to take place December 11, 2025.
  - Kelly Cooley and Foothills Forage and Grazing are hosting a Farm Plan Workshop that same day.
  - Board questioned organizations that are coming, advertising, plans for the day.
  - AES Fieldman working on the event, no confirmed organizations' to date, and will email board information as it becomes available.
- c) Bear Safety Workshop
  - Took place October 3, 2025 and was very well attended.
  - Board questioned if we can run another one in the Spring, if not possible at the MD, to assist with advertising for other communities.
- d) Wildlife Predation Identification Training
  - ASB Member will bring information, still being looked at.
- e) Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation
  - Being moved into new Traffic Bylaw by Council, currently had first reading.
  - Public meetings have taken place.
  - Council to review in December.
- g) MD Deadstock Bin Update
  - Discussion took place over the alternative place for deadstock? Currently there isn't one.
  - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill was discussed again, they are not willing to take deadstock. Landfill would rather see incinerator, which the other partners to the landfill are not in favor of.
  - It's a matter of time before this becomes more of a safety issues for ranch families in the area.
  - New locations still to be determined

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. 2025 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Martin Puch

25/033

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for October, November and December 2025.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

Not discussed.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Mark Zoratti

25/034

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) The Do More Agricultural Foundation
  - October 2025 Newsletter
  - November 2025 Newsletter
- b) Strychnine Use in Alberta
  - Letter from Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food, John Barlow, dated October 30, 2025

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

a) Cattle Drive Signs

Request from residents for AES to purchase and sell at cost. Ag Fieldman will purchase this year, as long as the budget allows. If not, they will be purchased in 2026.

b) Dams Discussion

A discussion took place on hosting a community meeting in January or February, for all dam users downstream from the four dams, with an open discussion on how the water should be managed.

c) 2026 Farm Family Awards

Nominations due by January 13, 2026. Administration to put out on social media to look for nominations. Via email, administration will send out nomination list to the board on December 22, 2025.

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – January 14, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Following that, it will be the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated. This schedule will be discussed at the meeting in January.

March 4, 2026

May 6, 2026

July 1, 2026 (*stat – will need to be changed*)

September 2, 2026

November 4, 2026

L. ADJOURNMENT

Martin Puch

25/035

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:08 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson



ASB Secretary