

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

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