

AUGUST 15, 2024

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW ALBERTA ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nolan Robertson	Councillor / Chairman
Phil Kolodychuk	Reeve / Member
Kent Moskalyk	Member at Large
Garth Shaw	Member at Large

**REGRETS**

Barry Dewitz	Member at Large
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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Kaitlin McLachlan	Agricultural Fieldman / Director of Agriculture & Parks
Lyndsey Lawrence	Acting CAO / Recorder

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**Deletions:**

- Item 9A: Policy - AG02 Weed Control
- Item 9B: Policy - AG03 Pest Control
- Item 9C: Policy - AG04 Soil Conservation
- Item 9D: Policy - AG05 Animal Health
- Item 9E: Policy - AG06 Roadside Vegetation Management

Re-lettering as required.

**Addition:**

- Item 10L: M.D. of Smoky River – AgKnow Letter of Support

Member Shaw

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) adopt the agenda for the August 15, 2024 ASB Meeting as amended.**

**CARRIED.**

**MINUTES –  
MARCH 27, 2024**

**Revisions:**

- In the motion approving the agenda, the date should be March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- In the motion to adjourn, “p.m.” should be “a.m.”

Member Kolodychuk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve the March 27, 2024 ASB Meeting minutes as amended.**

**CARRIED.**

**FINANCE**

**YEAR-TO-DATE  
STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the 2024 Year-to-Date Financials.

Member Moskalyk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) approve**

2024 Year-to-Date Financials as presented.

CARRIED.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE AND PARKS REPORTS

The Director, Agriculture and Parks, Kaitlin McLachlan, presented her report for the period from March 27<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for review.

Member Moskalyk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) receive the Director, Agriculture and Parks' reports as presented.**

CARRIED.

### DELEGATIONS

#### DR. RIK VANDEKERKHOVE – VSI SERVICES (1980) LTD.

Dr. Rik Vandekerkhove of VSI Services (1980) Ltd., joined the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

The delegation provided a presentation to the Board detailing the fee structure of VSI Services (1980) Ltd. and the services provided. Further, he discussed potential changes in the fee structure and impacts which the same may have on the services provided.

The delegation left the meeting is 9:47 p.m.

#### MEMBERS/ COUNCILLOR– CONCERNS/REPORTS

Member Kolodychuk advised that at the recent RMA District 4 Zone Meeting, there was a motion passed to lobby the Province of Alberta to add coyote to the predator list under Section 14 of the Wildlife Regulation.

Member Moskalyk expressed concern regarding the prices for veterinary services in the region.

Chairman Robertson noted the prevalence of toadflax (and other noxious weeds) in the ditches of his area of the Municipality.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 2025-2029 ASB STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025-2029 ASB Strategic Plan and provided feedback to the Agricultural Fieldman.

Member Shaw

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to incorporate provided feedback into the first draft of the 2025-2029 ASB Strategic Plan.**

CARRIED.

#### MOWING PROGRAM AND CAPITAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Board discussed the 2025 Mowing Program.

Member Kolodychuk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to investigate pricing for identified additional mowing to be provided by contracted services.  
CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AG FOR LIFE FUNDING REQUEST**

Member Moskalyk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) defer the Ag for Life funding request to 2025 budget deliberations.  
CARRIED.**

**AGKNOW ALBERTA FARM MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK FUNDING REQUEST**

Member Shaw

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) send a letter of support to the Minister of Mental Health and additions in relation to the AgKnow Alberta Farm Mental Health Network. Further, that the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation be carbon copied on such correspondence.  
CARRIED.**

Member Kolodychuk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) defer consideration of funding the AgKnow Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to 2025 budget deliberations.  
CARRIED.**

**REGIONAL ASB CONFERENCE**

Member Shaw

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman prepare a draft resolution for consideration at the Regional ASB Conference advocating for stable, long-term provincial funding for the AgKnow Alberta Farm Mental Health Network.  
CARRIED.**

**DELEGATION – VSI SERVICES (1980) LTD.**

Member Shaw

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) recommend to Council that a Councilor who is also a member of the ASB be the member appointed to VSI Services (1980) Ltd. at the upcoming Organizational Meeting.**

**CARRIED.**

Chairman Robertson

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) direct the Agricultural Fieldman to investigate:**

- **Funding options available to better further the mandate of the VSI Services (1980) Ltd.; and,**
- **Alternative options to the VSI Services (1980) Ltd. to improve access of local producers to adequate veterinary services in support of profitable farming operations.**

**CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information items were presented for review:

- A. Saddle Hills County – Weed Control Regulation
- B. MD of Willow Creek – Weed Control Regulation
- C. VSI – First Quarter Report
- D. Yellowhead County – Weed Control Regulation
- E. County of Grande Prairie – Centralization of Provincial ASB Conference
- F. University of Lethbridge – Results of 2015-2021 Grasshopper Population Survey
- G. PCBFA – Staffing Update
- H. MD of Ranchland – Weed Control Regulation
- I. Vulcan County – Weed Control Regulation
- J. County of Vermilion River – Sustainable Funding for AgKnow
- K. VSI – Second Quarter Report
- L. M.D. of Smoky River – AgKnow Letter of Support

Member Kolodychuk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) send correspondence to Alberta Regional Agricultural Services Board in support of the County of Grande Prairie's concerns regarding the location of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board conference for the next three years.**

**CARRIED.**

Member Moskalyk

**Moved that the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accept the information items as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**ROUNDTABLE**

**Member Kolodychuk:** Received thanks from the Fairview 4-H regarding the financial support provided. Chairman Robertson recommended that the Agricultural Fieldman advise Fairview 4-H to submit their requests for 2025 funding as soon as possible.

**Member Shaw:** None.

**Chairman Robertson:** Expressed concern regarding the timing of CleanFarms in the Spring, which limits producers in their use of the

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program as they are dedicating their time to seeding. Further, that this is resulting in waste accumulating.

**Member Moskalyk:** None.

**NEXT MEETING**

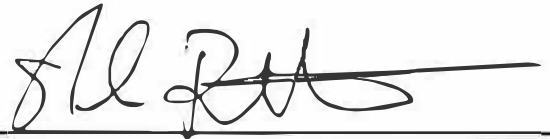
The next Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting will be October 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Robertson

**Moved that the August 15, 2024, Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.**

**CARRIED.**



CHAIRMAN



AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN