

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at the CVRD Boardroom, June 28, 2011 at 12:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Chair M. Marcotte  
Director G. Giles  
Director L. Iannidinaro  
Director L. Duncan  
Peter Keber  
Joanne McLeod  
Dan Ferguson  
George Robbins  
Pat Durose  
Mick Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Craven

**STAFF:** Tom Anderson, GM Planning & Development  
Geoff Millar, Manager Economic Development  
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer  
Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Director G. Seymour, Rodger Hunter, Ian Christison, Wayne Haddow, George Baird, John Milne, Marsha Stanley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Three addenda were added.

**It was moved and seconded the agenda be accepted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded the Regular AAC meeting minutes of April 26, 2011 be accepted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**BA1  
EXPLORE AVENUES OF ASSISTING NEW FARMERS**

At the March 22, 2011 AAC meeting it was moved and seconded that the AAC Chair form a working group of committee members to explore avenues of assisting new farmers to enter into the agricultural industry.

Chair Marcotte reported this will be taken care of by the subcommittee work and will be handled under reporting.

**BA2  
DRAFT BYLAW TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT**

The members reviewed draft Bylaw No. 3515 and made the following amendments:

#3(b) include representatives from (i) Cowichan Watershed Board

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(ii) District A Farmer's Institute (iii) Cowichan Exhibition Society.

#3(c) all non-elected members shall be appointed by Board resolution.

**It was moved and seconded the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission shall consist of sixteen members (with the addition of i. ii. iii.); (under #3c) all non-elected members shall be appointed by Board resolution.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved and seconded (under #4a) the terms of office be staggered.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved and seconded (under #5c) a quorum is nine members, one of whom must be a Director of the Board.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved and seconded (under #6b) to advise the Board on issues of importance to the agriculture community and on ALR exclusion applications, ALR subdivision applications and change of use applications as referred by the Electoral Area Services Committee as well as any other matters referred to it by the Board.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Tom Anderson left the meeting.

Item #6c(iii) quarterly progress/status reports to the Board. Discussion ensued. Suggested item for next meeting agenda is "how to build those relationships".

**It was moved and seconded to recommend to the CVRD Board to consider Bylaw #3515 as amended for readings and adoption.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BA3  
INVITATION TO THE  
AGRICULTURE LAND  
COMMISSION**

In reference to the April 26, 2011 AAC meeting minutes Chair Marcotte will send out a letter of invitation to the Agriculture Land Commission for the September or October AAC meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1  
INVESTMENT  
AGRICULTURE  
FOUNDATION**

Geoff Millar received a letter dated May 25, 2011 from the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC regarding approval for funding an Islands Agriculture Show Pilot Project. The show is scheduled to take place February 3-5, 2012 at the Cowichan Exhibition Park.

It was agreed Chair Marcotte will attend one planning committee meeting for support and understanding of general concept.

It was suggested to request a support letter from Cedar Farmer's Institute to be addressed to Jim Van Barneveld.

It was noted that Buckerfields and Top Shelf foods have invested in the community and members would like to see them included along with local farm dealers.

**C2  
CVRD COMMUNITY &  
REGIONAL PLANNING  
DIVISION**

Chair Marcotte received a letter dated June 14, 2011 from the CVRD Community and Regional Planning Division regarding the proposed South Cowichan OCP. The information was circulated by email to all members. The hearing was held June 27, 2011 and the discussion is now closed.

**REPORTS**

**R1  
UPDATE ON  
IRRIGATION  
WORKSHOP**

Director Iannidinardo and George Robbins attended this event and gave a brief report. Another workshop will be scheduled for November to provide opportunity for more attendees.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**UB1  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
UPDATES**

George Robbins reported for subcommittee group one. It was noted to change 4(a) #5 bullet point six on page 40 from year 1884 to 1984.

Dave Craven arrived at this point.

Dan Ferguson reported for subcommittee group two. It was noted EFP stands for Environmental Farm Plan. It was decided to add action item 3(c) #2 lobby the provincial government to reinstate extension services.

Pete Keber reported for subcommittee group three. Discussion ensued regarding use of the Rooster marketing logo. Geoff Millar will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

The members agreed that all items reviewed fit high priority level. Kathy Lachman suggested the subcommittees review with more

detail and resources to make recommendations to the Board.

Chair Marcotte asked the subcommittees to continue to meet in July and August. Next AAC meeting will be in September.

It was noted the agenda package contains the subcommittee working documents to be used for future work. You can write on the document and it will be updated as work continues.

It was suggested it would be good to have a few TLC documents to share with members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1  
RESIDENTIAL  
PRIVILEGES ON ALR**

In reference to April 26, 2011 AAC minutes, page 5, new business item #1. Residential privileges on ALR will be added with subcommittee group one's work.

**NB2  
BUY LOCAL, BUY  
FRESH MAP**

Geoff Millar handed out the 2011 Buy Local, Buy Fresh map. The CVRD authorized an ad with the EDC in support of our local farms and the farming community.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be in September. Due to the UBCM conference the date will be moved to September 13, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Certified Correct:

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Dated: