



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Members:	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	Vice Chair
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director H. Halvorson	Electoral Area "F"	
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	M. Asif	Agricultural Producer	
	T. Boeve	Agricultural Producer	
	I. Eggen	Agricultural Producer	
	P. Stockdale	Agricultural Producer	
	R. van Daltsen	Agricultural Producer	
	P. Wendt	Agricultural Producer	
	J. Allen	Farmers Market	
	B. Naka	Member at Large	
	D. Gordon	Young Farmer	
Staff:	L. Frank	Sustainability Coordinator	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant, Planning and Building	
Also Present:	A. Kittel	Consultant	
	R. Fairbairn	Electoral Area "D"	Board Chair
	B. Recksiedler	Ministry of Agriculture	
	I. Smith	Upland Consulting	
	Members of the Public		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – April 16, 2015

Moved and seconded by Tom Boeve and Mohammad Asif

That the agenda of the April 16, 2015 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- New member
- Noise Issue

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – March 19, 2015

Moved and seconded by Director Fowler and Paul Wendt

That the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Upland Consulting Ltd.

Ione Smith, MSc. PAg, gave an overview of the draft Regional Agricultural Area Plan

- Two open houses for public engagement scheduled for May 1 and 2 in Lumby and Armstrong

Peter Stockdale entered the meeting.

Approximately 100 recommended actions are contained within the Plan and discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Section 3.2 Priority 2
 - o North Okanagan Farmers Institute
 - o Young Agrarians, Food Action Society missing as key players
 - o 2.17 – add RDNO to be a lead key player
- Section 3.4 Priority 4
 - o Possible use of effluent water for spray irrigation
- Section 3.5 Priority 5
 - o Successions through mentorship rather than only succession through family
 - o Access to financing
- Section 3.6 Priority 6
 - o Agriculture information package for new Directors on the Board
- Section 3.7 Priority 7
 - o Add Kingfisher Interpretive Centre
- Section 5 Implementation
 - o How to implement plan once adopted
 - o Funding for implementation
 - o List of funding opportunities to be provided with final plan
 - o Differences between an Agriculture Plan and an Agricultural Area Plan (bylaw)

Moved and seconded by Ralph van Daltsen and Ian Eggen

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, funding options and implications for the four implementation options listed in the draft Agricultural Area Plan be provided to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Doug Gordon left the meeting.

Director Fleming left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Regional Agricultural Area Plan

Moved and seconded by Director Halvorson and Peter Stockdale

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the draft Regional Agricultural Area Plan be referred to member municipalities, Regional District departments, First Nations, agricultural producer groups, the British Columbia Agricultural Council and various senior government agencies, including the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Land Commission for comment.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Commission Application A & V Detourdonnet [File No. 15-0114-C-ALR]

The Committee reviewed the application and provided the following comments:

- Property was previously subdivided to create 5 new lots in 1976
- Currently duplex on the property
- Opposed to further subdivision
- Parcel of land is too small already, no need to go smaller

Watershed Protection

Discussion regarding relation to SRWSP and water quality testing to share with Shuswap Watershed Council.

Moved and seconded by Ralph van Daltsen and Councillor Peter McClean

That the email dated April 8, 2015 from Jim Cooperman regarding “Watershed protection must move forward” be received for information.

CARRIED

New Member

Discussion regarding adding a new member to the Committee.

Moved and seconded by Councillor Peter McClean and Director Fowler

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, Mike Witt be appointed to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire December 31, 2016.

CARRIED

Noise Issue

Discussion ensued regarding Coral Beach orchard on Buchanan Road in Coldstream and the use of propane wind turbines to rid crops of frost.

Comments:

- Noisy
- Right to farm
- Wind machines are a recognized implement for crop protection from frost

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Vice Chair
Mike Macnabb



Sustainability Coordinator
Laura Frank