

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
June 13, 2019
Flatbush Sub Office Building, Flatbush AB

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Melzer (Chair)	Flatbush (Council)
Damond Stadnyk (Vice-Chair)	Flatbush
Robert Esau	Flatbush (Council)
Jessica Mittelstadt	Flatbush
Orin Sand	Hondo

IN ATTENDANCE

Barry Kolenosky	Agricultural Fieldman, MDLSR
Peggy Laing	Recording Secretary, MDLSR

CALL TO ORDER

S. Melzer called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

56-19

O. Sand moved to adopt the agenda with the following addition:

Weed Presentation

6.2 Rural Roots Newsletters

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

Chantelle White – MDLSR Agriculture Technician

C. White provided a detailed overview of the Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds she will be focusing on in presentations to industry and ratepayers.

57-19

R. Esau moved to accept C. White's presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Mike Hittinger-Key Contact from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Highlights:

- Provided a handout of the key programs and services by AAF
- Defined some of the CAP parameters
- Will supply some information on CARA regarding soil management/soil health as the Board would like to tour a lab to determine how testing is done
- The board asked about a livestock nutrition workshop and suggested to check with Westlock Vet to see if they are planning one
- Brainstormed some names for "home economist" for possible fall canning workshop

58-19

D. Stadnyk moved to accept M. Hittinger's presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT MINUTES

59-19

J. Mittelstadt moved the minutes of the May 10, 2019, Agricultural Service Board meeting, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN – Barry Kolenosky

Highlights:

- Summer staff training completed, and landscape summer program underway
- Staff attended weed inspection training
- Training on new Ag. Mobile program, Initial weed inspection program startup
- Weed Control Partnership Program prep with start week of June 17th
- Presentation to council, 2018 program yearend review
- Continue to provide info for Website posting for agricultural content, recently-. Black knot
- Continuing to work on ASB policy reviews. Policies J.2, J.15, J.18 approved by Council
- Final stages Summer edition "Rural Roots" with "Weeds of Distinction" Multi-purpose leaflet content
- Research Livestock Evacuation content lists, will continue research next winter

- working on Extension program planning, power point, info, etc.
- Continue to work on proposed 2019 landscaping beautification projects
- Continue to work on "FireSmart Grazing" project

60-19

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Roots Newsletters

The Board requested a report from Administration regarding the time required to produce the four Rural Roots Newsletters that were planned. The Board's concern for Administration is that this may be too taxing on staff time.

Administration has decided to scale back the annual publications to two full newsletters and one specific topic version. The summer version will only consist of a few topics and a Weeds of Distinction pullout.

61-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the amended schedule of Rural Roots Newsletters as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Agricultural Services Administration Policy J.1

The Board reviewed the final draft of Policy J.1.

62-19

R. Esau moved to accept the final draft of the Agricultural Services Administration Policy J.1, and to submit it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clubroot of Canola Control Policy J.13

The Board reviewed the final draft of Policy J.13.

63-19

O. Sand moved to accept the final draft of the Clubroot of Canola Control Policy J.13, and to submit it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Veterinary Services Incorporated Policy J.6

The Board reviewed a draft of Policy J.6. amended from last review to include the following change:

from 1.7 safe and effective antibiotic use in livestock
to 1.7 Health Canada regulations on Responsible use of Medically
Important Antimicrobials in Animals

64-19

O. Sand moved to accept the amended draft of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Policy J.6, and to submit it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

ASB Promotion and Requests for Funding

From time to time the ASB receives requests for funding from community organizations. The ASB Business Plan supports the provision of funding as a way of partnering with local groups to promote awareness of the ASB.

65-19

J. Mittelstadt moved to provide the Flatbush Community Association with \$200 toward children's activities at the Flatbush Festival on June 15, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

66-19

D. Stadnyk moved to provide SHARA with \$200 toward prize money for the poultry and bench show at the Smith Fall Fair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Highway 44 Rural Roots Farmers Market June 14 at Flatbush
Administration and the Weed Inspectors will be a vendor at the Farmer's Market.

Flatbush Festival Pancake Breakfast June 15, 2019
The ASB is a partner in the Flatbush Festival Free Pancake Breakfast so any Board members available would be a welcome help.

Woodlot Management Workshop June 17, 2019 Flatbush
The Woodlot Management Workshop is being postponed to late fall 2019.

Living on Waters Edge Workshop – July 24, 2019 Widewater
The Living on Waters Edge Workshop is being postponed until Spring 2020.

67-19
R. Esau moved to accept the all the Upcoming Events 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.

68-19
D. Stadnyk moved to accept the updated ASB Business Plan as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASB Grant Program Review Engagement – “Stand Outs”

69-19
O. Sand moved to accept the ASB Grant Program Review Engagement” Stand-Outs” as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Livestock Welfare Engagement Meeting

S. Melzer attended the Livestock Welfare Engagement meeting hosted by Alberta Farm Animal Care. The ASB is a member of that organization.

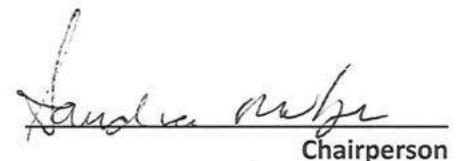
70-19
J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the details of the Livestock Welfare Engagement meeting as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

**July 11, 2019 9:00 AM Smith Complex Meeting Room
Followed by Lunch, MD Road Tour and Athabasca Regional Landfill**

ADJOURNMENT

S. Melzer adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.


Chairperson


Agricultural Fieldman