

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
August 8, 2014**

Meeting Called To Order The Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman, S. Odegard at 10:12 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014.

Attendance Present were:

A. Saylor S. Dary, CAO
P. Gordeyko E. Kozak, Agricultural Fieldman
S. Odegard L. Maczala, Recording Secretary
E. Yakemchuk

Absent was:

A. Pidruchney

Agenda The Agenda for the August 8, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following listed addition being presented:

- Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)

P. GORDEYKO

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes The minutes of the July 3, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting having been presented to each Committee Member and each Member having declared to have received and read the minutes, Chairman, S. Odegard asked for adoption.

There being no errors or omission; it was moved by:

A. SAYLER

That the minutes of the July 3, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

E. Kozak presented Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Tank Loaders were placed on the table for discussion. There are continuing problems and a system upgrade may be required in the future (approximately \$5,500.00 per site). Willingdon may be upgraded in conjunction with the Village; Two Hills may be upgraded in conjunction with the Town. It was the consensus of the Committee that Administration send a request for a joint system upgrade to each the Village of Willingdon and the Town of Two Hills, and that the Agricultural Fieldman check with other local Counties regarding their tank loader systems and request upgrade quotes from Flowpoint Environmental Systems and any other suitable vendor.

Usage in 2014 is as follows – Willingdon, \$1,029.00; Two Hills, \$1,001.00; Myrnam, \$3,360.00 and Hairy Hill, \$23,488.00.

There being no correspondence, E. Kozak presented the following new business:

- Grass seeding (construction/paving) was discussed. A ratepayer has requested that the ditches on RR 140 be sprayed for weeds and re-seeded.

It was the consensus of the Committee that road side seeding be completed after road construction completion.

- Spraying has been completed except for Division 4. Once Division 4 is complete, corners and brush spraying will commence.
- Myrnam Seed Plant held a meeting on Thursday, August 7 regarding their business plan.
- Mowers started in the west end and are currently at the Two Hills Airport. A Committee Member suggested implementing a no mowing zone which would indicate the ditches to be left uncut. It was also suggested that mowing commence in the east end of the County next year and alternate every year thereafter.
- Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) was discussed. E. Kozak indicated that there are 28 people benefitting from the program in the County of Vermilion River. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Agricultural Fieldman arrange for a presentation to be made by Alternative Land Use Services to the Committee in October or November of this year.
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) affecting the livestock industry was discussed. It is suspected that the source of chronic wasting disease is from deer and elk excrement in grain screenings that are being used for feed. There is indication that screenings used as feed could be banned in the future.

Other business:

E. Kozak informed the Committee that the ASB Audit (Alberta Agriculture) is on August 14, 2014. Once final arrangements have been confirmed regarding the exact time, all Committee Members will be contacted.

E. Kozak informed the Committee of the results of the Lygus bug sweeps in the County of Two Hills and surrounding Counties. Some areas are recording high numbers, Vegreville north is a problem area, the more canola in an area the more likely higher numbers will occur. An ad will run in next weeks' paper regarding Lygus bugs, local retailers have already been contacted regarding stocking of the required herbicide.

Adjournment

The Committee having dealt with all items contained on the agenda; it was moved by:

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting be adjourned – time 11:16 a.m.

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN

CAO