

MD OF RANCLAND NO. 66
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, commencing at 10:08 am.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jody Wilson, Chairman
Lucy Streeter, Board Member
Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Councillor
Cameron Gardner, Councillor

Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman, Recording Secretary
Shayna Jones, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Erika Holowath, Ag & Envrio Stewardship Coordinator, Scribe
Robert Strauss, CAO

REGRETS: Roxy Wideman, Board Member
Donna Wilson, Board Member
Don Mowat, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Jody Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:08 am

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

M10/02/04/25 Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to change the date on the agenda to February 4, 2025.
Carried.

M11/02/04/25 Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to add the Livestock Scale to the agenda under New Business item 4.
Carried.

M12/02/04/25 Moved by Harry Streeter to amend New Business item 4 to the correct bylaw number.
Carried.

M13/02/04/25 Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to accept the agenda as amended.
Carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

M14/02/04/25 Moved by Member Harry Streeter to approve the minutes from January 7, 2025, as amended.
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ASB ACTION ITEMS Board members reviewed action list items and reviewed how to add items to the action list.

M15/02/04/25 Moved by Member Harry Streeter to accept the list of Action Items for information.

		Carried.
	Cameron Gardner arrived to meeting at 10:14 am	
2025 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE	Board members that attended gave verbal reports of the 2025 Provincial ASB Conference.	
M16/02/04/25	Moved by Member Cameron Gardner to accept the report of the 2025 Provincial ASB Conference for information.	Carried.
2025 PROVINCIAL ASB RESOLUTIONS		
M17/02/04/25	Moved by Ron Davis to table the 2025 Provincial ASB Resolutions for next meeting.	Carried.
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>		
FFGA FUNDING REQUEST	Board Members reviewed FFGA Funding Request.	
M18/ 02/04/25	Moved by Member Cameron Gardner to donate \$2000 to the FFGA.	Carried.
PRODUCER WEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Board Members reviewed the RFD for the Producer Weed Assistance Program.	
M19/02/04/25	Moved by Member Ron Davis that staff send a letter to the producers in question, with a copy of the unpaid invoice(s) stating that unless payment in received on or before March 17, 2025, the producers in question will forfeit potential rebates related to the 2024 program year. Furthermore, that staff draft recommendations, for the ASB and council's consideration, to update the terms and conditions of the Weed and Riparian Assistance Programs to address producers with unpaid invoices owing to the municipality.	Carried.
INDUSTRY WEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Board Members reviewed the RFD for the Industry Weed Assistance Program.	
M20/02/04/25	Moved by Member Lucy Streeter that staff draft recommendations for the ASB's consideration, to address industry participants with unpaid invoices owing to the municipality.	Carried.
LIVESTOCK SCALE UPDATE	Board Members reviewed the Livestock Scale statistics and reviewed the Rental Equipment Program Policy.	
M21/02/04/25	Moved by Member Ron Davis to update the equipment rental policy to include the following provisions: • Equipment rentals are available exclusively to ratepayers or residents.	

- Renters must complete the equipment checklist prior to use.
- Any missing or broken items must be reported to the agriculture fieldman prior to use.
- The equipment may only be used within a 20-mile radius from the municipal boundary.

The updated policy is to be sent to council for consideration.

Carried.

2025-2029 ASB GRANT APPLICATION

M22/02/04/25 Moved by Member Harry Streeter to table 2025-2029 ASB Grant Application until next meeting. Carried.

REVIEW OF THE ASB BYLAW No. 2024-01 Board members reviewed the ASB Bylaw No. 2024-01.

M23/02/04/25 Moved by Cameron Gardner to accept the review of the ASB Bylaw No. 2024-01 for information. Carried.

ASB ACT REVIEW Board members reviewed the ASB Act.

M24/02/04/25 Moved by Lucy Streeter to accept the review of ASB Act for information and to send to council for consideration. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

AGKNOW - Woodlands County
Wild Boar – Stettler County
Farmer Pesticide Program - Kneehill County
Richardson Ground Squirrel – Kneehill County
Positive Collaboration with Alta. Transportation – Northern Sunrise County
2025 ASB Conference – County of Northern Lights
BILL C-293 - Starland County, Athabasca County, Lamont County

M25/02/04/25 Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to accept the Correspondence for information. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

M26/02/04/25 Moved by Chairman Wilson that the agenda matters have been concluded and the meeting be adjourned at 12:16pm. Carried.

These minutes approved this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Jody Wilson, Chairman

Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman