

Meeting Minutes
of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
January 17, 2024 – MD Council Chambers

Present: Chair Frank Welsch, Reeve Dave Cox, Councillor Harold Hollingshead, and Member Anna Welsch.

Also Present: Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulsen, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Absent: Councillor Tony Bruder, Vice Chair Martin Puch.

Chair Frank Welsch opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

A. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

* Tabled pending new members to the board

C. DELEGATION

a) Coolpro Solutions

Kelly Cooley updated the board on his events and progress with ALUS for 2023.

b) Foothills Forage and Grazing

Sonja Bloom attended virtually to update ASB on the events that Foothills Forage and Grazing hosted during 2023.

Sonja and Kelly left the meeting, the time being 2:30 pm.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 24/001

Moved that agenda for January 17, 2024 be amended to include:

- Table the appointment of the Chair/Vice Chair pending new members to the board
- Foothills Forage and Grazing Request for Funding
- Update on Water Storage in the MD

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

D. MINUTES

Anna Welsch 24/002

Moved that the minutes of November 29, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Foothills Forage and Grazing Request for Funding

Anna Welsch 24/003

Moved that ASB support a \$5000 contribution to the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association with the stipulation that \$2000 is for their core funding with up to an additional \$3000 for individual events, for the 2024 year.

Carried

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. 2023 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 24/004

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for November and December, 2023.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Reeve Dave Cox 25/005

Moved that the following be received as information;

- a) Drought Livestock Assistance Program – Letter from Minister of Agriculture
- b) Federal Response to Municipalities in Alberta about Drought Assistance

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

Reeve Dave Cox 25/006

Moved that due to questions on cost and budget consideration, the following be tabled to the meeting on March 6, 2024:

- a) Weed and Wildflower Walk – Cost Benefit Analysis to decide on whether to continue in to 2024
- b) SWIM funding – Amount to Spend on Contractor

Carried

c) Update on Water Situation

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

24/007

Moved that Council invite members of ASB to any upcoming delegations at a Council meeting regarding current water situation and involvement from officials.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – March 6, 2024


K. ADJOURNMENT

Frank Welsch


24/008

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:16 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson



ASB Secretary