



Brief of the April 14, 2022

Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting

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GOVERNANCE:

The ASB Terms of Reference and ASB Delegates with voting privileges was discussed. An amended ASB Terms of Reference will be brought forward at the fall Agricultural Service Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

1) Supervisor of Agriculture Services Report

The Supervisor of Agricultural Services gave a report on the department's activities so far in 2022, as well as ones completed in 2021. Some of these activities include:

- 5100 miles of gravel and hardtop road slopes were mowed (2021)
- 950 miles of right-of-way were sprayed for weeds (2021)
- 250 miles were treated for road top vegetation (2021)
- Annual grasshopper survey showed numbers up significantly, Bertha Army Worm numbers were low (2021)
- Benches and tables were added to several parks and trail systems including those in Diamond City, Fairview, Shaughnessy and Mountain Meadows (2021)
- \$5,000 donation was made to the Farm Safety Centre to educate students in 13 schools on farm safety (2021)
- Monarch will receive a major playground upgrade (2022)
- In collaboration with Counties of Newell and Warner, Lethbridge County hosted a three-day Nutrient Management Webinar Series. In total, 509 individuals signed up for the event. (2022)

APPOINTMENTS:

1) Alan Efetha – Alberta Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development Regional Liaison Representative – Agricultural Service Board Member Training

Mr. Efetha provided the ASB with the training required for members to participate in the Agricultural Service Board and receive provincial funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Agricultural Service Board Level of Service

The ASB approved the Level of Service document be recommended to Council for approval. It formalizes the activities performed by the department, mirrors the Agricultural Service Board Grant Agreement and sets a baseline for the Level of Service provided. It will be revised annually, and service levels will be adjusted accordingly.