



Brief of the October 26, 2023

## Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Chair and Vice Chair Discussion**

It was recommended to Council that Klaas VanderVeen be nominated as Chair of the Agricultural Service Board for the 2023/2024 year.

John Kuerbis was elected as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Service Board for the 2023/2024 year.

**2) 2024 Agricultural Service Board Conference – January 22-24, 2024 – Agri-Food Hub & Trade Centre**

The Supervisor of Agriculture Services provided an update on the 2024 Agricultural Service Board Conference being held January 22-24, 2024 at the Agri-Food Hub & Trade Centre in Lethbridge.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

**1) Greg Daniels – Senior Plant Pathology Technologist for Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation**

The ASB received a presentation from Greg Daniels, Senior Plant Pathology Technologist for Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation on the Crop Disease Monitoring and Surveillance Program.

### **REPORTS:**

**1) Supervisor of Agriculture Services Report**

The Supervisor of Agriculture Services reviewed the ASB Grant format which is the basis for the current level of service document and outlines the work of the ASB department.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1) Saddle Hills County – Funding for the Diagnostic Services Unit at the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine**

A correspondence was received from Saddle Hills County regarding funding for the diagnostic services unit at the University of Calgary.

**2) Northern Sunrise County – Pest Management Regulatory Agency Changes to the Insecticide Lambda-Cyhalothrin Concern**

A correspondence was received from Northern Sunrise County regarding the pest management regulatory agency changes to the insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin concern.

**3) Northern Sunrise County – Appreciation of the Increase of Funding for Agricultural Service Boards**

A correspondence was received from Northern Sunrise County regarding appreciation of the increase of funding for Agricultural Service Boards.

**4) Agricultural Service Board Position Statement on Agriculture Extension**

A correspondence was received regarding the Agricultural Service Board Position Statement on Agriculture Extension.

**5) ASB Report Card on Resolutions**

The ASB Report Card on Resolutions was received.

**6) County of Warner No. 5 – Increase of Funding for Agricultural Service Boards**

A correspondence was received from the County of Warner No. 5 regarding increased funding for Agricultural Service Boards.

**7) Big Lakes County – Maintaining the Integrity of our Pesticide Regulatory System**

A correspondence was received from Big Lakes County regarding maintaining the integrity of the Pesticide Regulatory System.

**8) Big Lakes County – Support for University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Programs**

A correspondence was received from Big Lake County regarding support for the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Programs.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1) Liquid Manure Dragline Update**

The Director of Public Operations provided the ASB an update on the liquid manure dragline.

**2) Research Possibilities with the University of Lethbridge**

The Director of Public Operations provided the ASB an update on research possibilities with the University of Lethbridge.

**3) ASB Strategic Planning Possibility**

The Director of Agriculture Services provided an update on the ASB strategic planning possibility.

**4) Shaughnessy Playground Video**

A video of the upgraded Shaughnessy playground was shared with the ASB.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**1) 2024 Bank of Montreal/Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards Program**

The ASB nominated three families to be contacted by the Supervisor of Agriculture Services for acceptance of the 2024 Bank of Montreal Farm Family Award.