



## Brief of the September 9, 2021 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting

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### **REPORTS:**

#### **1) Supervisor of Agriculture Services Report**

The Supervisor of Agricultural Services gave a report on the department's activities so far in 2021. Some of these activities include:

- Second cut of all gravel roads underway and focusing on snow trap areas. Hamlets, subdivisions, and paved roads also received a second cut. Roadside spraying done throughout the summer and will continue into the fall in thistle areas.
- Cemeteries mowed and weed whipped twice
- Annual grasshopper survey showed increasing numbers due to dry conditions
- High winds in winter/early spring caused several instances of soil erosion
- Seeding of drains and road construction done (includes rock removal, disking, mowing, and seeding)
- Park, playground, and shop yard maintenance ongoing, including regular equipment inspections
- Organized and acquired plants for donated floating islands in Broxburn Business Park, which will assist with water quality in the ponds
- Set up watering sites within the County's riparian areas for summer/fall use
- Regular reporting as required (Alberta Agroforestry Crop Reporting, Agroclimate Impact Report)
- Equipment rentals have been steady, including Brillion drill, plastic baler, and traps
- Published new Rural Living & Ag Extension newsletter for County citizens and producers

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **1) Clean Farms Agriculture Plastics Recycling Program**

The ASB received a presentation on Clean Farms agriculture plastics recycling program. There is currently a pilot program in Lethbridge County to encourage producers to recycle ag plastics. Rolled and folded grain bags and silage plastic are accepted at the Iron Springs transfer station.

#### **2) Alan Efetha – Alberta Agriculture Regional Liaison Rep**

Council welcomed Mr. Efetha in his new role as Regional Liaison Representative. He will provide assistance to the ASB.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1) South Region Agriculture Service Board Conference – October 6, 2021 – Cardston County**

The ASB recommends to Council that any member wishing to attend the event be authorized to do so.

#### **2) Agricultural Service Board Terms of Reference**

The ASB approved the Terms of Reference document be recommended to Council for approval. It outlines how the ASB Committee will be structured and function and will replace two existing policies that are directly related and clearly identify the ASB Committee's role.

#### **3) Agricultural Service Board Level of Service**

The ASB approved the Level of Service document be recommended to Council for approval. It formalizes the activities performed by the department and mirrors the Agricultural Service Board Grant Agreement and sets a baseline for the Level of Service provided. It will be revised annually, and service levels will be adjusted accordingly.