

**MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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**

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**PRESENT:**

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

Other                Quinton Beaumont, Manager of Agricultural Services  
                          Yvette Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer (joined at 10:04 a.m.)  
                          Andrew Brysiuk, Director of Municipal Services  
                          Niki Thorsteinsson, Director of Communications  
                          Michelle Hoover Legislative Assistant  
                          Marlene Hanson, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:**            Les Stulberg  
                          James Nibourg

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 by Chairperson Dave Grover.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**76.10.26.22    Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the October 26, 2022 agenda for the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting be approved with the following additions:

1. Central Region ASB Conference Agenda Package
2. Resolution 1-22 - Gravel Pit Reclamation Timeline and Process
3. Resolution 2-22 - Rural Student Admission into Veterinary Program.”

Carried Unanimously

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**77.10.26.22    Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board rescind resolution:

**64.09.28.22    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

**78.10.26.22    Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the August 24, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

**79.10.26.22    Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the September 28, 2022 County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

Dr. Keith Lehman Chief Provincial Veterinarian and Yvette Cassidy joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### Dr. Keith Lehman Provincial Chief Veterinarian's Office:

Dr. Keith Lehman the Chief Provincial Veterinarian provides leadership in developing animal health policy and working to prevent and respond to animal health concerns.

Dr. Lehman discussed a number of diseases – Reportable Diseases - most being viral and a few pathogenic; Foreign Animal Disease Detention - sequence of response activities (composing outside of barns – is subject to provincial regulation re: disposal of dead animals – no leaching/minimizing smell); variations of HPAI strains and potential human health risk – big concern is that pigs can carry and pass human HPAI; HPAI Risk Factors – reservoirs of virus, transmission and closely related to other influenza A viruses – humans, horses, pigs and dogs; and Geographic Distribution – worldwide – Europe and Asia have outbreaks and migration paths spread the virus.

The first case in Alberta was on April 6 with 54 cases at the moment. 1.3 million birds lost in Alberta.

- Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) – Spread to Canada in 2014 – first positive farm in 2019 – is a hardy virus, transfers easily.
- Anthrax – Spore forming bacteria – survives 30-50 years in the soil – can transport in feed – creates sudden death of bleeding from the orifices. Disposal important – no open carcasses (burial, burning is preferred, cover carcass while waiting for disposal to stop spreading of).
- Lead Toxicity – (from batteries – sheet of lead may be all that will appear when surveying a field) – will find the animal dead - 9 cases identified from Stettler County, Paintearth and Starland.

Role of Industry – Producer advocacy – sourcing new stock/support mental health and well being/movement triaging and finding alternative routes to avoid control zones.

Role of County – find sources of supplies/equipment/labour to expedite depopulation, disposal and cleaning activities; identify landfill sites that would permit biological material for disposal; develop strategy plans regarding handling large quantities of biological waste resulting from large scale depopulation; and information dissemination. (Disposal plan can be built into the Planning process when approving development.)

Veterinary coverage – shortages in all clinics - need more veterinarians/techs - challenge to attract veterinarians to the rural areas; education – Government of Alberta invested in the University of Calgary to expand the class number to 55 students and expansion of the infrastructure as well by 2025. Admissions policies are being reviewed.

Chairperson Grover thanked Dr. Keith Lehman for an excellent presentation. Dr. Keith Lehman left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

## **REPORTS**

### Agricultural Services Board Administration Report:

Administration presented their report. It was also noted that a farmer is being allowed to farm the area at Township Road 38-4 and Range Road 20-2 in order to keep the weeds under control.

80.10.26.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Administration Report dated October 26, 2022 be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

It was noted that ratepayer names should be omitted in all Agricultural Services Board packages/reporting. Also noted that weed control information is supplied in the Spring issue of County Connections – refer/identify/direct all expressing concerns to that information.

**COUNCIL’S REQUEST OF INFORMATION**

Farm to Fork Bus Tour Cost to County of Stettler (Mr. Grover):

Costs incurred were as follows:

- County Cost - \$10,185.00 (in kind expense being wages in the amount of approximately \$6,500).

It was noted that there were lots of positive comments received.

81.10.26.22

**Moved by Justin Stevens**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Farm to Fork Bus Tour Cost to County of Stettler item be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Central Region ASB Conference Agenda Package:

The agenda package was made available for the November 1, 2022 Central Region Agricultural Services Board Conference held at the Lacombe Memorial Center – Centennial Hall commencing at 9:00 a.m.

82.10.26.22

**Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board receive for information the Central Region ASB Conference Agenda Package.”

Carried Unanimously

Resolution 2-22 - Rural Student Admission into Veterinary Program:

Sponsored by Mountain View County. Members were in favor of the resolution.

Resolution 1-22 - Gravel Pit Reclamation Timeline and Process:

The recommended changes to the resolution were discussed.

83.10.26.22

**Moved by Paul McKay**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board acknowledge that Resolution 1-22 - Gravel Pit Reclamation Timeline and Process will be presented at the November 7, 2022 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention;

and

withdrawn from presentation at the November 1, 2022 Central Regional ASB Conference.”

Carried Unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**FINANCE**

Year to Date Budget Reports:

84.10.26.22

**Moved by Larry Clarke**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board accept the Year to Date Financials verbal report for information.” 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, November 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS**

Upcoming Seminar/Workshop/Conferences/Invitations:

- November 1, 2022 - Central Region ASB Conference (Lacombe County hosting)
- January 17-January 19, 2023 - Provincial ASB Conference, Grande Prairie.” Carried Unanimously

**IN CAMERA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

85.10.26.22

**Moved by Ernie Gendre**

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Services Board Meeting adjourn at 11:36 a.m.” Carried Unanimously

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Chairperson

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Manager of Agricultural Operations