

# MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124  
February 13, 2020  
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

## MEMBERS ABSENT

## IN ATTENDANCE

Barry Kolenosky	Director of Rural Services, MDLSR
Russ Jassman	Director of Rural Services, MDLSR
Peggy Laing	Recording Secretary, MDLSR

## CALL TO ORDER

S. Melzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

## ADOPT MINUTES

### 14-20

O. Sand moved the minutes of the January 9, 2020, Agricultural Service Board meeting, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADOPT AGENDA

### 15-20

J. Mittelstadt moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## REPORTS

### ADMINISTRATION:

#### **WELCOME BACK RUSS JASSMAN!**

R. Jassman and B. Kolenosky defined the roles that each of them will be fulfilling in the organization as Directors of Rural Services.

#### **Barry Kolenosky**

##### Highlights:

##### ASB Provincial Conference

- The ASB Provincial Conference speakers varied in value. Speakers were from a variety of background and ages. Innovative topics were well received.
- The facility was not a great choice for the conference due to location and amenities and cost.
- All were disappointed that there was no Ministers Forum.
- The good news message was delivered by D. Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, of the ASB's being guaranteed 5 years of grant funding rather than the current 3; there is no dollar amount announced for those 5 years yet.

##### Attended AAAF Regional Meeting

- Chantelle Borris went for exposure to the organization
- Discussion on proposed changes to how ag lands will be taxed by municipalities
- Strategies to approach Alberta Transportation to deal with weed control
- 2020 ASB Provincial Conference will be held in Edmonton at the River Cree
- Will attend the AFAC conference in future

### 16-20

R. Esau moved to accept the Rural Services Directors reports as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2020 ASB Provincial Conference Resolution Results

The ASB members and administration that attended the recent ASB Conference provided feedback on the results and additional information from the resolutions

and emergent resolutions voted upon.

**17-20**

D. Stadnyk moved to accept the results of the 2020 ASB Provincial Resolutions as information.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ASB 75 Years Video**

Board members viewed a video that was made to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alberta ASB's.

Administration suggested that we display a record of our ASB members from the 1983 formation to the present. A suggestion to feature the history of our ASB at the 2020 Fall Social will be explored.

**18-20**

R. Esau moved to accept the ASB 75<sup>th</sup> Year Video as information.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**TLAER Awareness Training Workshop**

The MD and ASB role during the delivery of this workshop was well received.

**19-20**

D. Stadnyk moved to accept the information of the TLAER Awareness training and that the ASB will provide a reception on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2020 NW Regional ASB Conference Date Change**

There are several ASB Regional Conferences held across the province each fall, that require the attendance of the ASB Program Manager, Doug Macaulay. His office has confirmed that Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for the MDLSR to host the northwest region.

We will send out a "Save the Date" notification and work on the details in coming months.

**20-20**

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the date of October 29, 2020, for the NW Regional ASB Conference at Flatbush Community Complex.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Farm Safety Center Request for Funding and CAP Program**

One of the ASB Business Plan Goal Strategies to promote agriculture, is to provide agriculture information in schools. Two actions toward this are: providing funding for programming and delivering the Classroom Agriculture Program in schools.

Annually the Farm Safety Center sends us a request for funding to deliver the Farm Safety Smarts Program in schools. In recent years the Board has chosen to provide funding that allows all Smith School students to receive this programming.

C. Borris is developing a Classroom Agriculture Program for area schools who request the program. Her 2020 presentation will focus on "where does food come from". She will facilitate at as many schools as time allows, with a priority for Smith School.

**21-20**

D. Stadnyk moved the ASB contribute \$210 for the Farm Safety Center program delivery at Smith School and to support the facilitation of the Classroom Agriculture Program.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**CORRESPONDENCE  
/INFORMATION**

**Rural Roots Coloring Submissions**

Board members viewed the coloring pages submitted by local children from the Winter Rural Roots newsletter that also encouraged them to provide a Farm Safety message with their page. Each participant received a Rural Roots MD branded toque.

**22-20**

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the results of the Rural Roots Coloring pages as information.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2019 ASB Business Plan**

Administration presented the updates to the 2020 ASB Business Plan and asked the Board for additional input.

**23-20**

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the updated ASB Business Plan as information.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Ag Plastics Recycling Update**

Administration reported that the Ag plastics Recycling program partnership is not moving along as expected. The issue is the lack of convenient places for all area producers to drop off recyclables coupled with the standard of cleanliness of the plastics. Barrhead currently has the recycling bags for the program and Administration will inquire if we can get some for our area.

**24-20**

R. Esau moved to accept the update on the Ag Plastics recycling as information.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Farm Women's Conference Feb 6 - Advertised for Athabasca County**

**Verified Beef Workshop Feb 13 – Advertised for Athabasca County**

**Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) – Efficient Grain Dryer Program**

This program is not for buying new grain dryers but intended to assist producers in upgrading components of their grain drying equipment/operations to reduce the overall energy use. A requirement of the application is to have completed an Environmental Farm Plan. Board members stated that doing the EFP is the key to all CAP programs and without it, beneficial financial opportunities can be missed.

**25-20**

D. Stadnyk moved to have Administration request M. Hittenger, Stewardship Extension Specialist, for our area, attend a future ASB meeting to provide an update on CAP and to discuss the viability of offering an EFP workshop in our MD.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**NEXT MEETING**

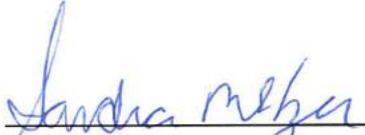
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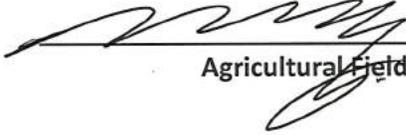
**ADJOURNMENT**

**26-20**

S. Melzer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

  
Chairperson

  
Agricultural Fieldman