

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
March 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Video Meeting

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Damond Stadnyk (Chair)	Flatbush
Jessica Mittelstadt (Vice-Chair)	Flatbush
Robert Esau	Flatbush (Council)
Sandra Melzer	Flatbush (Council)
Darren Fulmore	Smith

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

D. Stadnyk called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion 14-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion 15-21

Moved by R. Esau to adopt the January 14, 2021, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Service Board as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

**ADMINISTRATION: DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES/AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN -
Russ Jassman**

Highlights:

- Basic Emergency Management and Incident Command System 100 complete
- Working on 2021 budget
- procurement of Weed Inspectors is ongoing

Administration confirmed that with the trend of provincial cutbacks in the Ag and Forestry sector the ASB Provincial Grant is reduced for the current segment for four years.

Motion 16-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the Director of Rural Services/Agricultural Fieldman's report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

2021 ASB Business Plan Update

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

Motion 17-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to accept the updated ASB Business Plan as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference

The Northwest Region of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman will be the organizers for the 2022 Provincial ASB Conference, including R. Jassman. Costs associated with attending these conferences are being reconsidered. There is a possibility of a hybrid approach of each municipality only sending a set number of people and the remainder of folks could attend virtually.

Motion 18-21

Moved by J. Mittelstadt to accept the 2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Pesticide Storage Facility Audit

Our current pesticide storage facility does not meet the Agrichemical Warehouse Standards Association to receive a vendor's certificate. The recent audit of the facility indicated the list of changes and deficiencies identified were manageable for a transition. Factoring in the human and financial constraint of the municipality and

the limited number of agricultural users who may benefit, indicates the pesticide storage facility should remain as an end-user facility only.

Motion 19-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the Pesticide Storage Facility Audit as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Services Administration Policy J.1

Motion 20-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to accept amendments to the Agricultural Services Administration Policy J.1 and for Administration to present it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Weed Control Partnership Program Policy J.15

Motion 21-21

Moved by J. Mittelstadt to accept the amendments to the Weed Control Partnership Program Policy J.15 and for Administration to present it to Council for consideration of approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Acts Appeal Panel J.18

Currently, the Agricultural Acts Appeal Panel has not attracted the full number of Board members to be effective in the event of an appeal. The consideration of adding agricultural appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) is due to that Board having the required number of committed members who are trained to hear and determine appeals within a very short timeline.

Motion 22-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to have Administration move forward exploring the option of the SDAB assuming the obligations of hearing agricultural appeals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farm Safety Center Request for Funding

Motion 23-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to provide the Farm Safety Centre \$210 in funding to cover the programming costs for the students in the Smith School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Invasive Species Council Request for Funding

The wave of future is a shift of responsibilities from the province to municipalities for funding for non-profits.

Board members felt that any contributions to other organizations should be prioritized to organizations that have a local component.

Motion 24-21

Moved by R. Esau to accept the Alberta Invasive Species Council letter as information and respectfully decline the request for funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farm Succession Planning Workshop

Motion 25-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the Farm Succession Planning Workshop as information and request Administration explore options for a presenter and format for delivery of a workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lesser Slave Watershed Council

Motion 26-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to accept the Lesser Slave Watershed Council as information until more specifics are available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

April 8, 2021 10:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 27-21

Moved by J. Mittelstadt to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Chairperson



Agricultural Fieldman