

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022 COMMENCING AT 10:10 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 (joined at 10:16 a.m.)
 Ernie Gendre
 Dave Grover
 Paul McKay (Vice Chairperson)
 James Nibourg (joined at 10:26 a.m.)
 Justin Stevens (joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)
 Les Stulberg (Chairperson)

Other Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services
 Andrew Brysiuk, Director of Municipal Services
 Michelle Hoover Legislative Assistant
 Marlene Hanson, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 by Chairperson Les Stulberg.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

52.08.24.22 Moved by Dave Grover

“that the August 24, 2022 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved with the following additions:

1. RMA Uniquely Rural Video Shoot
2. In-Camera

RE: Resolution – Gravel Pit Reclamation.”

Carried Unanimously

Dan Albisser joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

53.08.24.22 Moved by Paul McKay

“that the July 26, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

Larry Clarke joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

REPORTS

Agricultural Services Board Administration Report:

Administration presented the report with greater detail.

James Nibourg joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

54.08.24.22 Moved by Dave Grover

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Administration Report for the period up to August 24, 2022 be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS

Ralph Wright RE: Alberta Agriculture Moisture Maps:

Ralph Wright joined the meeting by Teleconference at 10:30 a.m.

Introductions were completed with Justin Stevens joining the meeting.

Mr. Wright with Agricultural Forestry and Rural Development oversees the Alberta Climate Information Service which has a network of approximately 180 stations through the agricultural areas, bringing in data from over 470 stations province wide being available up to the last hour on the Alberta Climate Information system. The interactive tool helps producers, farm consultants, and researchers to see Alberta weather forecasts, browse over 10,000 maps of Alberta weather and Alberta climate related information, and access near real time station data from meteorological stations operating in the province of Alberta. The maps and weather data describe Alberta's weather, climate and related agriculture features to help with long-term planning and decision making throughout the growing season. Climate data trends for this area were discussed.

Dan Albisser left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Larry Clarke left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Dan Albisser rejoined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Chairperson Stulberg thanked Ralph Wright for an excellent presentation.

Ralph Wright left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Roadside Spraying:

Board Members noted that this has been referred to the Agricultural Services Board Meeting from the August 10, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting.

Through discussion the following was identified/noted:

- Concerns regarding the spraying of trees have been received from residents.
- It was noted that there are options for weeds and spraying being the most economical way to deal with the weeds/trees.
- Public Works have been assisting, as directed, in spraying and removing trees.
- Trees that interfere with site lines, approaches, public utilities and maintenance should be removed, however, spraying in the ditch must continue to control small and new growth by killing the root ball. Larger problem trees need to be removed (mulched), rather than spraying as spraying only stunts the growth.
- Spraying assists with tree growth until that area is addressed through the brushing program (The program may require more budgeted funds).
- Further discussion at budget time – may need to control private land spraying jobs and could contract spraying out rather than purchasing new equipment.
- Quinton Beaumont noted that the County is being sprayed in sections.

55.08.24.22 Moved by Dave Grover

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board authorize Administration to continue with the Roadside Spraying Program for weeds/trees, at their discretion.”

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

NEW BUSINESS

Recap of Farm to Fork Tour and Long Table Dinner:

Quinton Beaumont reported that:

- Farm to Fork Bus Tour 2022 being \$25.00 was organized by the County of Stettler. The Tour started and ended at the County Public Works Shop. While being transported between stops, Quinton Beaumont discussed County items (workshops, equipment, etc.). They visited local producers including a winery, a farmer producing silage, watched a crop spraying demonstration and more. The Tour was a hit with all participants and staff enjoying. (Quinton Beaumont will research what other counties charge for the Tour.)
- Long Table Dinner was organized by the Board of Trade. Les Stulberg and his wife attended, thanking Quinton Beaumont for an excellent ambassador job of hosting.
- Public Works staff were thanked for donating their time to assist.

RMA Uniquely Rural Video Shoot:

Chairperson Les Stulberg reported that Alberta Rural Municipalities Association is visiting different Counties for promotional material. The County was one of nine chosen as a location. The shoot was hosted at the Stulberg farm. The completed video will be used as a provincial promotion and rural education.

Chairperson Stulberg was asked questions during the shoot about current events in agriculture. The most memorable being related to the misconceptions about agriculture.

Dan Albisser left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE

Year to Date Financials:

Quinton Beaumont explain the current Budget, noting that we are still within the budget.

The Walker Water Well was discussed. The Board asked if the well should be closed due to vandalism and suggested that the vandalism could result in permanent closure. Les Stulberg will approach area residents for feedback.

56.08.24.22

Moved by Dave Grover

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board direct Administration to order and place signs at the Walker Water Well notifying that if vandalism continues, closer of the well will be considered.”

Carried Unanimously

57.08.24.22

Moved by Dave Grover

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board accept the Year to Date Financials item for information.”

Carried Unanimously

2023 Budget:

In regard to replacing the road side spray truck, direction from the Board is to include the item along with quotes for a new spray truck at budget time, a decision will be made at that time.

58.08.24.22

Moved by Dave Grover

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

Carried Unanimously

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, September 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS

November 2, 2022 Central Region ASB Conference:
Lacombe County is Hosting.

IN CAMERA

59.08.24.22

Moved by Paul McKay

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board enter into an in-camera session at 12:08 p.m. to discuss:
- Resolution – Gravel Pit Reclamation.”

Carried Unanimously

60.08.24.22

Moved by Justin Stevens

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board exit out of Camera at 12:15 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

61.08.24.22

Moved by James Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board adopt the resolution for Gravel Pit Reclamation; and to take to the November 22, 2022 Alberta Rural Municipalities Association Conference.”

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

62.08.24.22

Moved by Dave Grover

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

Carried Unanimously

Chairperson

Manager of Agricultural Operations