

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
May 14, 2020 9⁰⁰a.m.
Zoom Video Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

S. Melzer called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

52-20

J. Mittelstadt moved to adopt the agenda with the following addition:

- 5.2 Report Barry Kolenosky
- 7.2 CN Vegetation Management Notification

ADOPT MINUTES

53-20

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES/AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN – Russ Jassman

Highlights:

- Chantelle Borris and Tara Kozdroski have started as Weed Inspectors and Pest Inspectors in seasonal positions
- B. Kolenosky appointed as above for back up purposes
- Tara will be working with Barry for at the Landfill for a short duration first
- Chantelle picked up right where she left off with several projects, she is a definite asset
- 2020-24 ASB Provincial Grant application has been submitted
- The partnership with Big Lakes County and Lesser Slave Watershed Council progressed as planned
- Accurate Vegetation Ltd. has been awarded the contract for the roadside herbicide application program for 2020, 2021 and a possibility of 1-year extension
- Tim Wright has retired and will be missed for his sense of humor, knowledge of most anything, pleasant disposition, and willingness to lend a hand in any situation. An event to mark his service to the MD from 2011 to 2020 will be held at a future date

54-20

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the Director of Rural Services/Agricultural Fieldman's report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES– Barry Kolenosky

Administration provided an update on how recycling is going to be managed at all the MD Transfer Stations going forward indefinitely. New regulation requires recycling coming into the transfer stations be bagged in clear or blue bags. No Loose

containers are acceptable and new regulations state that staff will not be assisting with any unloads.

There are plans for a Household Roundup that will address the problem of currently no options for depositing of pharmaceuticals at transfer stations.

Responding to a concern of bins at transfer stations not being replaced in a timely manner, Administration confirmed there is an increase in volume at all landfill sites. The issue of untimely service by the bin contractor is being investigated for better efficiencies.

55-20

R. Esau moved to accept the Director of Rural Services report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Kolenosky left the meeting at 9:30 AM

***UNFINISHED
BUSINESS***

ASB Business Plan Update

Completed Activities

- C. Borris and T. Kozdrocki appointed as Seasonal Weed Inspectors and Pest Inspectors along with B. Kolenosky as backup
- 3 people hired to date for the Landscape Crew
- Rural Services Supervisor has been hired – Russell Wilson
- 2020-2024 ASB Legislative Stream Grant application has been submitted
- 2020-2024 ASB Resource Stream Grant application has been submitted by Big Lake County, with MDLSR as a listed partner

Upcoming Activities

- Integration/training of Seasonal Staff
- Spring/Summer Rural Roots – article research – mail out date of late May
- Updating of remaining ASB policies for Board acceptance and Council approval
- Submissions for website updates – ongoing
- Rural Roots Farmers Market Manager will be invited to an ASB meeting when markets are set to resume, 2020 markets have not been confirmed
- Roadside herbicide application program (Slave Lake area) set to begin mid-July

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

Guidelines have been formulated by AHS for Farmers Markets to follow if opening. We will contact the Hiway 44 Rural Roots Farmers Market Manager, to see what their 2020 plans are.

56-20

D. Stadnyk moved to accept the updated ASB Business Plan as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 – 2024 ASB Grant Application

Administration provided the final copy of both streams of the 2020 -2024 ASB Grant applications for information. They have been submitted and we should have response later in May regarding our programs. Big Lake County applied for the Resource Management Funding Stream on our behalf. We are a partner along with LSWC.

57-20

J. Mittelstadt moved to accept the 2020 – 2024 ASB Grant applications as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Weed Control Partnership Program

Administration wishes to amend Policy J.15 that is the guiding document for the Weed Control Partnership Program. All Board Members agreed that it is imperative that any amendments will continue to ensure the ability to maintain the program

objective of encouraging and supporting landowners with weed control. It is also important that the MD ensures the integrity of the procedures allowed within the policy itself.

58-20

R. Esau moved that administration continue seeking amendment strategies and return Policy J.15 to the next ASB agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN Letter Regarding Vegetation Management

A form letter was received from CN outlining their intent to carry out vegetation management in the coming months. Although this is a form letter, there is an identified CN contact person within the letter. In the past it has been difficult and time consuming trying to obtain a contact individual to address any CN Rail issues.

59-20

R. Esau moved to accept the CN Letter regarding vegetation management as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

60-20

D. Stadnyk moved to have administration write a letter to CN thanking them for their information and asking for more specifics of what they will be doing for vegetation management in MDLSR.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

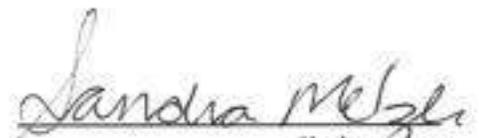
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ADJOURNMENT

61-20

S. Melzer adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Chairperson


Agricultural Fieldman