

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2014**

Meeting Called To Order The Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting was called to order by Deputy Chairman, E. Yakemchuk at 10:03 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014.

Attendance Present were:

A. Sayler	S. Dary, CAO
P. Gordeyko	E. Kozak, Agricultural Fieldman
A. Pidruchney	L. Maczala, Recording Secretary
E. Yakemchuk	

Absent was:

S. Odegard

Agenda The Agenda for the September 8, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having no additions being presented:

A. SAYLER

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes The minutes of the August 8, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting having been presented to each Committee Member and each Member having declared to have received and read the minutes, Chairman, S. Odegard asked for adoption.

There being no errors or omission; it was moved by:

P. GORDEYKO

That the minutes of the August 8, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

E. Kozak presented Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Tank Loaders were placed on the table for discussion. E. Kozak indicated the CAOs of the Village of Willingdon and the Town of Two Hills had been contacted by phone regarding joint upgrades to tank loader systems; upgrade quotes would be requested from Flowpoint Environmental Systems and any other suitable vendor.

There being no correspondence, E. Kozak presented the following new business:

- Spraying has been completed except for corners, spot spraying is being undertaken as required. Carillion Canada - Vermilion was contacted regarding spraying of highway ditches.

E. Kozak informed the Committee than an agreement had been reached with a ratepayer on SE 4-56-11-W4, NE 4-56-11-W4 and SE 9-56-11-W4 regarding a no-spray zone.

- Mowing has been completed. Season being July 21, 2014 through September 6, 2014.

E. Kozak indicated that an unburied Telus line was damaged, pulling out two planted trees in a ratepayer's yard on SE 29-53-7-W4. Two trees were replanted, the ratepayer being satisfied with the result. It was the consensus of the Committee that Administration send a letter to Telus regarding the incident, including an invoice for the materials and labor to replant the said trees.

E. Kozak suggested that prior to the 2015 mowing season, a policy be put in place to address ratepayers that want to cut and bale ditches and that a completion date be set for all private haying, the same being advertised.

- Grasshoppers were placed on the table for discussion. Multiple surveys were done, low numbers recorded.
- Lygus bugs were discussed. Approximately 5,000 acres sprayed by air in the County. Threshold counts varied from each source, local sweep numbers varied from area to area.

Coyote Bounty

E. Kozak placed the Coyote Bounty Program for the 2014/2015 season on the table for discussion. Last season count being 972 as of April 30, 2014. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Agricultural Fieldman contact the County of Minburn and the County of St. Paul to inquire as to their plans for coyote bounties and bring back the same to the October Agricultural Service Board meeting.

The Committee having discussed this item; it was moved by:

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the Coyote Bounty Program for the 2014/2015 season commence on November 1, 2014.

Motion Carried

Other business:

E. Kozak informed the Committee that the ASB Audit (Alberta Agriculture) took place on August 14, 2014. A tour of the County included observing spraying, viewing roads and the feedlot, paperwork was reviewed.

E. Kozak informed the Committee that the ASB Grants were received at the end of August, this being later than previous years.

E. Kozak informed the Committee that Emergency Management (EMA) training was discussed at the August 27, 2014 Managers Meeting. It was suggested that a mock scenario be undertaken and in house training be arranged for new staff (Basic Emergency Management and Incident Command System training courses); dates to be determined.

E. Kozak updated the Committee regarding staff. No reply received to date from the employee currently on leave, one summer student will be employed until the end of September 2014.

2014 AEMA /
OFC Summit

E. Kozak informed the Committee of the 2014 AEMA / OFC Stakeholder Summit (Alberta Emergency Management Agency) being held at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton on November 24 – 25, 2014.

The Committee having discussed this item; it was moved by:

P. GORDEYKO

That Administration and Council be authorized to attend the 2014 AEMA / OFC Stakeholder Summit (Alberta Emergency Management Agency) being held at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton on November 24 – 25, 2014.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

The Committee having dealt with all items contained on the agenda; it was moved by:

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting be adjourned – time 10:45 a.m.

Motion Carried

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

CAO