

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT:

Board Members Larry Clarke
 Ernie Gendre
 Dave Grover
 Paul McKay (Vice Chairperson)
 James Nibourg
 Justin Stevens
 Les Stulberg (Chairperson)

Other Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services
 Yvette Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer
 Rick Green, Director of Operations
 Jarrett Kushner, Manager of Information Systems
 Niki Thorsteinsson, Director of Communications
 Marlene Hanson, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 by Chairperson Les Stulberg.

Introductions were completed with Battle River Research Group’s Manager Khalil Ahmid PAg and Board Member Doreen Blumhagen joining the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

09.03.23.22 Moved by James Nibourg
“that the March 23, 2022 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved as presented. Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

10.03.23.22 Moved by Larry Clarke
“that the February 23, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Battle River Research Group’s Annual Report:
Khalil Ahmid PAg gave a report identifying the Board Members, staff (4 full time, 1 part time bookkeeper and summer students), noting that COVID-19 did not affect the projects that were offered or plot sites. Last year 58 different projects/trails/webinars were held with highlights of some being shared. Battle River Research Group’s Annual Report can be found at <https://www.battleriverresearch.com/brrg-annual-reports>

Doreen Blumhagen is returning to the Board after being off for 2 years. Research Group has had excellent turnaround affecting employment and funding decisions, that are quite different than those that were practices 5 years ago. The public is approaching them to do more trials, which is a positive action. *Mental Health for Farm Families* – was a one evening event that was hosted and is available on their youtube channel.

James Nibourg inquired if a trial plot could be placed in the County of Stettler. It was noted that due to funding, all of the trial plots have been located in one

location, however, should funding improve they could consider locations throughout Counties.

Khalil Ahmid PAg and Doreen Blumhagen left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

REPORTS

Agricultural Services Board Administration Report:

Administration presented their report. Through discussion the following was noted/identified:

- Bursary – James Nibourg suggested clearer notifications identifying that the bursary is available to all areas of study and not limited to agricultural courses.
- Livestock Emergency Management – have located areas that can hold livestock and will be updating the transporting list. It was identified that individuals should also be prepare for an emergency situation. It was noted that dairy and pig barns are the most difficult to handle due the number of animals involved.
- Dead animals should not be placed in piles (may have died for a reason – having a disease), as there are bins available to hold the dead animals, with picked-up services. Suggested that Protective Services address the dead animal situation by using an educational approach.
- Coyotes – there was one complaint from an urban area that was dealt with by Fish and Wildlife. Otherwise there were zero cases reported last year.

11.03.23.22

Moved by Dave Grover

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

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2022-2025 Agricultural Services Board Strategic Plan:

It was noted that the 2022-2025 Agricultural Services Board Strategic Plan is the County’s over all view in regard to the Grant Process, listing the County’s intentions.

- Suggested to include ‘emergency planning’, ‘drought (water)’,
- Add into the Plan ‘energy costs’ (fuel - grain drying/equipment use, electricity, fertilizer availability/costs – to communicate and lobby the government). Current rebate plan is based off an average – only individuals can apply – no business side – should be a separate rate for rural vs urban as there are no other options (must travel miles for everything from sporting events to grocery store needs, etc.) Quinton Beaumont will address and bring back to the next meeting.

12.03.23.22

Moved by James Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board table the 2022 Agricultural Services Strategic Plan, until the April 27, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

3.3 Control of Clubroot Disease Policy Annual Review:

13.03.23.22

Moved by James Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board accepts as being reviewed and receive for information the County of Stettler No. 6 Council Policy Manual’s AG 3.3 - Control of Clubroot Disease in Canola, as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Vegetation Control Policy Annual Review:
14.03.23.22 Moved by Larry Clarke
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board accepts the County of Stettler No. 6 Council Policy Manual’s Agriculture Policy 3.2 – Vegetation Control as being reviewed and received for information.”
Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

COMMUNITY/MEETING/CONFERENCE REPORTS:

None

NEXT MEETING

The next County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS

None

IN CAMERA

None

15.03.23.22 ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Justin Stevens
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting adjourn at 11:32 a.m.”
Carried Unanimously

Chairperson

Manager of Agricultural Operations