

Claresholm, Alberta

December 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Chairman Earl Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Glen Alm and members Henry Van Hierden, John Kroetsch, Maryanne Sandberg, Neil Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Cindy Chisholm recording secretary present.

Member Ian Sundquist was not present.

Reporter Rob Vogt present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:30 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.

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**CARRIED**

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman MacKay presented the Fieldman's report noting the following:

- Assistant Fieldman Preachuk hosted an Environmental Farm Plan Workshop on November 5, 2015, with five people attending. Another Environmental Farm Plan workshop is scheduled for December 10, 2015.
- Fieldman MacKay attended the Cowcalfenomics on November 6, 2015, with presentations on sustainability, leasing cattle and pasture solutions.
- Foothills restoration forum presented on November 18 in Claresholm with presentations on historical fish populations, Twin River Fire recovery and the use of rig matting.
- A 'Working Well Workshop' held on November 19, 2015 at the Ardenville Hall, south of Fort MacLeod, was a raving success with 40 people in attendance.
- Fieldman MacKay inspected the Granum seed plant on November 27, 2015 – the new pit lining and screening load out pad are looking good.
- Fieldman MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Preachuk and Gary Murray attended the In-Service Training held in Edmonton on November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.
- The upcoming Emergency Preparedness Workshop will be held on December 15, 2015 at the Midnight Stadium in Fort MacLeod, AB.
- Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he has been asked to sit on the Stavely Research Ranch Advisory Committee to provide Municipal and local input. The committee is scheduled to meet on December 17, 2015.

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- Chairman Hemmaway has invited every County, MD and Special Area in the South Region to the 2016 South Region ASB Conference to be hosted by the MD of Willow Creek in October 2016. Approximately 140 people will attend.

ASB discussed what is unique about the MD, possible guest speakers, hotel space, dates and where to host the 2016 South Region ASB Conference.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to approve the Fieldman's report.

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**CARRIED**

Vice Chairman congratulated Fieldman MacKay on his position with the Stavely Research Ranch Advisory Committee.

**4. 2016 ASB PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Resolutions are available for discussion today and will be addressed at the 2016 Provincial ASB Conference.

Discussion ensued.

**5. REQUEST FOR MEETING DATES TO CHANGE FOR JANUARY**

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB if the January 13, 2016 ASB meeting date could be scheduled to January 27, 2016 in order to accommodate a Municipal Planning Commission meeting and a conflict in dates due to the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference being held January 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to approve the ASB meeting date to January 27, 2016 from January 13, 2016.

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**CARRIED**

**6. CALGARY STAMPEDE 2016 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARD**

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from the Calgary Stampede and the Bank of Montreal inviting the MD to nominate for 2016 a farm or ranching family within the Municipal District, who makes their living through this means.

Fieldman MacKay stated Division 5 is the next in line for nominating, therefore, Chairman Hemmaway is to nominate a family for 2016.

Member Hemmaway has nominated Douglas and Olive Darch and family as the deserving family to be recognized for the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2016.

Fieldman MacKay stated a representative from the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards will be in contact with Douglas and Olive Darch. He said a package will be sent to the MD office for Chairman Hemmaway and a package sent to Douglas and Olive Darch with an itinerary for the event.

Moved by Chairman Hemmaway that Douglas and Olive Darch be nominated as the deserving family to be recognized at the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2016.

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**CARRIED**

**7. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he heard great feedback from many who attended the Legacy of Our Land banquet on October 30, 2015. He said they enjoyed the quest speaker Elaine Froese.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk presented the ASB a 'Thank you' card from Jackie Chalmers and Patrick Lannan, noting they enjoyed the banquet and the door prizes they had won.

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB that the MD is hosting the 2016 South Region ASB Conference which is normally held within the last two weeks of October. He asked the ASB if they would like to postpone the Legacy of Our Land banquet to a later date or to the following year 2017.

Discussion ensued.

Member Wilson moved to continue the Legacy of Our Land banquet for the upcoming year 2016 and be held at the Fort MacLeod Community Hall.

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**CARRIED**

**8. 2016 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB who will be attending the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference being held in Edmonton, Alberta on January 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

The following will be attending:

- Chairman Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Alm, Members Van Hierden, Kroetsch, Sandberg, Wilson, Sundquist and Fieldman MacKay.

**9. ADDITIONAL:**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the letters from the County of St. Paul No. 19, the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 and Leduc County regarding Bill 6, are available for viewing.

Fieldman MacKay informed the a copy of Bill 202 is available for viewing.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the meeting adjourn.

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**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Chairman

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Municipal Administrator/CAO