

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
May 10, 2019
Flatbush Sub Office Building, Flatbush AB

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Melzer (Chair)	Flatbush (Council)
Robert Esau	Flatbush (Council)
Jessica Mittelstadt	Flatbush
Orin Sand	Hondo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Damond Stadnyk (Vice-Chair)	Flatbush
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IN ATTENDANCE

Barry Kolenosky	Agricultural Fieldman, MDLSR
Chantelle White	Recording Secretary, MDLSR

CALL TO ORDER

S. Melzer called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

38-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to adopt the agenda as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT MINUTES

39-19

O. Sand moved the minutes of the April 11, 2019, Agricultural Service Board meeting, be adopted as presented corrected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN – Barry Kolenosky

Highlights:

- Spring "Rural Roots" newsletter, tentative distribution date the week of May 13/19 sent out with 2018 "Milestones"
- Continue to provide info for Website posting for agricultural content.
- Continuing to work on ASB policy review.
- Working on summer department work plan, Agricultural and Landscape (Landscape Facility Planner and Tracker)
- Continue to work on Summer staff recruitment and training schedule
- Working on Extension program planning.
- Raising Chickens Workshop 2 sessions held Saturday May 4, 19
- Living On Waters Edge workshop planning June 4/19
Widewater complex. Continue to work on proposed 2019 landscaping / beautification projects.
- Continue to work on "Firesmart Grazing" project
- Starting to work on Summer "Rural Roots" edition content
- Initial contact for animal Nutritionist Workshop
- Initial start of Weed inspector and one summer landscape crew member
- Contacted County Athabasca regarding Bale Spike sling scale – approximate cost to purchase is \$900.00
- Roadside Herbicide Exemption Notification prepared and will be advertised in paper and Website starting in May, Deadline for applications are June 4th/19 (Copy attached)
- Planning and staff initial draft of MD weed species alert brochure - FAQ Alberta Weed Act

It was requested that Administration create an information packet on Black Knot in shrubs and trees and listing the species that are susceptible.

40-19

R. Esau moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldman's report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

BMO Farm Family Award Nomination 2019

The Clarence Prins and Debbie Parsons farm have declined the offer to be nominated on behalf of MDLSR for the 2019 Farm Family award.

41-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to forgo nomination for the Farm Family Award this year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Backyard to Barnyard Chicken Workshops Outcomes

Both Backyard to Barnyard Chicken workshops were reasonably well attended: Widewater 10, Flatbush 15. Both new and experienced chicken owners attended.

42-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the outcome of the Chicken Workshops as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Control Program 2018

Various particulars of the weed control program were discussed with the presentation of the summary of the 2018 infestations.

43-19

R. Esau moved to accept the discussion of the summary of the 2018 weed control program as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Weed Inspection and Control Policy J.2

The Board reviewed the final draft of Policy J.2.

44-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the final draft of the Weed Inspection and Control Policy J.2 and to submit it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Control Partnership Program J. 15

The Board reviewed the final draft of Policy J.15.

45-19

R Esau moved to accept the final draft of the Weed Control partnership Program J.15 and to submit it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Alberta Beef Producers:

Nominations for the 2020 Environmental Stewardship Award

The Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is seeking nominations for the 2010 Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA). The ESA recognizes cattle producers whose natural resource stewardship practices contribute to improving the environment and enhancing productivity and profitability. Deadline for Nominations is July 15, 2019.

46-19

R. Esau moved to accept the ABP nominations details for the 2020 Environmental Stewardship Award as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Woodlot Workshop at Flatbush – June 17, Alberta Woodlot Extension Society Partnership

Administration was approached to partner with AWES to host a workshop at the to discuss woodlot management practices and opportunities. The format would be a classroom setting in the morning, lunch and then a hands-on field demonstration in the afternoon.

The Ag Fieldman would have the opportunity to make short presentations on our Weed Control Partnership programs and the Firesmart Grazing Pilot Project.

47-19

J. Mittelstadt moved that the ASB partner with AWES to host a Woodlot Workshop on June 17 at Flatbush Complex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

48-19

O. Sand moved that the ASB fund the lunch for the AWES workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Living by Waters Edge Workshop – June 5/19

Administration has been working in cooperation with the Lesser Slave Watershed Council for a workshop at Widewater Complex on June 5/19. The benefit of jointly hosting this workshop is that area residents will have another source of information and contact that will support a healthy balanced ecosystem and provide ideas and tips for reducing the environmental footprint of acreage and lake from properties. It would also provide a network for the provision of materials for weed and development control extension.

The ASB receives a component of environmental funding with our annual grant. One of our 2018 ASB review recommendations was that we utilize the funding for extension workshops of this nature.

49-19

R. Esau moved Administration proceed with the partnership with the Lesser Slave Watershed Council for hosting the “Living by Waters Edge” Workshop on June 5/19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASB-MD Problem Area Tour and Athabasca Regional Landfill Tour

A discussion of problem weed area to consider in the MD resulted in the proposal of a tour of for the ASB members and Administration. The inclusion of a visit to the Athabasca Regional Landfill would fill up the afternoon.

50-19

R. Esau moved the format for July 11/19 ASB meeting would be having the meeting in Smith Complex meeting room beginning at 9:00 AM and begin the tour from there following lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rural Roots Farmers Market May 17 at Fawcett

Rural Roots Farmers Market June 14 at Flatbush

ASB members were encouraged to take in the markets. Administration will be assisting with advertising for the June 14 market to be held at Flatbush Complex.

51-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the upcoming dates for the areas new Farmers Market as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Meeting May 22 at Smith

The two ASB policies that were accepted by the Board today will be presented to Council for approval at the May 22nd Council meeting. Administration will also be presenting the 2018 ASB final report to Council that evening.

52-19

O. Sand moved to accept the items on the May 22 Council meeting as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
/INFORMATION**

2019 ASB Business Plan

Administration presented the updates to the 2019 ASB Business Plan and asked the board for additional input.

53-19

R. Esau moved to accept the updated ASB Business Plan as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ASB Grant Program Review Update

54-19

O. Sand moved to accept the response sent from the ASB Review Steering Committee as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VSI First quarter Summary

55-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the VSI First Quarter Summary as information.

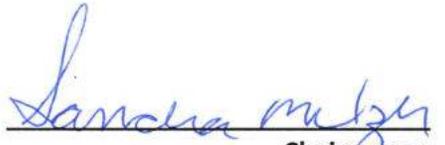
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

Date: June 13, 2019, 10:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

S. Melzer adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.



Chairperson



Agricultural Fieldman