Wainwright, Alberta
April 28th, 2025

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 am, April 28th, 2025.

Present: Chairman – Councilor Mike Wildeboer
Councilor Bruce Cummins
Farm Members – Jason Dahlgren, Colton Ukrainetz, and Shaun Rue
Agricultural Fieldman – Shelby Oracheski
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and ASB Secretary – Kaitlin Hirsekorn

The Chairman Clr. Wildeboer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

12/25 Moved by Shaun Rue that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

13/25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the minutes from February 24th, 2025 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Delegations: Battle River Research Group (BRRG) Ahsan Rajper, Manager & Stan Schulmeister, President

Correspondence was reviewed by the Agricultural Fieldman, Shelby Oracheski and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Kaitlin Hirsekorn.

a) Letter of Concern regarding the Provincial ASB Conference resolution sessions (M.D. of Spirit River, Big Lakes County)
b) Letter of Concern regarding high-speed internet access in rural agricultural regions in Alberta (Starland County)
c) Great Twine Round-up Spring Newsletter
d) Letter of Concern regarding China's retaliatory tariffs on Canadian agricultural products (Minburn County)
e) Letter of Concern regarding the farmer pesticide program and updated registration of sodium monofluoroacetate (M.D of Greenview)
f) Provincial Environmental Farm Plan Completion Statistics
g) Letter of Concern regarding Bill-C293 (Parkland County)
h) 2024 AAFC Midge Monitoring Results
i) Letter of Support regarding AgKnow (Cypress County)

The correspondence was taken as information.

The ASB agenda package included the March and April ASB monthly reports.

Reports were taken as information.

Shelby Oracheski, Agricultural Fieldman and Kaitlin Hirsekorn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented their report

a) An extension programming update was provided which included the event evaluations. Eight events were hosted with 568 attendees between them.
b) An update was provided on the interactive kiosk and content is being developed.
c) A Beaver Control Officer has been hired and has begun work at chronic locations.
d) An update was provided on the Wainwright Chemical Container Collection Site Phase III ESA.
e) Planning meeting updates were provided on the following topics
    I. The Youth Community Impact Award was approved

14/25 Moved by Jason Dahlgren to approve expenditures for additional advertisements for the Youth Community Impact Award in the inaugural year. CARRIED

    II. The updated Dog Control Bylaw was approved.
    III. Continuation of the Helicopter Spray Program was approved.
    IV. Shelterbelt Program to be developed and presented to council.
    V. Fourth ASB Farm Member was not approved.
    VI. CD3 Unit plans to partner with AISC.

f) Programming updates were provided.
    I. There has been two people sign up for the Fenceline Spray Program. Applications close on May 1st.
    II. Council approved the Canola Rotation Risk Mapping Program.

15/25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

The ASB took a break from 10:07am-10:17am.

Delegation Battle River Research Group (BRRG) presented on their programming and partnership opportunities.

The ASB would like more information brought to a future meeting.

New Business:

a) A H-Start Reclamation Trial was approved by Council.

b) A Weedy Municipal Land Management update was provided developing plans to improve the land.
c) The ASB may consider if there are any Resolutions for the Regional ASB Conference from the M.D.
d) A Kochia Management Workshop is being planned to take place in June.
e) A discussion was initiated regarding sponsoring a hole at the RMA Golf Tournament hosted by the M.D. of Wainwright on July 17th, 2025 for the purpose of promoting the Rat Control Program.

16/25 Moved by Colton Ukrainetz to approve the expenditure of sponsoring a hole at the RMA Golf Tournament. CARRIED

A discussion regarding upcoming events was initiated.

a) The NE Regional ASB Conference hosted by Minburn County will take place on Monday November 3rd, 2025 in Vegreville.
b) An ASB tour will take place in July visiting reclamation trials, meeting ASD staff, and viewing equipment.
c) The ASB discussed attending Ag In Motion.

17/25 Moved by Shaun Rue to approve the expenditure for the interested ASB members to attend Ag In Motion. CARRIED

18/25 Moved by Shaun Rue that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Reeve Wildeboer adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

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Chairman – Councillor Mike Wildeboer

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Secretary – Kaitlin Hirsekorn