

Meeting Minutes of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
May 6, 2026

Present: Chair Anna Welsch, Vice Chair Mark Zoratti, Councillors Tony Bruder and Jim Welsch, and Todd Vance and Stuart Lewis.

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

Absent: Martin Puch

Chair Anna Welsch opened the meeting at 1:30 pm and introduced new board member Todd Vance, Assistant Agricultural Environmental Services Manager, Ayla Peacock. A special thank you to outgoing member-at-large Martin Puch for his years of service.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/019

Moved that the agenda for May 6, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/020

Moved that the minutes of March 4, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mark Zoratti 26/021

Moved that the following letters be received as information:

- a) Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts
 - Letter to Council from Minister
- b) Concerns over the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre
 - Letter sent in support

Carried

- c) Deadstock Bin Division 3 and Signage

The board was updated that the Division 3 deadstock bin has been placed at the airport, with signage in place. User numbers are down with the new location.

Stuart Lewis

26/022

Moved that in regards to the 2026 off-season for deadstock bins:

- Advertising (social media) and signage on bins advising that bins be closed as of June 15, 2026, and including contact information for deadstock removal during Summer,
- Bins to be inspected by the AES department prior to closing for the season to check for needed repairs.
- Bins to remain at their current locations, but locked for the season.

Carried

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Todd Vance

26/023

Moved that, once completed by AES staff, the ASB recommend to Council to approve the draft Strategic Plan and Strategic Priorities,

AND THAT additional Strategic Priorities for 2026 be included:

- Get dam users group operational
- More educational opportunities
- Information for ranchers for funding opportunities

Carried

- b) Wildlife Predation Identification Training

Councillor Tony Bruder

26/024

Moved that the ASB present a resolution at the next ASB Regional Conference in Spring 2027 regarding Wildlife Predation Identification Training.

Carried

- c) Dams Discussion

- January 2026 - 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.
- Board would like to start with the Foothills Dam users.
- No meeting scheduled to date.
- Ag Fieldman stated he planned on setting up a meeting for the winter.

- d) New Regulations on CFIA

- Ag Fieldman to research the possibility of hosting an information meeting for producers in the MD of Pincher Creek with the Alberta Beef Producers representative to explain the proposed CFIA changes.
- CFIA is unable to attend.
- Changes are temporarily on hold.

e) Policy Review

Todd Vance

26/025

Moved to table the policy review until the next meeting, pending Provincial changes being shown on appropriate policies.

Carried

F. 2026 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mark Zoratti

26/026

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for March through May 2026.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

Nothing to report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Stuart Lewis

26/027

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
 - Letter of Gratitude
- b) Do More Agriculture Foundation Newsletters
 - March
 - April
- c) AB Farm Fresh Producers Association
 - March Newsletter
- d) Alberta Energy Regulator
 - Weed & Rest Compliance on AER Regulated Well Sites
- e) Agricultural Moisture Situation Update
 - April 24, 2026

f) Do More Agricultural Foundation

Councillor Jim Welsch

26/028

Moved that administration apply to the Do More Agricultural Foundation for the 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

a) New Scale Discussion

Todd Vance

26/029

Moved that the purchase of a new scale with cost options be brought back to the next ASB meeting.

Carried

b) Strychnine Discussion

- AES staff will be responsible for inspecting potential locations for use when landowners request.
- Farmer pesticide applicator license training available
 - Ag Fieldman to provide information to administration for advertising and social media posting

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – July 8, 2026 at 1:30 pm

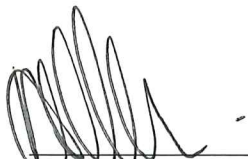
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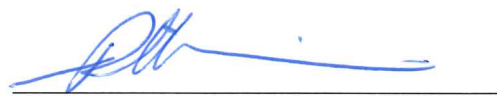
Stuart Lewis

26/030

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:37 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson

ASB Secretary