

Meeting Minutes of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
January 14, 2026

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

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

Absent: Councillor Tony Bruder

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/001

Moved that agenda for January 14, 2026 be amended to include:

- New Businesses: b) CFIA New Regulations

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/002

Moved that the minutes of November 13, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Farm Family 2026

- Name was submitted to Stampede for BMO Farm Family Award. Registration for ASB members to attend will be discussed closer to the event.

b) Dams Discussion

- ASB Members asked if the meeting on dam users has been scheduled, nothing to date.
- The board would like to see a meeting scheduled for all dam users downstream from the four dams, with an open discussion on how the water should be managed.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Agricultural and Environmental Service Board Strategic and Operational Plan 2025-2029
 - Still in draft.
- b) Trade Fair Event
 - Took place December 11, 2025.
 - Board wants to see this an annual event.
 - ASB Fieldman stated he advised past presenters the next event will be December 11, 2026.
- c) Wildlife Predation Identification Training
 - ASB Member will bring information, still being looked at.
- d) 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 at next Council meeting.
- g) MD Deadstock Bin Update
 - Bins removed until calving season.
 - New locations still to be determined.
 - Signage installed? No.
 - Social media request for hosts, communications would need verbiage for request.
 - Reason for the program.
 - Expectation as a host.
 - Dates it would be on the land.
 - Specific locations.
 - Currently, there are 2 bins available in Division One.

Councillor Jim Welsch

26/003

Moved that Administration be directed to advertise on social media and in the paper to acquire locations for Dead Stock bins for Divisions 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Carried

F. 2026 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mark Zoratti

26/004

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for December 2025 and January 2026.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

AES Fieldman stated that phone calls start this time of year to discuss weed concerns with leaseholders.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Mark Zoratti 26/005

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) The Do More Agricultural Foundation
 - December 2025

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2026 Provincial ASB Conference

The ASB went through the 2026 proposed resolutions and discussed:

Resolution 1-26: EMERGENCY REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRREL (RGS) CONTROL

- In favor

Resolution 2-26: EXEMPTION OF AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT FROM CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1999 EMISSION LIMITS

- In favor

Resolution 3-26: MARKED FUEL PROGRAM REVIEW

- In favor

Resolution 4-26: RURAL WATER DISTRIBUTION AND CONNECTIVITY FUNDING

- In favor

Resolution PC1-26: MODERNIZING ALBERTA'S RAT CONTROL PROGRAM

- In favor

Resolution PC2-26: ON-FARM MEAT PROCESSING

- In favor

Resolution PC3-26: LEGAL ENTITY ALIGNED WITH ASBS

- In favor

Resolution PC4-26: URGENT REFORMS TO CFIA AND PMRA

- Needs clarification
- ASB Fieldman to bring back information at next meeting

Resolution E1-26: VACANT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL SCIENTIST POSITION
- In favor

Martin Puch 26/006

Moved that the discussion on the 2026 Provincial Resolutions be received as information.

Carried

b) New Regulations on CFIA

Mark Zoratti 26/007

Moved that the Ag Fieldman research the possibility to host an information meeting for producers in the MD of Pincher Creek with the Alberta Beef Producers representative to explain the proposed CFIA changes,

AND THAT the upcoming Alberta Beef Producers meeting will be shared on the MD social media.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION


K. NEXT MEETING – March 4, 2026 at 1:30 pm

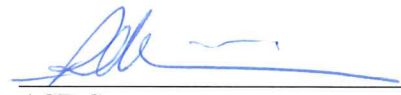
L. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/008

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

Carried


ASB Chairperson


ASB Secretary