



Brief of the April 8, 2021 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting

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REPORTS:

1) Supervisor of Agriculture Services Report

The Supervisor of Agricultural Services gave a report on the department's activities in 2020:

- Approximately 5,000 miles of gravel and hardtop road slopes were mowed
- Over 944 miles of right of ways were sprayed for weed control
- 178 miles of roadtop were treated for excess vegetation on shoulders
- Numerous consultations with landowners on weed control and soil erosion
- Upgrades to Sunset Park playground and pathway system
- Co-hosted Farmer Pesticide Applicator Certificate course

APPOINTMENTS:

1) 10:30 AM - 2020 ASB Program Visit Report/Alan Efetha – Alberta Agriculture & Forestry

Mr. Efetha provided a report to the ASB on his field visit in 2020. It is the responsibility of Provincial Agricultural Service Board staff to visit each Municipality with a Service Board every five years to ensure ASB grant funds are being used in accordance with the grant guidelines. The report stated that Lethbridge County's program was reviewed and is deemed successful with only a few recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Agricultural Service Board Policy #614 - Soil Erosion Amendment

The ASB approved Policy #614 – Soil Erosion as amended and rescinded Policies #340 and #615 – Charge Back for Blow Dirt Clean Up. Policy #614 will be brought to the May 6, 2021 Council meeting for approval, as well as the rescinding of Policies #340 and #615. The new policy combines the two rescinded policies and encourages landholders to address soil erosion before it has an adverse effect on farmland and County roadways and drainage ditches.