

Meeting Minutes of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
July 8, 2026

Present: Chair Anna Welsch, 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: Mark Zoratti

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/031

Moved that the agenda for July 8, 2026 be amended to include:

New Business:

- c) Road Allowance Fencing
- d) App Creation

Information:

- d) Do More Agriculture Foundation – June eNews

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/032

Moved that the minutes of May 6, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Do More Agricultural Foundation – 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health
 - Administration looked into applying for funding; Do More Ag needs applicants to submit names of 8 people that would be attending and then assure them a minimum of 30 participants. Deadline to apply for this was May 20.
 - Due to timeline, administration suggested making a note for next year to try and get a list of people that would be interested.

b) New Scale Discussion

- Ag Fieldman stated that he didn't feel a new scale was necessary, as the current one isn't rented often.
- No cost was brought to ASB.
- Discussion over using a squeeze chute retrofitted as a scale. Concern over rental equipment misuse. Cost vs benefit.
- Ayla suggested a poll to see if it would be used, if it were in better shape. Prior to spending up to \$50,000 on a new unit.

Councillor Tony Bruder

26/033

Moved that the Ag Services Manager provide a price quote for load cells (load bars) for the current cattle scale/chute,

AND THAT this be presented at the ASB meeting in September.

Carried

- c) Strychnine Discussion – information not provided for administration to advertise/social media. Shane has spoken to most users and they are aware of rules.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Still tabled pending update to policies.

b) Foothill Creek Watershed User Group

- The process has been started to form a user group with the initial meeting set for July 28, 2026.
- Letters went out to landowners and water license holders within the watershed.
- Reminder will be posted online, social media and in the local paper.
- A suggestion was made to invite personnel from Government of Alberta, Environment and Protected Areas.
- The meeting is by invite only, and RSVP is required.
- A question was asked if Fish Lake was created for winter cattle watering; administration will look into this.
- ASB members were invited to attend the meeting – administration will add to calendars.

c) Policy Review

Tabled from Last Meeting – no discussion at this meeting:

- C-AES-002 Landowners to Assume Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways Adjacent to their Property
- C-AES-003 Weed Free Gravel/Aggregate
- C-AES-004 Weed Control
- C-AES-004B Eradicable Weed Control

- C-AES-005 Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act Appeal Committee
- C-AES-007 Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee
- C-AES-605 Livestock Industry
- C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges (Agriculture and Environmental Services Section)

Todd Vance

26/034

Moved that policy C-AES-004 Weed Control, be recommended to Council for review and approval.

Carried

Stuart Lewis

26/035

Moved that policy C-AES 006 Agricultural Pests, be recommended to Council for review and approval.

Carried

New policies were discussed, but they are still in draft form. They need to be finalized and presented at the September meeting.

- Soil Conservation
- Animal Health Assistance

F. 2026 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Jim Welsch

26/036

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for June 2026.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

AES has developed a formal template for notifying landowners of property inspections and required actions. They have begun inspecting properties and documenting findings to track each landowner's progress over time.

The first letters went out at the end of June. To maintain positive relationships with ratepayers, the first step in the weed notice process will be to send "notification of inspection" letters that promote voluntary compliance and outline next steps if the required actions are not taken.

Discussion took place regarding weeds observed in the Town of Pincher Creek. A suggestion was made to discuss this at a future Joint Council meeting.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Todd Vance

26/037

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Weed Wednesdays
 - AES has been posting a different regulated weed weekly to bring awareness to the community
- b) The Voice of Agritourism
 - April Newsletter
- c) Correspondence from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 - Response letter to ASB
- d) Do More Agriculture Foundation
 - May eNews
 - June eNews

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

a) Foothills Forage Association 2026 Budgeted Amount Discussion

The request letter was received by AES staff in January but was not forwarded to ASB.

Councillor Tony Bruder

26/038

Moved that ASB support a \$5000 contribution to the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association with the stipulation that \$2000 is for their core funding with up to an additional \$3000 for individual events, for the 2026 year.

Carried

b) Appointment of Weed Inspectors

Stuart Lewis

26/039

Moved that the following members of the Agricultural Environmental Services team be appointed as weed inspectors:

- Ayla Peacock
- Graham Milligan
- Jesson Luco
- Landon Sokoloski

- Mike Lwugi
- Eddie Lindsell
- Sarah McClelland

Carried

Todd Vance

26/040

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council the appointment of Ayla Peacock as an Agricultural Fieldman.

Carried

c) Fencing of Road Allowance

A discussion took place regarding the fencing of road allowances. Under the Line Fence Act, the person who has the animals is responsible for keeping them on their property. Anyone has the right to travel down the road allowance, as it is public land. Road allowance rentals are permitted under the MD Traffic Bylaw and were previously a License of Occupation.

d) App Creation

Possible creation of an app to take photos of a weed and share information and GPS location. There are apps available to the public for free for educational purposes. Staff will look into promoting the EddMapsPro.

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – September 2, 2026 at 1:30 pm

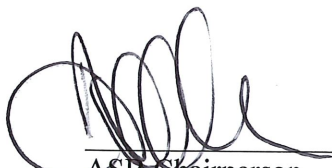
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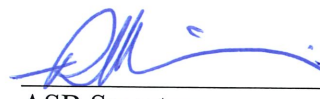
Councillor Tony Bruder

26/041

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:53 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson

ASB Secretary