

**MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2022 COMMENCING AT 10:02 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  
                          Paul McKay (Vice Chairperson)  
                          Justin Stevens  
                          Les Stulberg (Chairperson)

Other                Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services  
                          Yvette Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer (Joined at 10:04 a.m.)  
                          Rick Green, Director of Operations  
                          Jarrett Kushner, Manager of Information Systems  
                          Niki Thorsteinsson, Director of Communications  
                          Michelle Hoover Legislative Assistant  
                          Marlene Hanson, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:**            Dave Grover  
                          James Nibourg

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2022 by Chairperson Les Stulberg.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**41.07.26.22    Moved by Justin Stevens**  
“that the July 26, 2022 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved, as presented.”    Carried Unanimously

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**42.07.26.22    Moved by Larry Clarke**  
“that the May 25, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.”    Carried Unanimously

**DELEGATIONS**

None

Yvette Cassidy joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**REPORTS**

Agricultural Services Board Administration Report:  
Administration presented their report.

**43.07.26.22    Moved by Paul McKay**  
“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Administration Report for the period up to July 26, 2022 be received for information.”  
Carried Unanimously

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Resolution for Regional ASB Conference:  
The Conference is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at Lacombe County, therefore, inquiring whether the County desires to submit any resolutions. The Board suggested both a Gravel Pit Reclamation and Cleanfarms Chemical Jug Clean-up Education resolution, noting that these could also go through Rural

Municipalizes of Alberta (RMA). Les Stulberg reported that Mountainview County has offered to work with us and Paintearth County may second the Gravel Pit Reclamation resolution.

Gravel Pit Reclamation Resolution:

Administration requested direction from the Board into resolution specifics. The Board directed the focus of a RMA resolution to focus on reclamation timelines; whether this was through the processing time or lack of personnel. Quinton Beaumont requested the Board select one of the two ideas to focus on.

Noting that a third-party piece may address some of the timeline issue. It was also noted that a third-party resolution may be more successful. However, it does offload the responsibilities and expenses from the provincial government. A possible solution to the proposed legislation should be suggested.

The meeting recessed at 10:29 a.m. due to a fire drill.  
The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Cleanfarms Chemical Jug Cleanup Education Resolution:

Les Stulberg noted that the education of recycling chemical containers was discussed at their last meeting. There are concerns with flaws in the new system including; there being a number of businesses to accept only specific returns and those businesses not being equipped to handle returns. The previous system with a centralized Municipality collection space with compensation model is still preferable.

It was suggested that this should be taken to the next Stettler Waste Management Authority (SWMA) Meeting. There should also be contact with the local vendors to discuss options with a County of Stettler collection service, with proper compensation.

CAO Cassidy noted that SWMA did not receive any income.

The Board was concerned with the collection process of the containers; which needs to be bagged by the purchaser, before being brought to the facility. The purchaser is welcome to pick-up bags from the County of Stettler Agricultural Services, these bags should be filled completely before drop off. Before putting the containers into the bags, they should be triple-washed and have labels removed. Cleanfarms will take the bags and compress them, rather than to chip them – they have advertised. County does about 1,000 pounds per year being a medium to large collector – will continue until the end of 2024.

The Board suggested advertising or public notice is needed to educate ratepayers on the changes in process. This also extended to the SWMA's collection areas where there should be signage for proper delivery and handling.

Administration received direction and Quinton Beaumont will begin processes with the intent for update at the next meeting.

Agricultural Pests Act:

The Audit highlighted the Agricultural Pests Act requires that the motions for the Member-At-Large appointments to the Pest Control Act Appeal Board needs to have clear start and expiry dates. Three members have currently been appointed.

44.07.26.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board recommend to County of Stettler No. 6 Council that the Agricultural Pest Act Appeal Board appointments be corrected to have a start date of January 3, 2022 and end date of December 30, 2022 associated with their appointment, as well, that the County of Stettler No. 6 Council ensure that the sitting members are knowledgeable in Agriculture prior to appointment at the annual Organizational Meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

Agricultural Pests Act:

From the Audit/Field Visit – gives Quinton Beaumont an allowance to work with other agencies when dealing with concerns/emergencies. Yvette Cassidy identified a concern being trailer rollover where animal(s) may be extremely expensive and need to be put down. Quinton Beaumont identified that the landowner/RCMP/Veterinarian would have to give approval prior to euthanizing an animal, noting that this is a very specific scenario and would not extend to normal livestock activities.

45.07.26.22

**Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board accept the County of Stettler No. 6 Policy and Procedure Manual’s AG Policy Animal Health Act as presented.”

In Favour: Les Stulberg, Justin Stevens, Paul McKay and Ernie Gendre

Opposed: Larry Clarke

Carried

Herbicide Crop Damage (Mr. Gendre):

Ernie Gendre presented pictures from ratepayers of roadside vegetation that had been sprayed/destroyed and shared concerns that an infestation of other weeds can then start to grow. Board Member Gendre questioned the Agricultural Services department spraying an area where a ratepayer is monitoring.

It was identified that Agricultural Services Director needs to be notified of areas of concern. Agricultural Services will monitor these areas, if regrowth does not begin, reseeding will take place as needed.

CAO Cassidy noted that lots of ratepayers farm the ditch, controlling the weeds and keep ditches fairly neat. And by extension cutting down on County labour. County staff are in the community and could notify farmers that usage is fine as long as they remain within the limitations and are required to notify the County when haying, as County permission is required. It was noted that the limits are necessary to counteract runoff and ditch slope.

46.07.26.22

**Moved by Ernie Gendre**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board receive for information the Herbicide Crop Damage item.”

Carried Unanimously

Herbicide Application Remarks (Mr. McKay):

A herbicide used on Township Road 41.0 and Range Road 18-3 killed all vegetation, raising concern as there were known horned owls nests there. It was identified that the County of Stettler roadside spraying did not spray that area this year. Quinton Beaumont will follow-up.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **FINANCE**

### Year to Date Budget Reports:

Quinton Beaumont provided the report verbally. The lower strychnine and Rozol Spray (continuous bait station for gophers) sales affected the report, along with tools and equipment being over budget at 113% spent, the annual tools and equipment budget being \$1,000.

**47.07.26.22**

### **Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board's verbal Year to Date Monthly Budget Report, be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

### 2023 Budget Discussion:

#### Roadside Vegetation:

- Noted an issue with weed infestations being spread when gravelling. Looking for solutions and will bring back for discussion.
- Weed Control Policy is for all landowners within the County. There may be a need to inform acreage owners of their responsibility, inspections and enforcement. CAO Cassidy suggested to bring discussion with acreage owners about wormwood and other infestations to Council. This may require looking at private land spraying. This would likely require extra equipment and labor.
- There will be further discussion about purchasing equipment; including a side-by-side, trailer and truck. As well as hiring an additional employee. The Council will also want to understand rates, costs and charges; including Board member Clarke's interest in specifically the mowing at Buffalo Lake.

**48.07.26.22**

### **Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board receive the 2023 Budget item for information.”

Carried Unanimously

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

Niki Thorsteinsson left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY/MEETING/CONFERENCE REPORTS:**

### Brenda Knight's Report RE: Carbon Tax Exemption:

**49.07.26.22**

### **Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board direct Administration to prepare letters to Drumheller-Stettler MLA Nate Horner and MP Damien Kurek MP to advocate for Bill C-234, in support of Resolution 5-22: Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.”

Carried Unanimously

Yvette Cassidy left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

**50.07.26.22**

### **Moved by Justin Stevens**

“that the following Community/Meeting/Conference Reports presented for the July 26, 2022 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be received for information:

1. Central Region ASB Chairpersons/Fieldmen Meeting (Mr. Stulberg)  
Les Stulberg verbally reported that they are having trouble finding hosts for summer tours.”

Carried Unanimously

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS**

Central Region ASB Conference:

The November 2, 2022, Central Region ASB Conference is being hosted by Lacombe County.

**IN CAMERA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

51.07.26.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting adjourn at 12:15 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

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Chairperson

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Manager of Agricultural Operations