

**MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 COMMENCING AT 10:07 A.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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**PRESENT:**

Board Members    Larry Clarke  
                          Ernie Gendre  
                          Dave Grover  
                          Paul McKay (Vice Chairperson) (joined at 11:17 a.m.)  
                          James Nibourg  
                          Justin Stevens  
                          Les Stulberg (Chairperson)

Other                    Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services  
                          Yvette Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer  
                          Jarrett Kushner, Manager of Information Systems  
                          Kelly Jackson, Alberta Forestry and Rural Economic Development and  
                          Agricultural Service Board Key Contact  
                          Marlene Hanson, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 by Chairperson Les Stulberg.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**01.02.23.22**

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the February 23, 2022 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved with the following additions:

1. G3 Tour
2. Talk, Ask, Listen Seminar
3. Gravel Pit Reclamation.”

Carried Unanimously

Introductions were completed.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**02.02.23.22**

**Moved by Justin Stevens**

“that the December 9, 2021 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.”      Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

None

**REPORTS**

Agricultural Services Board Administration Report:

Administration presented their report. Noting that there may be some (58 cases) strychnine left over after sales close as it is becoming a prohibited item. The number of cases being 2 allowed for each buyer was questioned. It was noted that it has been advertised in various locations (papers and social media). Some other Municipalities have identified an interest in purchasing for their ratepayers. Cases that remain after closing date, can be used on County land that is zoned Agricultural. Council Members will put the word out, in their communities, that strychnine is available and that Administration will be allowed to sell more than 2 cases per individual.

03.02.23.22

**Moved by Dave Grover**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Administration Report for the February 23, 2022 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Fenceline Spray Program:

The County has equipment for all types of spraying. Quoted price of \$5,678 provides a pod (tank and wiring harness for controls in the truck).

Discussion:

- Felt that previous discussion was that this piece of equipment was to go on a truck with a \$3,000 cap in order to spray over the fence line when roadside spraying is being done.
  - Quinton Beaumont explained that the cost previously presented was only a quote from budget, inflation and shipping have drove most costs up.
- Only one truck will be equipped this year, as one truck will be up for replacement next year, therefore, the addition could be considered at that time.

04.02.23.22

**Moved by Dave Grover**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board approve the purchase of a pod (tank and wiring harness for controls in the truck) at the quoted price of \$5,678 from Stone Blue Enterprises, Calgary, Alberta and to have the pod installed prior to summer.” Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

ASB Orientation (Kellie Jackson AARFD):

Quinton Beaumont introduced Kellie Jackson with Alberta Forestry and Rural Economic Development, being our Agricultural Service Board Key Contact, who is attending in regard ASB Member Orientation.

Kellie Jackson made a presentation noting that the purpose of this delegation is to identify why ASB exists, what ASB deals with, ASB’s roll and what the Fieldsman does, entails and the grant supports.

- ASB Board is an advisory board, made up of various members, formed under the *Municipal Government Act* becoming a Council committee delegated to look after agricultural concerns of the municipality.
- ASB’s roll: Works under Legislative Acts that enable the board with guidelines/regulations and for the authority to enforce – *Agricultural Service Board Act/Agricultural Pest Act/Weed Control Act/Soil Conservation Act/Animal Health Act* along with other Legislation.

Paul McKay joined the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

- Legislative duties of ASB’s – advisory to Council and the Minister (through the Provincial Committee) with agricultural decisions; provide direction for weed and soil protection programs; policy development – input into policies that support the programs and the legislation; must have Appeal Committees as per the Acts (Board can act as an appeal board for the *Soil Conservation Act*); Advisory Committees – can appoint these committees to advise/report back to the ASB Committee; Motion of Council is required to appoint ASB Members and the Agricultural Fieldsman, etc.
- Other items is the programing – issues that are the most important; Strategic Planning – can be for Ag as a whole or provide by a Municipal plan; Annually a report is to be presented to Council
- Fieldsman roll: Full time, qualified, to fill responsibilities and the manager of all the ag resources in the Municipality; through appointment is a

designated officer of the Act and an inspector; Animal Health Act – Authorized person; lots of details to comply with all for requirements and for the communication roll/liasing which is critical.

- *ASB Act* allows the take over land, when necessary to deal with chronic weed issues. (Quinton Beaumont noted that the County deals with the situation and if there is any profit left over, it belongs to the farmer – noting this is not a first choice option to use)
- Provincial Committee Role: to provide advice and recommendations (a way to discuss and determine if it should be taken to the Minister); review and approval of resolutions – has reps and alternates from each Municipality Program; administration of grant, legislative role, liaison and part of education extension
- Grant supports: Legislative funding, Resource Management and the Rat Program (along Saskatchewan border) – can be used for support of the program (salary, program and vehicle, etc.); approved upon submitting an application (a 5-year approval), funds are dispersed; covers items related to the legislation. A yearly Annual Report is compulsory which may receive required recommendations. Approximately once every 5 years a Field Visit (seeing the program in action showing the value of the program) occurs.

Chairperson Stulberg thanked Kellie Jackson for her informative presentation and for attending in person.

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with Kellie Jackson and Dave Grover not joining

#### G3 Tour:

Les Stulberg noted that he was approached to have the G3 Tour item placed on the agenda to see if the Committee would be interested in touring the facility.

**05.02.23.22**

#### **Moved by James Nibourg**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board instruct Administration to investigate the possibility of taking a G3 Tour.”

Carried Unanimously

#### Talk Ask Listen Seminar:

Les Stulberg announced that the Stettler and District Family and Community Support Services have scheduled a free Mental Health Workshop “*Talk Ask Listen*” geared toward the Ag industry for February 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Jewel Theatre with lunch sponsored by G3. Registration closes today at 5:00 p.m.

#### Gravel Pit Reclamation:

Larry Clarke noted that reclamation certificates are required prior to the closure of gravel pits and is wondering how to push for this, asking if this should be taken further, possibly as a resolution. It was noted that it could be brought forward from the ASB Board and again from RMA. Quinton Beaumont identified that this has been taken to Council and that a resolution is being considered. Quinton Beaumont suggested that as the County is meeting with a different Minister, it may be beneficial to bring this item up with that Minister. Ernie Gendre suggested to prepare information to discuss at the Bear Pit Session (Larry Clarke will discuss with Niki Thorsteinsson re: preparing information.)

06.02.23.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board instruct Administration to present gravel pit reclamation certificate inspections information to the March 23, 2022 Agricultural Service Board Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**FINANCE**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

**COMMUNITY/MEETING/CONFERENCE REPORTS:**

It was noted to notify Quinton Beaumont should there be anything from the report, that ASB should follow-up on.

07.02.23.22

**Moved by James Nibourg**

“that the following Community/Meeting/Conference Reports presented for the February 23, 2022 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be received for information:

- Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference January 25-27, 2022 (Les Stulberg).”

Carried Unanimously

**NEXT MEETING**

The next County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS**

None

**IN CAMERA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

08.02.23.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting adjourn at 1:02 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

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Chairperson

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Manager of Agricultural Operations