

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

An Agricultural Service Board has and shall exercise on behalf of the County all the duties and powers that are conferred on or exercised by a council, under the Agricultural Service Board Act, RSA 2000, c. A-10, as amended, or any other Act, with respect to agricultural matters, except the powers to borrow money, to pass a bylaw, to do any other things that by bylaw are reserved to the Council, and to do any other things specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

II. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

- A. Councillors: Three (3) – *non voting members*
- B. Members at Large: Five (5) – *voting members*

III. DUTIES AND POWERS

- A. Pursuant to the Agricultural Service Board Act, RSA 2000, c. A-10, as amended, the matters which the Board may address are:
 - 1. to act as an advisory body and to assist the Council and the Minister of Agriculture, in matters of mutual concern;
 - 2. to advise on the organizing and directing of weed control and soil and water conservation programs;
 - 3. to assist in the control of livestock disease under the *Livestock Diseases Act*;
 - 4. to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer; and
 - 5. to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.
- B. Pursuant to the Agricultural Pest Act, RSA 2000, c. A-8, and the Weed Control Act, RSA 2000, c. W-5, the Board is appointed as the Appeal Committee.

IV. MEETINGS

Frequency of meetings shall be as determined by the Board.

V. LIAISON

Provincial Department of Agriculture and Food and other Agricultural Service Boards in the Province of Alberta.

VI. FUNDING

As authorized by Council during the annual budget cycle.

