



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 27, 2024	Policy Number 6311
Title: Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)	

1. **Policy Statement:**

- 1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the value of aiding in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of livestock producer and veterinarian service sustainability.

2. **Purpose:**

- 2.1. To provide assistance to County livestock producers with veterinarian costs.
- 2.2. To retain local large animal veterinarians through the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program.
- 2.3. To establish guidelines for Clear Hills County's involvement in the VSI program.

3. **Responsibilities**

- 3.1. Council will allocate an annual VSI budget in accordance with the VSI agreement.
- 3.2. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council amendments to the VSI program and level of service as necessary.
- 3.3. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council the membership fee for participation in the program and this fee may from time to time be reviewed and amended.
 - 3.3.1. The membership fee will be included in the County Schedule of Fees Bylaw.
 - 3.3.2. Memberships will be valid for five years from the time of membership renewal or entry into the program.
- 3.4. Eligible participants must own livestock and be a resident of Clear Hills County.
 - 3.4.1. Individuals who hold an active VSI membership with another municipality are ineligible.

3.5. Participants in the VSI program will:

- 3.5.1. sign and complete an application form and enter into a Clear Hills County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Letter of Understanding and Agreement. Attached as Schedule A.

3.6. VSI Services will:

- 3.6.1. Provide a schedule of fees for eligible veterinarian services on an annual basis;
- 3.6.2. Provide quarterly summaries of program users and claims.

3.7. Service Limitations:

- 3.7.1. Effective January 12, 2021 there will be an annual cap on the county's 50% portion of service costs at \$1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred dollars) per membership.
- 3.7.2. Administration will invoice any users who exceed any service limitations in the amount of the County's contribution to the service that has been exceeded.

4. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

Resolution C438 (05/24/11)

Date: May 24, 2011

AMENDED:

Resolution C28-16 (10/12/16)

Date: January 12, 2016

Resolution C404-17 (08/22/17)

Date: August 22, 2017

Resolution C14-21 (01/12/21)

Date: January 12, 2021

Resolution C115-23 (02/28/23)

Date: February 28, 2023

Resolution C90-24 (02/27/24)

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