

POLICY:

As outlined in the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, Beaver County Agricultural Service Board members will act as an advisory body and will assist County Council and the Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development in matters of mutual concern. Members will promote and develop agricultural policies and programs to meet the needs of the County.

APPLICATION TO VISION STATEMENT:

In line with Beaver County's Vision Statement, the ASB *will preserve our area as "a place to call home" through open, transparent citizen engagement.* With the addition of Producer-at-Large Members, County Council will be provided with diverse opinions and ideas on relevant agricultural topics.

ELIGIBILITY:

No more than nine (9) members shall sit on the Agricultural Service Board. At least four (4) farmer members (Producers-at-Large) will be selected from throughout Beaver County in addition to all members of Council. Producers-at-Large appointed by County Council should be engaged in an active farming enterprise.

A person who is a member of the Board ceases to be a member of the Board if, without being authorized by a resolution of the Board, he/she is absent from 3 consecutive regular meetings of the Board. A vacancy in the Board does not impair the right of the remaining members to act as long as a majority of the members remain.

GUIDELINES:

Duties (Section 2 Agricultural Service Board Act):

- a) To act as an advisory body and to assist Council and the Minister of Agriculture in matters of mutual concern, and
- b) To advise on and to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs, and
- c) To assist in the control of livestock disease under the Livestock Diseases Act, and
- d) To promote, enhance, and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer, and
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- f) To promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

Other Duties:

ASB Members may be appointed to related agricultural committees as a liaison between the ASB and the committee.

TERM:

Elected officials will be appointed at Council's first Organizational Meeting after each municipal election.

Producers-at-Large will have three (3) year terms, and are limited to two (2) terms. Once these members have completed their two (2) terms, they must wait a period of one term before reapplying. If no new applications are received, the one term waiting period may be waived. The four Producer-at-Large members' terms shall be staggered so that there are always two (2) current and two (2) new members on the Board.

REMUNERATION:

Producer-at-Large members will be remunerated for expenses incurred while acting as a Board member at the same rate that Councillors are remunerated.

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

The A.S.B Chairperson will be an elected Service Board member.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Regular Agricultural Service Board meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of the month or at the call of the Chairman.

Administration will develop procedures to implement this Policy, which may be amended from time to time without compromising the intent of this Policy.