Wainwright, Alberta
October 16th, 2025

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 am, October 16th, 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 9:07 am.

19/25 Moved by Shaun Rue that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

20/25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the minutes from April 28th, 2025 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

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

a) 2024 Plant Disease Survey Summary Report
b) Declaration of Agricultural Disaster Letters (M.D. of Pincer Creek, M.D. of Greenview, County of Grande Prairie, Saddle Hills County, M.D. of Bonnyville, Smoky Lake County, County of Northern Lights, Mackenzie County, Lac La Biche County, Athabasca County, M.D. of Smoky River, M.D. of Peace, Northern Sunrise County, Clear Hills County, Big Lakes County, Birch Hills County, M.D. of Spirit River)
c) AgKnow Updates
d) Request for Inclusion in the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program Letters (Lac Ste. Anne County, Westlock County)
e) Letter of Support for Unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Sales in Alberta (Minburn County)
f) Letter of Request for the Reinstatement of Previously Approved Gopher Control Methods (Minburn County)
g) Letter of Concern Highway Right of Way Maintenance (Brazeau County)
h) Letter of Concern Universal Ostrich Farm (Brazeau County)
i) Letter of Concern Incomplete Wellsite Reclamation (Brazeau County)
j) Agriculture Service Board Provincial Committee Flyer

The correspondence was taken as information.

The ASB agenda package included the May, June, July, August, and September ASB monthly reports.

Reports were taken as information.

Shelby Oracheski, Agricultural Fieldman and Kaitlin Hirsekorn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented their reports:

a) Roadside Mowing Update
b) General Spraying Update
c) Highways Update
d) H-Start Reclamation Trial – two trial locations on roadside reclamation projects
e) Chemical Container Site Update - a contractor has been retained to complete phase lll of the project
f) Beaver Control Update
g) Dog Control Update
h) Rural Routes Review – Event came in under budget
i) 2026 Calendar Update – Calendars have arrived
j) Pest Monitoring/ Surveys Update

21/25 Moved by Jason Dahlgren that the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Teylor Longmuir was determined to be the successful applicant of the Municipal ASB Bursary.

22/25 Moved by Colton Ukrainetz that Teylor Longmuir be recommended to council as the 2025 Municipal ASB Bursary recipient. CARRIED

The 2025 Weed Control Work Summary Report from the Town of Wainwright was reviewed.

23/25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the $4,000 weed control grant be released to the Town for the 2025 season. In addition, staff are to send a letter to the Town addressing weed concerns on privately owned lots. CARRIED

A discussion regarding the Heartland Training & Support Hub Donation Request was initiated.

24/25 Moved by Shaun Rue to release the requested funds of $4,752 for the work completed in 2025. CARRIED

A discussion was initiated regarding the proposed Battle River Research Group partnership proposal.

25/25 Moved by Jason Dahlgren that the ASB recommends to Council that we proceed with the proposed one-year pilot partnership with Battle River Research Group at a cost of $10,000. CARRIED

A discussion was initiated regarding the proposed Shelterbelt Program.

26/25 Moved by Shaun Rue that the ASB recommends to Council that we proceed with the development of the Shelterbelt Program under a 50% cost share model capped at a total expenditure of $20,000. CARRIED

The ASB took a break from 10:38am-10:54am.

A discussion was initiated regarding the return of the Northern Alberta Farm Family Award administered by the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies. ASB would like more information on the structure of this award.

Declarations of Agricultural Disasters were discussed.

ASB Program Updates from the Provincial ASB Unit were provided. The ASB would like to book a delegate to come to the January ASB meeting to complete the ASB orientation and review of the resolution process.

The 2025 Resolution Report Card, Resolution Process, and Resolution Rules of Procedure were taken as information and will be further discussed at the January ASB meeting.

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) The Provincial ASB conference will take place from January 20th-22nd, 2026 in Edmonton.
c) BRAED Agricultural Forum will take place November 13th, 2025 at Galahad.

27/25 Moved by Shaun Rue to approve the expenditure for the Board members to attend the BRAED Agricultural Forum in Galahad on November 13th, 2025.

The next ASB Meeting will be on January 6th in the M.D. of Wainwright Council Chambers.

28/25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Reeve Wildeboer adjourned the meeting at 11:37am.

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Chairman – Councillor Mike Wildeboer

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Secretary – Kaitlin Hirsekorn