

Meeting Minutes
of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
March 6, 2024 – MD Council Chambers

Present: Chair Anna Welsch, Reeve Dave Cox, Councillor Tony Bruder, Members Frank Welsch, Martin Puch and Mark Zoratti.

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

CAO Roland Milligan opened the meeting at 1:30 pm, and introduced new member Mark Zoratti. Also noted that since prior Councillor Harold Hollingshead stepped down, Reeve Dave Cox will be a permanent member on the board for this term.

A. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Roland Milligan opened the floor for nominations for the 2024 ASB Chairperson.

Councillor Tony Bruder nominated Anna Welsch. Anna Welsch agreed to let her name stand for a chairperson for the ASB. Roland Milligan asked for other nominations a further two times. With no other nominations, Anna Welsch was declared Chairperson for the ASB for 2024 and assumed the role.

Roland Milligan opened the floor for nominations for the 2024 ASB Vice-Chairperson. Martin Puch nominated Mark Zoratti. Mark Zoratti agreed to let his name stand for vice-chairperson for the ASB. Roland Milligan asked for other nominations a further two times. With no other nominations, Mark Zoratti was declared vice-chairperson for the ASB for 2024.

C. DELEGATION

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Frank Welsch 24/009

Moved that agenda for March 6, 2024 be amended to include:

- Update on Water Supply in the MD
- Weed Notices

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

D. MINUTES

Councillor Tony Bruder 24/010

Moved that the minutes of January 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CAO Roland Milligan updated the board on the MD's continued efforts regarding the water situation. Currently, the MD is waiting on 2 more approvals to begin the water supply project. Looking to have the work completed before the end of April.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Weed and Wildflower Walk – Cost Benefit Analysis to decide on whether to continue in to 2024

Councillor Tony Bruder 24/011

Moved that the weed and wildflower walk be approved up to \$4000 for 2024;

AND THAT the MD's social media and website be utilized for advertising.

Carried

- b) SWIM funding – Amount to Spend on Contractor

Reeve Dave Cox 24/012

Moved that the SWIM funding contractor be approved for 2024 for \$7866.58.

Carried

- c) Weed Notices

Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulsen stated that the weed notices to Peridie and BTG will be sent in April. He has been in contact with the companies, and they are aware that the notices are coming. BTG is attending the March 26, 2024, Council meeting, and the Council would like to discuss weed concerns with them at that time.

Weed Notices were suggested to be a permanent item on the meeting agendas.

G. 2024 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Martin Puch 24/013

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for February 2024.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a) ASB Terms of Reference

Councillor Tony Bruder

24/014

Moved that the ASB recommend to Council to revise the current ASB Terms of Reference to state that there be “up to 6 members” on the board.

Carried

- b) Manure Spreader

Frank Welsch

24/015

Moved that the manure spreader discussion be received as information.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – May 1, 2024

K. ADJOURNMENT

Frank Welsch


24/016

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 2:56 pm.

Carried



ASB Chairperson



ASB Secretary