Agricultural Service Board Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 9:00 AM
Council Chambers
County Administration Building

Present
Board Member Josh Bishop
Board Member Stephan Dewald
Board Member Garth Parker
Board Member Lyle Seely
Board Member Bill Krahn
Board Member Ken Adair

Absent
Board Member Mike Schmidt

Staff Present
Stephen Majek, Director of Agricultural Services
Kim Barkwell, Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator
Carmen Reimer, Recording Secretary
Naomi Finseth, Municipal Intern
Rod Hawken, Chief Administrative Officer
Ben Cowan, Municipal Intern

1.  CALL TO ORDER

The Agricultural Service Board meeting for the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 was called to order by Chairperson J. Bishop in the Council Chambers, of the County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

2.  APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution AG20190807.001
MOVED: by Board Member K. Adair
that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3.  MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Agricultural Service Board Minutes, June 18, 2019

Resolution AG20190807.002
MOVED: by Board Member S. Dewald
to approve the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held June 18, 2019 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4.  REPORTS

4.1 Director of Agricultural Services Report for June 19, 2019 to July 31, 2019 - Report

Mr. Stephen Majek, Director of Agricultural Services, provided his Director of Agricultural Service Report for June 19, 2019 to July 31, 2019, which was as follows:

"ASB Summer Staff were hired for the 2019 season with most of them starting on May 1st. The County has four (4) new Weed Inspectors, one (1) new Mower Operators and one (1) new Laborer. Returning Staff includes two (2) Mower operators, two (2) Weed Inspectors, one (1) laborer, two (2) beaver trappers and the full-time staff."
Strychnine sales have been better than the past couple of years with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) decision still needing to be finalized for the registration of strychnine. The concern is that PMRA will remove the registration and producers will not have this additional tool in the producers’ toolbox to control ground squirrels.

Beaver Control has been very active so far this year with one hundred and twenty-nine (129) beaver trapped or removed. To date only nine (9) dams being breached from problem locations throughout the County.

The von Arx property titles have the County of Wetaskiwin registered against the Land Title. Administration has entered verbal agreements with George Heslup, Paul Kalke, and Nagib Krameddine for renting the respective properties for three years. The following list is a breakdown of who will be renting the respective properties:

- NE 27-47-25-W4M (home quarter)- Krameddine
- SE 27-47-25-W4M- Krameddine
- SW 27-47-25-W4M (Dairy)- Krameddine
- SW 27-47-25-W4M (rest of the dairy quarter)- Krameddine
- SE 28-47-25 (greenhouse)-W4M- Krameddine
- SW 34-47-25 -W4M (Swedberg quarter)- Krameddine
- SW 34-47-25-W4M- NW corner – approximately 55 acres- Kalke
- SE 26-47-25-W4M (property beside Crough) - Krameddine
- SE 33-47-25-W4M (Highway 616 and 2 quarter)- Heslup

Rental equipment has been used by several producers especially skunk traps. The sprayers have been rented by producers from all over the County. Administration tried to enter an agreement with a local (Winfield) business to have the equipment available to rent, but no agreement was made.

Alberta Transportation has a four (4) year rotation for their roads within the County of Wetaskiwin. A few inquiries have been made regarding their program, here is the breakdown of the Alberta Transportation program for 2019:

**Full Right of Way Spray**

1. Highway 13 from Highway 2 west to Alder Flats
2. Highway 20 (within County of Wetaskiwin)
3. Highway 22 (within County of Wetaskiwin)
4. Secondary Highway 761 (east side of Buck Lake)

**Full Right of Way Mow and Shoulder Mow**

1. Highway 2
2. Highway 2A

**Full Right of Way Mow**

1. Secondary Highway 771
2. Secondary Highway 616 (from Sec 795 to Mulhurst Bay)
3. Secondary Highway 795
4. Secondary Highway 780
5. Secondary Highway 792
6. Secondary Highway 611 (from 2A west to Sec 771)
7. **Highway 13A (through Ma-Me-O)**

   **Shoulder Mow**
   1. Secondary Highway 616 (from Sec 795 east to Millet)
   2. Secondary Highway 814
   3. Highway 13 (from Highway 2 east to Camrose County)
   4. Secondary Highway 613 (from Wetaskiwin to Gwynne)
   5. Secondary Highway 822
   6. Secondary Highway 611 (from Maskwacis east to Camrose County)

   Most of the herbicide application for Transportation occurred in June, when the weather allowed it to occur, as their contract with Alberta Highway Services ended at the end of July. The new Contractor is Mainroads. Administration has been informed that the majority of the Alberta Highways Services Staff have become employees of Mainroads. Another significant change is the division of the County with Highway 2 as the division. Any work required to be done from Highway 2 east will come from the Ponoka Office, any work requires west of Highway 2 will come from the new facility at the junction of Highway 13 and Secondary Highway 771.”

   Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented.

   **Resolution AG20190807.003**
   
   MOVED: by Board Member G. Parker
   
   that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented.

   Carried Unanimously

4.2 **Maps for Agricultural Service Provision – Report**

   The Roadside Mowing Program started on June 1, 2019 with two (2) operators running tractor, sidearm and fifteen (15) foot mowers along County roads, and one (1) operator running a ten (10) foot pull behind mower to cut Subdivisions, Hamlets, Transfer Stations, Lagoons etc. Provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board was a map of what has been mowed from June 1, 2019 until July 26, 2019.

   Four (4) Weed Inspectors have been inspecting properties for Noxious and Prohibited Noxious Weeds throughout the County, while the additional two (2) Weed Inspectors have been working on Weed Control Act enforcement. Provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board were maps of the locations that have been inspected, weed infestation locations, and orange hawkweed locations until July 26, 2019.

   The Roadside Spraying Program started on June 20, 2019 with the one (1) spray crew traveling and spraying all Range Roads North of Highway 13 with a three (3) ton truck spraying broad leaved herbicides for Noxious Weeds, Prohibited Noxious Weeds, Brush, and Sweet Clover. The grid spraying will continue until completed, then staff will focus on spot spraying throughout the County. Provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board was a map of where herbicide applications occurred until July 26, 2019.

   Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the maps for the roadside mowing, weed inspections completed, weed infestation locations, orange hawkweed locations, and the roadside spraying herbicide applications as information.

   **Resolution AG20190807.004**
   
   MOVED: by Board Member L. Seely
   
   that the Agricultural Service Board accept the maps for the roadside mowing, weed inspections completed, weed infestation locations, orange hawkweed locations, and the roadside spraying herbicide applications as information.
4.3 Agricultural Services Project Costing Report to June 30, 2019 - Report

The 2019 Municipal Budget was completed and approved at the May 6, 2019 Budget meeting.
(Ref. Resolution #CG20190506.004)

Major highlights of the Project Costing Report were as follows:

Currently, the overall budget is $396,500.00 under budget. It should be noted that this Project Costing report is only up to June 30, 2019 and does not include July 2019 salaries and expenses.

This report runs to June 30, 2019 which is 50% of the fiscal year so it would be expected that 50% of the budget would be used at this point.

AG00130 (Horticulture)
Currently under budget by $37,000.00 with monthly salary expenses in the project.

AG00140 (Special Projects)
Currently under budget by $440.00. It will be close to budget as the toxic algae signs will be removed in October or November.

AG00220 (Roadside Spraying)
Currently under budget by $43,000.00, but salaries for July and August have not been included.

AG00230 (Weed Control Inspections)
Currently under budget by $103,000.00 with salaries for July and August needing to be included.

AG00234 (Weed Notice Cost Recovery)
Currently under budget by $1,500.00. This is a new project that was created to help track the enforcement of weed notices. The project is currently under budget because no salaries have been included due to July salaries not being finalized. This project is not included in the June 2019 Project Costing report provided. Administration has printed off this project as its own report and it is provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.

AG00240 (Pest Control)
Currently over budget by $770.00 due to the purchase of strychnine.

AG00301 (Roadside Mowing)
Currently under budget by $146,600.00 with only June expenses included. July salaries and equipment cost will reduce this number by approximately $50,000.00.

AG00401 (Beaver Control)
Currently under budget by $27,000.00.

AG00701 (Administrative Expenses)
Currently under budget by $209,000.00, but July expenses of salaries and benefits will reduce the under expenditure.

AG00705 (Legislative Expenditures)
Currently under budget by $10,000.00 and is anticipated to be under budget at year end due to the lack of a Provincial ASB Summer Tour.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Agricultural Service Board Project Costing Report as presented.

Resolution AG20190807.005
MOVED: by Board Member L. Seeley
that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Agricultural Services Project Costing Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously
4.4 Sustainable Agriculture Report for June 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019 - Report

The Sustainable Agriculture Report was as follows:

**Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)**

- An email update was provided on July 12, 2019 by the Environmental Programs Manager within Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Some programs are fully allocated for the year.

- Nine (9) other programs are closed until their terms and conditions are reviewed and updated. This includes two (2) popular producer programs, Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change and Farm Water Supply.

- However, the Farm Water Supply program can still accept and approve Long Term Water Management Plans. In this case, it is best to connect with an AF water specialist to discuss.

- Any CAP applications received before program close will not have to be resubmitted but will have to comply with the updated terms and conditions. Subscribe to relevant programs on the CAP website to receive updates.

**Producer Available Government Programs outside CAP**

- At time of writing, Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program (FEAP), On Farm Solar Photovoltaics and the Farm Health and Safety Producer Grant Program (2018-2021) were still open and taking applications.

- However, staff have not been able to approve any applications since the election call. The FEAP and On Farm Solar PV programs are likely in jeopardy considering the new government’s stance on programs related to climate change.

**Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and EFP Operations Committee**

- The Environmental Farm Plan Program is administratively housed within the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA). Unfortunately, the EFP Program has become another casualty of the government freeze since the election call. ARECA has not received CAP funding for two (2) cycles and no longer has funds to staff the EFP program.

- An email sent July 12, 2019 by the EFP Program Manager notified stakeholders that she would no longer be with the EFP program effective immediately. Speaking directly with the EFP Director by phone, he indicated he would be officially on staff until early August due to some banked holidays. Thereafter he would also be gone from the program.

- The online EFP tool will still be running, but with no staff support until/unless funding is forthcoming.

**Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) – Coordinator Activity Report**

- Yearly project monitoring and recording. (document provided for example pictures)

- Prepare and submit interim report to ALUS Canada.

- ALUS Canada grant for project/community signs. Investigate options.

- June 4, 2019: Attended ALUS Canada 2019 Dave Reid Award presentation in Red Deer County with Josh Bishop, PAC Chair.

- June 12, 2019: ALUS Open House, Glen Park Hall – Twenty-five (25) in attendance, including PAC members and participants. Four (4) short presentations including the ALUS Coordinator.

- June 17, 2019: Modeste Natural Infrastructure Project, ALUS project tour in Parkland County.

- June 21, 2019: ALUS project tour at new participants’ farm near Millet, Michael and Clara Hampson. Nine (9) in attendance, mostly the converted. However, one (1) producer interested in doing a future project was in attendance.

- July 4 and 5, 2019: Submitted new advertising efforts.
July 5, 2019: Connected with the John Maude and Susan Quinn Foundation. Plans made to discuss ALUS and future funding opportunities.

July 10, 2019: One on one BRIMS tutorial with Silvacom.

July 12, 2019: Workshop #2, Multi-criteria decision mapping and PAC meeting.

July 17, 2019: New project site visit and subsequent development of project proposal.

**Sustainable Agriculture Activities**

- CAP grants, producer inquiries.
- ASB News and Views – topics/start articles.
- Fall/Winter workshop planning has begun.
- ASB annual grant reporting – Environmental Funding Stream Enhanced.
- June 7, 2019: Leduc County Table at Dairy Congress – Preparation.
- June 18, 2019: Thistle Weevil Project Monitoring, year two. (document provided)
- June 26, 2019: Battle River Watershed Alliance AGM, Camrose.

July 24 – 27, 2019: Vacation

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Sustainable Agriculture Report as presented.

Ms. Barkwell noted that there is still ALUS funding available for ALUS projects in the Modeste Sub Watershed area which is approximately Winfield west.

**Resolution AG20190807.006**

MOVED: by Board Member K. Adair

that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Sustainable Agriculture Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

### 4.5 Horticulturist Report for June 15, 2019 to July 31, 2019 - Report

The Horticulturist Report was as follows:

- June 17, 2019 – Buck Lake Campground has a concern with black knot of cherry on the chokecherries. I suggested removal because the town is infested with the disease on their maydays and it will continue to spread after it is pruned out.

- July 17, 2019 – I went to Coal Lake Campground with Geoff Lynch to check on the progress of the naturalization project. We discussed eliminating more areas that are currently being mowed to allow the willows and poplars to populate the areas. There is great success with the tree seedlings that were planted and just some spot spraying is required.

- July 26, 2019 – I accompanied Leta van Duin, ALIDP and some EPCOR staff on a Rain Garden Tour in the City of Edmonton, some constructed last year and others that were three (3) years old. The Province has committed to providing more funding for further projects in 2020 with the intent of collecting, absorbing, filtering, and reducing the runoff that ends up in the stormwater system.

- Farm Calls – There were twelve (12) farm calls with several problems including mountain pine beetle, yellow headed spruce sawfly, black knot of cherry, noxious weeds, cooley spruce gall adelgid, western gall rust, pitch mass borer, white pine weevil, bee keeping, poplar borer, winter kill, plant identification, fungicides, needle cast, spider mites, cytospora canker, porcupine damage, bronze birch borer, red thread disease, sun scald, elm pruning ban, and witch’s broom.

- Grounds Maintenance – Regular weeding, watering, and fertilizer applications around the Administration Building.
• Mountain Pine Beetle – Twenty-two (22) sites have been confirmed to date between Alder Flats and Wetaskiwin and the County has had many requests for verbenone pouch sales next year.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Horticulturist Report as presented.

It was noted to put additional information out about Mountain Pine Beetle over the Winter.

Resolution AG20190807.007
MOVED: by Board Member S. Dewald
that the Agricultural Service Board approve the Horticulturist Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Weed Enforcement Process – Report

At the March 13, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, the Board was provided with the Weed Notice Process. At that time, the Board accepted the details outlining the process neighboring municipalities utilize for weed notices as information. (Ref. Resolution #AG20190313.010)

The following is the County of Wetaskiwin Weed Enforcement Process for review by the Agricultural Service Board:

1. A Landowner receives letters, weed reports, and finally an ultimatum to clean up the Prohibited Noxious or Noxious weeds by a specific date.

2. If nothing is done during the process outlined in #1, the landowner is sent a Weed Notice through regular mail. Section 24(2)(c)(i) of the Weed Control Act. Section 24(4) states “for the purpose of this section, a notice sent by regular mail is deemed to have been received by the person 7 days from the date of mailing.” Administration notes that the County could go above and beyond what the requirement of the Act is by sending notices in a different fashion, whether by registered mail, hand delivering, and/or posting on the property, but this would come at an additional time and resource cost.

3. When the specified enforcement date arrives, the Weed Inspectors inspect the property to determine if the Noxious or Prohibited Noxious weeds are still growing on the property. If there is a house or residence on the property, the Weed Inspectors will attempt to make contact with the resident. There is no requirement in the Act to personally notify or contact the landowner before spraying. The business card of the Director of Agricultural Services will sometimes be left behind, but not always.

4. If no action has taken place or no arrangements made by the landowner, the Weed Inspector along with the contracted spray applicator will spray the property. Contractors (spray applicators) have been organized by staff to perform weed notice work prior to due dates. Under Section 15(2) of the Weed Control Act; a notice from a local authority, such as the County of Wetaskiwin, “may direct the method, subject to the regulations, and the time for the destruction of the weeds.” The County does have the option to choose what control technique is used. The legislation requires eradication of Prohibited Noxious Weeds and control of Noxious Weeds. When a producer has Noxious weeds only, they can cut, mow, hand pull, or spray. When they have Prohibited Noxious Weeds the end result is eradication, which is usually accomplished by herbicides. For organic producers, some are using Munger’s vinegar as it is recognized as organic the County is asking them to eradicate the Prohibited Noxious Weeds.

5. Invoicing is then sent to the landowner for the cost of the work done to bring the property into compliance with the Weed Control Act. This process is completed through the Accounts Receivable Department of the County and the invoice outlines the cost of equipment, cost of herbicide, and administrative fees of no great than ten percent (10%) of the total invoice from the contractor, as stated in the Act. Other than the detail mentioned previous, any additional detail provided to the
landowner through invoicing, which is not required under the Act, would come at an additional cost.

6. Any control work done whether the herbicide did not work or the weather or weed timing did not allow complete control or eradication would be weed noticed the following year. Staff will be inspecting the weed notice work done in 2019 in early 2020 and let the producers know if further control measures need to be taken. If the County weed notices a property in 2020 and sprays, the landowner would once again receive an invoice.

Administration has been made aware of potential instances where landowners are suggesting changes be made to the current Weed Enforcement Process undertaken by the County and therefore, Administration is requesting additional input from the Agricultural Service Board prior to the issue being brought forward to Council.

The *Weed Control Act* was provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.

Options for the Agricultural Service Board include:

1. That the Agricultural Service Board provide input on the current Weed Enforcement Process and forward the input to Council for approval.
2. That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Weed Enforcement Process as presented and forward to Council for approval.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board provide input on the current Weed Enforcement Process and forward the input to Council for approval.

General discussion ensued on the weed enforcement process and the weed issues in and around the County. It was noted that the weed enforcement process could be put in the fall newsletter, so ratepayers are aware of the process. The Board did not feel any changes needed to be made to the process and the ratepayers should be taking ownership of their weed infestations.

**Resolution AG20190807.008**

MOVED: by Board Member S. Dewald

that the Agricultural Service Board accept the Weed Enforcement Process as presented and forward to Council for approval.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 **Professional Development Day Regarding Agriculture – Report**

At the March 13, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, Board Members discussed having a Professional Development Day for teachers to learn about agricultural issues. At the time, a resolution was made "that Administration investigate the potential of having teachers involved in Professional Development related to agricultural issues.” (Ref. Resolution #AG20190313.005)

Administration has been in contact with Cardston County and Magrath High School in trying to find out information on what they have done in regard to a Professional Development Day for teachers. To date no information has been received, but Administration will provide this information to the Agricultural Service Board as soon as it is available.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board table the decision on the Professional Development Day Regarding Agriculture due to no information being received from the key contact at the time of the meeting.

**Resolution AG20190807.009**

MOVED: by Board Member L. Seely

that the Agricultural Service Board table the decision on the Professional Development Day Regarding Agriculture due to no information being received from the key contact at the time of the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
6.1 Agricultural Service Board – 2019 Farm Member Appointment – Report

At the Council General meeting held May 12, 2015, Council approved Agricultural Service Board Governance Policy #62.0.1. This Policy amended the previous structure of the Agricultural Service Board Committee where all Council members were previously appointed as Agricultural Service Board Members at the annual Organizational meeting. (Ref. Resolution #CG20150512.1034)

The Agricultural Service Board Governance Policy #62.0.1 states:

"Composition of the Service Board:

1. By resolution, Council shall appoint three (3) Farm Members and four (4) Councillors to the Agricultural Service Board at the annual Council Organizational meeting."

The following three (3) Farm Members currently sit on the Agricultural Service Board from the general public:

- Stephan Dewald from Division 1 & 2 for the area of "Range Road 250 East to County Boundary" for a three (3) year term effective November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2021.
- Mike Schmidt representative from Division 3, 4 & 5 for the area of "Highway 771 to Range Road 250" for a three (3) year term effective November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2020.
- Garth Parker to represent Division 6 & 7 for the area from the "West County Boundary to Highway 771" for a three (3) year term effective November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2019.

Administration will need to advertise for a representative from Division 6 & 7 for the area from the "West County Boundary to Highway 771" for a three (3) year term effective November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022. Administration notes that Board Member Garth Parker could be re-appointed for an additional three (3) year term effective November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 by Council. However, Mr. Parker would be required to submit a resume.

A copy of Agricultural Service Board Governance Policy #62.0.1 was provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the appointment requirement of a Farm Member as information and that Administration advertise for a representative for the area of " West County Boundary to Highway 771" for a term of three (3) years effective November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 to be selected by Council at the Council Organizational meeting.

Resolution AG20190807.010

MOVED: by Board Member B. Krahn

that the Agricultural Service Board accept the appointment requirement of a Farm Member as information and that Administration advertise for a representative for the area of " West County Boundary to Highway 771" for a term of three (3) years effective November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 to be selected by Council at the Council Organizational meeting.

Carried Unanimously


Correspondence was received from Alberta Environment and Parks on July 22, 2019 that advised that there is $2,000.00 allocated to the County of Wetaskiwin to assist in weed control on vacant public land and along the Battle River.

Alberta Environment and Parks requests that an invoice be sent after November 1, 2019 along with a map or GPS showing locations. Alberta Environment and Parks is being audited on this program so the more information Alberta Environment and Parks has, the better they can justify the program.

The full correspondence has been provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.
Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the letter from Alberta Environment and Parks advising of the $2,000.00 for weed control on vacant public land and along the Battle River as information and that Administration submit an invoice and maps to Alberta Environment and Parks after November 1, 2019.

Resolution AG20190807.011
MOVED: by Board Member L. Seely

that the Agricultural Service Board accept the letter from Alberta Environment and Parks advising of the $2,000.00 for weed control on vacant public land and along the Battle River as information and that Administration submit an invoice and maps to Alberta Environment and Parks after November 1, 2019.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 Ropin the Web – Correspondence from the County of Minburn – Report

On July 9, 2019, a copy of correspondence that the County of Minburn No. 27 wrote was received. The correspondence was written to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry regarding the loss of access to Ropin the Web.

The County of Minburn No. 27 Agricultural Service Board expressed their support of an earlier letter that was sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry from Clearwater County on behalf of Agricultural Producers who have lost access to the Ropin the Web. The previous department website was a one stop shop for Agricultural extension information.

Several producers have expressed their feelings that they miss Ropin the Web dearly. The variety of information that was available regarding Agriculture in Alberta was valuable and appreciated.

The County of Minburn Agricultural Service Board is in full support of the reinstatement of Ropin the Web and the return to timely extension information to assist producers.

The full correspondence has been provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.

Options for the Agricultural Service Board are:

1. That the Agricultural Service Board accept the letter from the County of Minburn No. 27 regarding the Ropin the Web website as information.
2. That the County of Wetaskiwin Agricultural Service Board write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry voicing concern regarding the loss of access to the Ropin the Web.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the letter from the County of Minburn No. 27 regarding the Ropin the Web website as information.

Resolution AG20190807.012
MOVED: by Board Member G. Parker

that a letter of support be written to the Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, regarding the loss of access to Ropin the Web.

Carried Unanimously

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 2019 Farm Family Award – Awards Ceremony Council Attendance – Report

At the March 13, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, it was resolved “that Administration and the Division 3 Councillor discuss potential candidates to be nominated for the 2019 Farm Family Awards and that the candidate be selected from Division 3 in accordance with the rotation set out by Council in 2007.”
(Ref Resolution #AG20190313.011)

On June 7, 2019, a Farm Family Award Nomination Form was submitted to Northlands for Sunrise Farms, Randy and Sandy Lorentz, who farm in Division 3.
On June 27, 2019, a letter was received from Farmfair International advising that Northlands had received the BMO Farm Family Award nomination for the County of Wetaskiwin and the family has been notified of their success. The letter thanked for assisting with honouring a deserving family in the County of Wetaskiwin.

The BMO Farm Family Awards Program will be held during Farmfair International on the afternoon of Saturday, November 9, 2019 in the Alberta Ballroom at the Edmonton EXPO Centre.

Additional details will be sent out in September. Tickets have been complimentary in the past and Northlands would like to invite a representative and guest from each of the participating Counties and Municipal Districts to attend the Awards Ceremony and congratulate the recipients.

At the July 23, 2019 Council General meeting, Council resolved that the Division 3 Councillor (Dale Woitt) and guest attend the BMO Farm Family Awards Program on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. (Ref. Resolution #CG20190723.015)

The full correspondence received has been provided for review by the Agricultural Service Board.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the information regarding the Division 3 Councillor (Dale Woitt) and guest attending the BMO Farm Family Awards Program on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre as information.

Resolution AG20190807.013
MOVED: by Board Member K. Adair
that the Agricultural Service Board accept the information regarding the Division 3 Councillor (Dale Woitt) and guest attending the BMO Farm Family Awards Program on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre as information.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 2019 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference – Report

The 2019 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference will be hosted by Red Deer County on November 27, 2019 in Bowden, Alberta.

Once additional information regarding the Conference is provided, Administration will provide the necessary information to the Agricultural Service Board members.

Administration recommended that the Agricultural Service Board accept the date of the 2019 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference that will be hosted by Red Deer County on November 27, 2019 in Bowden, Alberta as information.

Resolution AG20190807.014
MOVED: by Board Member G. Parker
that the Agricultural Service Board accept the date of the 2019 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference that will be hosted by Red Deer County on November 27, 2019 in Bowden, Alberta as information.

Carried Unanimously

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Resolution AG20190807.015
MOVED: by Board Member L. Seely
that the date of the next Agricultural Service Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

9. ADJOURN
Resolution AG20190807.016
MOVED: by Board Member B. Krahn
that the meeting adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

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CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER