

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Meeting
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124
September 9, 2021 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Video Meeting

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Damond Stadnyk (Chair)	Flatbush
Robert Esau	Flatbush (Council)
Sandra Melzer	Flatbush (Council)
Darren Fulmore	Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jessica Mittelstadt (Vice-Chair)	Flatbush
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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 8:03 AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion 058 -21
Moved by D. Fulmore to accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion 059-21
Moved by S. Melzer to accept the August 12, 2021, meeting minutes of the Agricultural Service Board as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS

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

Highlights:

- Ag Disaster Declaration process
- Farm and Acreage Watershed Workshop well attended
- BMO Farm Family Application

Motion 060-21

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

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

ASB Business Plan Update

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

Motion 061 -21

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

CARRIED

Declaration of Municipal Agricultural Disaster Update

As directed at the previous ASB meeting, Administration prepared a Request for Direction for Council Committee of the Whole to a Declaration of Municipal Agricultural Disaster for Council Consideration at the September 8, 2021, council meeting.

A decision at the September 8, 2021, Council meeting was to Declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster due to drought.

Motion 062-21

Moved by S. Melzer to accept the Declaration of Municipal Agricultural Disaster Report as information.

CARRIED

BMO Farm Family Award

Administration identified that the ASB had the opportunity to submit a 2021 BMO Farm Family Award nomination. A family was recommended, and due to the deadline being August 27, 2021, prior to this meeting, an email pole of ASB members resulted in a majority "in favor" decision, so the application was submitted. Results are pending, but if successful we can do a press release; this is a good news story.

Motion 063-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to accept the BMO Farm Family Award Nomination as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agroclimate Impact Reporting (AIR)

The Board reviewed a forwarded letter addressed to Reeve Kerik from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada regarding the lack of volunteers in the our region for the agroclimate monthly reporting survey.

The objective of the survey data is to help guide the provincial governments with regional weather and climate conditions. The fact that our municipality has a lack of reporting, may be the reason that we are not on the tax deferral list yet.

Although reporting for the 2021 crop year is ending, Administration provided some options to increase reporting for our municipality in future years.

Motion 064-21

Moved by D. Fulmore to accept the Agroclimate Impact Reporting (AIR) Correspondence as information.

CARRIED

AgriRecovery Program

The provincial government AgriRecovery program announced will provide \$94 per livestock feed and the federal and provincial government are co-providing \$106 later in the year. Applicants will need an AFSC Connect account to apply; the application is available online at this time.

Motion 065-21

Moved by R. Esau to accept the AgriRecovery Program as information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

October 14, 2021, Time TBA Format TBA

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 066-21

Moved by D. Stadnyk to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

CARRIED


Chairperson


Agricultural Fieldman