

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
June 10, 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
Cole Paly	Weed/Pest Technician
Brayden Deslisle	Weed/Pest Technician

CALL TO ORDER

D. Stadnyk called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

Add 6.3 Roadside Vegetation Control on the Last 10 Feet

Motion 28-21

Moved by R. Esau to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion 29-21

Moved by J. Mittelstadt to adopt the March 11, 2021, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Service Board as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

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

Introduced Cole Paly and Brayden Delisle – 2021 Weed/Pest Technicians

Highlights:

- 2 Weed inspectors hired and appointed by Council
- Both have obtained Authorized Assistant Pesticide Applicator Certificates
- All rental equipment serviced
- Weed Control Partnership Program, approved by Council, has been advertised
- Roadside Vegetation Management Program has been advertised
- Flatbush area will be the region for roadside spraying
- Contract roadside vegetation applicator 3rd (final) year of contract

Motion 30-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

ASB Business Plan Update

Administration presented the updates to the 2021 ASB Business Plan and asked the board for additional input.

Motion 31-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Acts Appeal Panel Policy J.18

Although consideration had been given to make some changes to the way the municipality manages the process of Agriculture Acts appeals, it has been decided to

remain status quo, this year and seek at least one more individual to complete the panel for 2021. The other options will still be explored if required.

Motion 32-21

Moved by J. Mittelstadt to accept the Agricultural Acts Appeal Panel Policy management process decision as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Services Administration Policy J.1

Administration reviewed the parameters in the policy particularly regarding meeting scheduling, cancelling, changing or postponing.

Motion 33-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the review of the Agricultural Administration Policy J.1 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attendance at Online Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

Administration agrees that the online platform for attending conferences is working well for the ASB members. Conferences that were hosted online in short segments delivered over several days has had an implication on the budget.

Motion 34-21

Moved by R. Esau to accept the discussion of attendance at online conferences/workshops and seminars as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Roadside Vegetation Control on the Last 10 Feet (up to the landowners fenceline)

There was discussion surrounding the lack of roadside vegetation control where the normal spray band width ends and the space up to the landowners fenceline. This results in some areas because not all road allowances are the same width. Weeds and brush in the gap creep/blow inside the landowners fenceline. The effective method is to apply control product from the fenceline out, to eliminate drift inside the fenceline. Acceptable control products would have to be ensured.

Motion 35-21

Moved by R. Esau to return this topic to the next ASB meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
/INFORMATION**

Invitation: June 15, 2021 Town Hall Meeting with Provincial Minister of Agriculture
D. Stadnyk will attend

Board Members Reports: Alberta Farm Animal Care Conference

Motion 36-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the correspondence and information as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

July 15, 2021, 10:00 AM Zoom and In Person

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 37-21

Moved by D. Stadnyk to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Chairperson


Agricultural Fieldman