

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023**

PRESENT

David Janzen	Chairman
Julie Watchorn	Deputy Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Ron Jensen	Member
Julie Lemoine	Member
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative
Garry Candy	Member

ABSENT

ATTENDING

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Natasha Gillett	Community Services Clerk
Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

AG109-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 19, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG110-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 21, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Organizational Meeting. CARRIED.

AG111-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 21, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG112-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 19, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

Member Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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AG113-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board request further information regarding drone spraying and the regulations in place. **CARRIED.**

AG114-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written and verbal reports of December 19, 2023, for information. **CARRIED.**

Chairman Janzen recessed the meeting at 10:47 a.m.
Chairman Janzen reconvened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

DELEGATION
PCBFA

The Board is presented with a delegation from Peace County Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) on the 2023 program.

Chairman Janzen recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m.
Chairman Janzen reconvened the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

AG115-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request further information regarding the resource stream funding given to Peace County Beef and Forage (PCBFA). **CARRIED.**

AG116-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept the delegation from Peace County Beef and Forage (PCBFA) on the 2023 program, for information. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS
Policy 6311 Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)

The Board is requested to discuss a question posed by an individual regarding whether a participant may possess a VSI membership with multiple municipalities.

AG117-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt the proposed changes to Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI), as presented. **CARRIED.**

AG118-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request further information on the operation of the Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd program. **CARRIED.**

Honorarium & Travel Subsistence Budget Review

The Board has requested to review the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget.

AG119-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the honorarium & travel/subsistence budget review for information, as presented. **CARRIED.**

Provincial ASB
Conference
Resolutions

The Board is provided with the resolutions for review that will be coming to the floor at the 2024 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference that is being held January 22-24, 2024 in Lethbridge, AB.

AG120-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the 2024 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference resolutions, as presented. CARRIED.

Workshop with Mark
Heckbert & Louise
Liebenberg

The Board has requested a discussion regarding a date, time, and place to hold a workshop with Mark Heckbert, Provincial Wildlife Conflict Specialist. As well as the topics of discussion to be held at the workshop.

AG121-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board hold a workshop with Mark Heckbert and Louise Liebenberg on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eureka River Hall. CARRIED.

Date, Time, and
Place of Board
Meetings

The Agricultural Service Board currently meets every third Tuesday except May when the meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month and there are no meetings held in April or August. The Board will now select the day of the month and the commencement time for the monthly meetings.

AG122-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board set the board meetings for the third Tuesday of each month except May when the meeting will be held the first Tuesday, and no meetings will be held in April and August. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

AG123-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the Alberta Beef Producers 2024 Producer Meeting on January 16, 2024 at the Hampton Inn in Grande Prairie, AB. CARRIED.

AG124-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the PCBFA Peace Beef Cattle Day on February 9, 2024 at the Grimshaw Legion in Grimshaw, AB. CARRIED.

AG125-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the Below Ground Soil Health Seminar on February 22, 2024 at the Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St John, BC. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

AG126-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 19, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG127-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 19, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.

AG128-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board move the February Board meeting from February 20, 2024 to February 6, 2024. CARRIED.

AG129-23(12/19/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request administration gather further information on a local business tour and authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Board Members, date to be determined at a future time. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

Members had a chance to have a round table discussion regarding topics of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Janzen adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

DATE

CHAIR

DATE

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 6, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:





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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
		May 2, 2023		
AG52-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget review to future Agricultural Service Board meetings. CARRIED.	AF	Future 2023 ASB Meetings
		September 19, 2023		
AG74-23	(09/19/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the Carnivore Damage Prevention Presentation that was to be held at the Eureka River Hall in August of 2023, to a future date in October 2023. CARRIED.	AF	Discussion on December 19, meeting
AG76-23	(09/19/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Provincial ASB Conference in Lethbridge, AB from January 22-24, 2024. CARRIED.	AF	January 22-24, 2024
		November 21, 2023		
AG106-23	(11/21/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Watchorn and Member Lemoine to the PCBFA Northern Women in Agriculture on January 19, 2024 in Fairview, AB. CARRIED.		January 19, 2023
		December 19, 2023		
AG113-23	(12/19/23)	RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board request further information regarding drone spraying and the regulations in place. CARRIED.	AF	March 19, 2024 ASB Meeting
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.



BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Member Candy's Board Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of February 6, 2024, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**  **AgFieldman:** 

ASB Provincial Meeting

January 22-25, 2024

Lethbridge, Alberta

New Exhibition Building

Garry Candy

Day 1 Monday January 22

- Chairmen's Meeting
- Late afternoon registrations
- Welcomes and brief speeches from the Mayor of Lethbridge, the Minister of Ag and Irrigation, CEO, Lethbridge & District Exhibition, Member of Parliament Foothills and Lethbridge Reeve

Day 2. Tuesday, January 23

- Consisted of speakers and Voting on resolutions

Aaron Van Beers (AAAF) President

- Spoke of the history of the Ag Boards and the birth of PFRA in the 30's.

Maureen Vadnais-Sloan – History and impact of ASBs in Alberta

- Recounted yearly advancements of the boards for 75 years of stewardship over 52,000,000 acres of land
- Has a ranch at St. Paul with a 6500 cow-calf operation
- ASB protects the economic drive of agriculture that adds 8.1 billion dollars to our GDP
- We have preferred access to 49 different countries for ag trade and are the 3rd largest exporter in the world
- Ag industry supports 58,000 jobs
- ASBs are responsible for the 1.26 million dollars yearly in grant monies including 729 positions which help keep rural Alberta alive

Trevor Wallace – Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Nutrition Management specialist from Camrose

- Spoke of soil conservation needed to offset the risks of erosion by both wind and water

- Water erosion is bad but wind erosion is worse – sandy soils are more susceptible to wind while clay soils are more susceptible to wind
- Ground covers and cultivation methods are crucial
- USA government came up with the “Soil Drifting Control Act”. We have the soil conservation act from 1962 with adaptive changes made in 1988, 2002, 2010
- Focus is on local counties and municipalities – mentioned we may not be far from \$20,000 per acre for land
- ASB control with the Pest Act including grasshoppers, rats and Dutch elm disease
- This is accomplished in different ways including surveys, scouting areas etc.
- The ASB conducts these surveys long after any actions are taken to ensure lasting results

Aaron Van Beers

- Spoke of the clubroot policies created by municipalities and counties which have their own approaches and enforcement policies – farmers farming in more than one county or MD could have different rules in each
- Clubroot has a 20 year spore life so policies are needed
- FOIP becomes involved because of land sales and price protection from other farmers
- In 2023, 707 fields were inspected – 137 were confirmed with 48 new fields
- With clubroot, each gall has multiple types of spores. Each gall can dictate the pathotype – testing is done at the U of A but this takes time because they have to grow it out

Davin Johnson – Clean Farms Inc.

- Non-profit organization
- Recycling on behalf of industry
- First program was the jug program- has expanded to 7 programs in every province
- 270 locations in AB and has gone from 65% participation to 90% this year
- 2022 – 1.7 million small containers (jugs) and bags were collected. 1800-2500 tonnes of grain bags and twine per year

Karen Wickerson – Rat and Pest Control Specialist

- Spoke of controlling rats in Alberta, particularly the Norway rat which moved from Ontario in the 1950's, some as far as Alsask.
- The Norway rat is blamed for the black plague (Bubonic Plague) so the effort began to halt or slow the flow into Alberta
- Under the Ag Pest Act, owners must monitor and control spread of rats, MD's are required to have a pest control officer
- The border is patrolled from Cold Lake to the Montana border along the AB/SK border
- Province hired Napoleon Poulin for help and instruction. He was known as the man that killed 10 million rats hence the Poulin Pest Removal Company today

Caitlin Heck – Ag Fieldman, Provost

- Has been involved in removing rats
- Spoke of bales coming in and the signs the owner need to look for and the actions to take
- A group of rats is known as a Mischief

Gayah Sieusahai – Pest Officer, AB Ag & Irrigation

- Spoke about the weed control act
- Canada thistle was under the first act and continues to be there
- Weed act was introduced in 1905-1907

Megan Evans - Executive Director, AB Invasive Species Council

- Spoke of the importance of partnerships for controls as they have only 3 staff members
- More awareness of a lot of invasive species is needed
- Showed a slide of a field of Oxy-Daisies advertising a vacation spot in beautiful Fernie
- Next AISC conference in is Olds. March 20 & 21.

Sharon Widdup – attired in Hutterite clothing provided the entertainment

- Talked about knitting socks and other duties that she and the girls do at the colony
- Based on prior information, she called on some of the people in the conference and proceeded to call them out, poking a little humor
- Good entertainer

Day 3 Wednesday January 24

Carrie Ann – filling in for Doug Macaulay

- Updates on Provincial ASB Programs
- 5 year ASB grant ends 2024
- Upcoming review with Fieldmen, ASB members in March
- New fall application and new licencing for seed cleaning plants
- 8.4 million in grants to ASBs and MDs Resource Management. 1.75 million to ASBs in 2022 – 183 fulltime workers, 82 part time and 410 seasonal

Randy Liton – President Sky Point Resources Ltd.

- Spoke about the pros and cons of using hydrogen as auto fuel and heat sources
- Hydrogen burns well although it has less B.T.U. value than natural gas or propane
- Only by-product of combustion is water
- Claims there is an abundance of hydrogen in Canada and other countries – it is the most plentiful element
- The problems are the tank capacities (under high pressure) and the availability of filling stations, transportation to bulk facilities, etc.
- Steam reformation to make grey hydrogen or electrolysis can be used to fuel power generators

Jeremy Patton – Medicine Hat College – RPAS Project Officer

- Spoke about drone research he has been involved in with regards to use in Ag
- Gave some of the regulations as to size (by weight) categories, proximity to airports, etc.

- Pointed out the advantages of being able to selectively spray small areas without ground entry
- Ongoing technology in the agricultural field will give rise to big returns

Glenn Wright – Saskatchewan Farmer

- Former engineer bought a small farm and is farming in an energy efficient way
- Saving money with geo-thermal heating in buildings
- Increased wall thickness and insulation values
- Field crop choices carefully made including inter cropping
 - Barley and lentils – built his own screen systems to separate them

Ray Shandro - Farmacist Advisory Services

- Spoke about farming financial planning and succession planning

Nichole Neubauer – Irvine Ag Discovery Centre Coordinator, Prairie Rose Schools

- Extremely interesting speaker
- Passion for farm life and education of young people as to where their food comes from
- Have a farm in Cypress County and a few animals – cows, goats, chickens, etc.
- Works with Prairie Rose Public Schools to provide information to students and has farms visits for school kids on a regular basis
- Have received funding to run a small fenced area with plants and animals Irvine, AB for kids to work in.
- I would like to follow up more with their work to see what could be done in our area although we do not have the urban presence that they have
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To end this report on a light note – Nichole related an incident where they had a school tour and the JD combine was in full view. A horrified 8 or 9 year old boy asked why they would have a machine that would suck up deer! The John Deere Harvester!

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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	PCBFA RESOURCE STREAM FUNDING
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with additional information regarding Peace County Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) resource stream funding, as requested.

BACKGROUND:

PCBFA is under agreement for 2020-2024 to deliver Resource Management partnership programs and services that are funded by a Provincial ASB grant of \$110,000 and cost share funding from each partner municipality (\$7,500 for Clear Hills County, MD Fairview, MD Peace, MD Spirit River, Saddle Hills County and \$3,000 for Birch Hills County)

Clear Hills County contributes an additional \$17,500.00 for programming beyond the Resource Management partnership.

PCBFA requested further additional funding of \$2,500.00 for 2023, the Board recommended Council grant a one time increase for 2023 under the conditions that they must hold three extension events within the County.

PCBFA has sent their additional funding request letter for 2024, which includes the budgeted \$17,500.00 as well as the further additional funding of \$2,500.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

PCBFA 2020-2024 Resource Steam Funding Agreement
PCBFA Additional Funding Request Letter

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding Peace County Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) resource stream funding, as presented.

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board..

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
Box 240,
Worsley, Alberta
T0H 3W0
(hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY")
OF THE FIRST PART**

- and -

**Peace Country Beef and Forage Association
Box 3000, Animal Science Building
GPRC Campus
Fairview, Alberta
T0H 1L0**

**(hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR")
OF THE SECOND PART**

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the benefit of providing information to the farming community to enhance profitability and quality of life through research demonstration and extension, and

WHEREAS, the County and partnering municipalities Municipal District of Fairview, Municipal District of Peace, Municipal District of Spirit River, Birch Hills County and Saddle Hills County recognize the value of partnering with neighboring municipalities, to deliver this information to the farming community in the region, and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to administer the Agricultural Service Board Resource Management Funding Stream grant on behalf of the partnering municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has agreed to provide such Services and has the necessary resources and expertise required to implement the Resource Management Funding Stream Program, and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to this Agreement, in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter contained, agree as follows:

- 1. The Contractor shall**
 - a. Implement the Environmental Funding Stream Program as described within the attached Schedule A – 2020-2024 Resource Management Funding Stream Program Proposal, and as amended with the consent of the partnering municipalities.**
 - b. Present to the partnering municipalities a project review annually before the calendar year end.**

2. The Contractor may contract duties, powers or functions relating to the provisions of this Agreement to a third party; and the Contractor may request in writing that payment for services related to this contract be made to a third party.
3. Payment for Services:
 - 3.a.1. The County shall pay to the Contractor the Alberta Agricultural and Forestry Resource Management Funding Stream Program allotment of \$110,000.00 and Clear Hills County's cost share commitment of \$7,500.00 within 45 days of receipt of an invoice from the Contractor.
 - 3.a.2. In the event that the Contractor anticipates additional costs will be required a summary describing the nature of the additional costs and an estimate of the costs must be submitted to the County and partnering municipalities for approval prior to incurring said costs. The municipalities will respond in writing approving or not approving additional costs under this agreement.
4. Period Covered

The terms of this Agreement shall be for a period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, unless the Agreement is earlier terminated by either of the parties hereto.
6. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by either of the Parties hereto giving to the other two weeks (10 working days) notice of the intention to terminate.
7. Extension

The Agreement may not be extended. The Agreement forms the entire contract between the Parties. No other terms, representations or warranties are to be inferred or implied therein.
8. Amendment

The Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both Parties. The Agreement forms the entire contract between the Parties. No other terms, representations or warranties are to be inferred or implied therein.
9. Security, Indemnity and Safety

The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its' employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions and costs whatsoever that may arise, directly or indirectly out of any act or omission of the Contractor, his employees or agents, in performance by the Contractor of this Agreement.
10. Insurance

The Contractor shall insure that operations under a contract of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance acceptable to the County with an Insurer licensed in Alberta in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS) per occurrence, insuring against Bodily Injury, including Personal Injury and Property Damage, including loss of use thereof. Such insurance shall extend to include liability assumed under the contract and shall preclude subrogation claims by the Insurer against the County, its' agents or employees.

Evidence or proof of such insurance in the form of Certified True Copies thereof shall be filed with the County prior to commencement of this contract.

11. Notice

Any notice hereunder shall be effectively given if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail. Any notice so given shall be deemed to have been received at the time when in the ordinary course such letter should have reached its destination. In the event of an actual or threatened postal strike or interruption, service shall be by personal delivery. The names and addresses of the authorized representatives of the parties are as follows:

i) For the County

Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer
Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, Alberta
T0H 3W0

ii) For the Contractor


Peace Country Beef and Forage Association
Box 3000, Animal Science Building
GPRC Campus
Fairview, Alberta
T0H 1L0

12. General

13.1 The County may delegate any duties, powers or functions relating to the provisions of this Agreement to any employee or employees of the County.

13.2 The Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous negotiations and documents relating hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto executed this document.


Amber Bean, Reeve


Allan Rowe,
Chief Administrative Officer


Witness


Peace Country Beef and Forage
Association



Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
Box 3000 / 820059 Range Road 35
Fairview, AB T0H 1L0
P: (780) 835-6799
F: (780) 835-6628

October 25, 2023

Council and Agriculture Service Board Members
Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Dear Council and Agriculture Service Board Members,

On behalf of the PCBFA staff, board of directors, and members, I want to express our deep gratitude for your ongoing support. Though we have greatly expanded our research and extension programs over the last five years, we have continued to struggle with a secure, adequate, and long-term base. This base is needed to cover expenses that are essential but are not billable to projects - such as insurance, utilities, office supplies, capital equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, staff training, and core staff salaries. A stable base is fundamental to the success of the programs we provide for Peace Country producers.

Our municipal support is a crucial piece of that stable base, as well as a source of matching funds to leverage for research and extension projects, and therefore is our most important funding source. For 2024-25, we would like to request continued funding at the same level of \$27,500 per year.

We would love the opportunity to attend one of your meetings over the fall and winter as a delegate, to deliver an update on our operations this past year and discuss plans for future years. Should you have any questions, concerns, or any other feedback - please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Mimi Vanderheide
Interim Executive Director
Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
250-794-7414
mimi@pcbfa.ca

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Clear Hills County 27th Annual Trade Show
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a schedule to be completed for the Agricultural Service Board booth at the Clear Hills County 27th Annual Trade Show, as well as a discussion regarding what to have at the booth.

BACKGROUND:



Clear Hills County 27th Annual Trade Show is being held April 13, 2024 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, AB from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT:

Schedule for booth
Clear Hills County 2024 Trade Show Package

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding the Agricultural Service Board booth at the Clear Hills County 27th Annual Trade Show being held on April 13, 2024 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:		AgFieldman:	
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Agricultural Service Board Booth Schedule

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time	Member	Member
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.		
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.		

A photograph of a brown cow with large, curved horns standing in a field of tall grass. The cow is looking towards the camera. The background shows a rolling landscape under a bright sky.

Clear Hills County Invites You To The 27th Annual Agricultural Trade Show

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Hines Creek, Alberta

Dear Sponsor and Exhibitor,

We are excited to invite you to participate in our 27th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show!

This one day event will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Whether your company is large or small, this event is an excellent business opportunity and will increase your visibility among the surrounding communities.

Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show attracts rural families, agricultural producers and residents from surrounding areas; and supports local community groups and non-profit organizations.

Sponsors and Exhibitors are invited to promote their businesses and display their goods and services to the hundreds of people that pass through the door each year.

Please review the exhibitor options and sponsorship opportunities outlined in the enclosed package.

On behalf of the Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board, we look forward to seeing you in April!

Regards:

Greg Coon
Agricultural Fieldman

Have any questions? Contact our team!

Greg Coon
780-685-3925 ext. 115
greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Crystal Dei
780-685-3925 ext. 117
csc@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Booth Bookings:
Natasha Gillett
780-685-3925 ext. 108
community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Sponsorship Opportunities

Recognition	Platinum \$2,500 & Up	Gold \$1,000—\$2,499	Silver \$500-\$999	Bronze \$100-\$499
Trade Show Events Handout to Visitors	Yes— Logo	Yes— Logo	Yes— Logo	Yes— Name
Listed in the County Newsletter	Yes— Logo	Yes— Logo	Yes— Logo	Yes— Name
Included in the Breakfast Placemats	Yes— Logo	Yes— Logo	Yes— Small logo	Yes— Name
Included in PowerPoint (PowerPoint is ran all day)	Yes—sole logo on screen, multiple times per cycle	Yes—2 sponsors per screen	Yes—3 sponsors per screen	Yes—by name only. All bronze sponsors on one screen
Acknowledgement on PA System during the Trade Show	Yes— Minimum once per half hour	Yes	Only for specific venue sponsorship	
Logo included in two newsletter ads prior to the trade show and on our Facebook Page	Yes	Yes		
Trade Show Flyer	Yes			

Special thank you to past, present and future sponsors!

Exhibitor Information

Booth Setup:

The following items are included for each exhibitor booth:

- ⇒ 2 Chairs
- ⇒ Table
- ⇒ Table Covering and Skirting
- ⇒ GST Included
- ⇒ Limited Additional Tables for \$25.00 each
- ⇒ Optional Electrical Outlet (110V) for \$25.00
- ⇒ Indoor booths include back wall and side wall draping

Draping colors are Blue & Silver

Indoor Machinery Booths:

400 square ft.
(approximately)

Outdoor Machinery Booths:

40x40ft
(approximately)

Payment information

Payment for the Trade Show registration shall be made to:

Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, Alberta
T0H 3W0

Register before March 31, 2023 to receive early bird registration (see registration form). We do not accept credit card payments by phone or email.

E-transfers can be sent to payments@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Cancellation Terms

Booth cancellations received after March 31st **may** be refunded up to 75% of the booth registration.

Insurance Requirements

Exhibitors are informed that injury or damage occurring to the public or employees in their leased booths may be covered by Commercial General Liability Policy. It is the responsibility of each and every exhibitor to arrange their own insurance coverage and provide a Certificate of Insurance or proof of General Liability with liability of no less than \$2,000,000.00, naming Clear Hills County as an Additional Insured. Home Owners and Tenants Insurance will not be accepted unless you have a home based business extension in which case a Certificate of Insurance as above will be required. Clear Hills County assumes no responsibility for loss or damages to exhibitors displays, materials, supplies or other items at any time.

Another option for short term exhibitor insurance may be PAL Insurance Brokers Canada Ltd. Applications can be made online at palcanada.com for exhibitor/vendor booth & Kiosk Liability Policy.

Insurance requirements must be met to finalize booth registration.

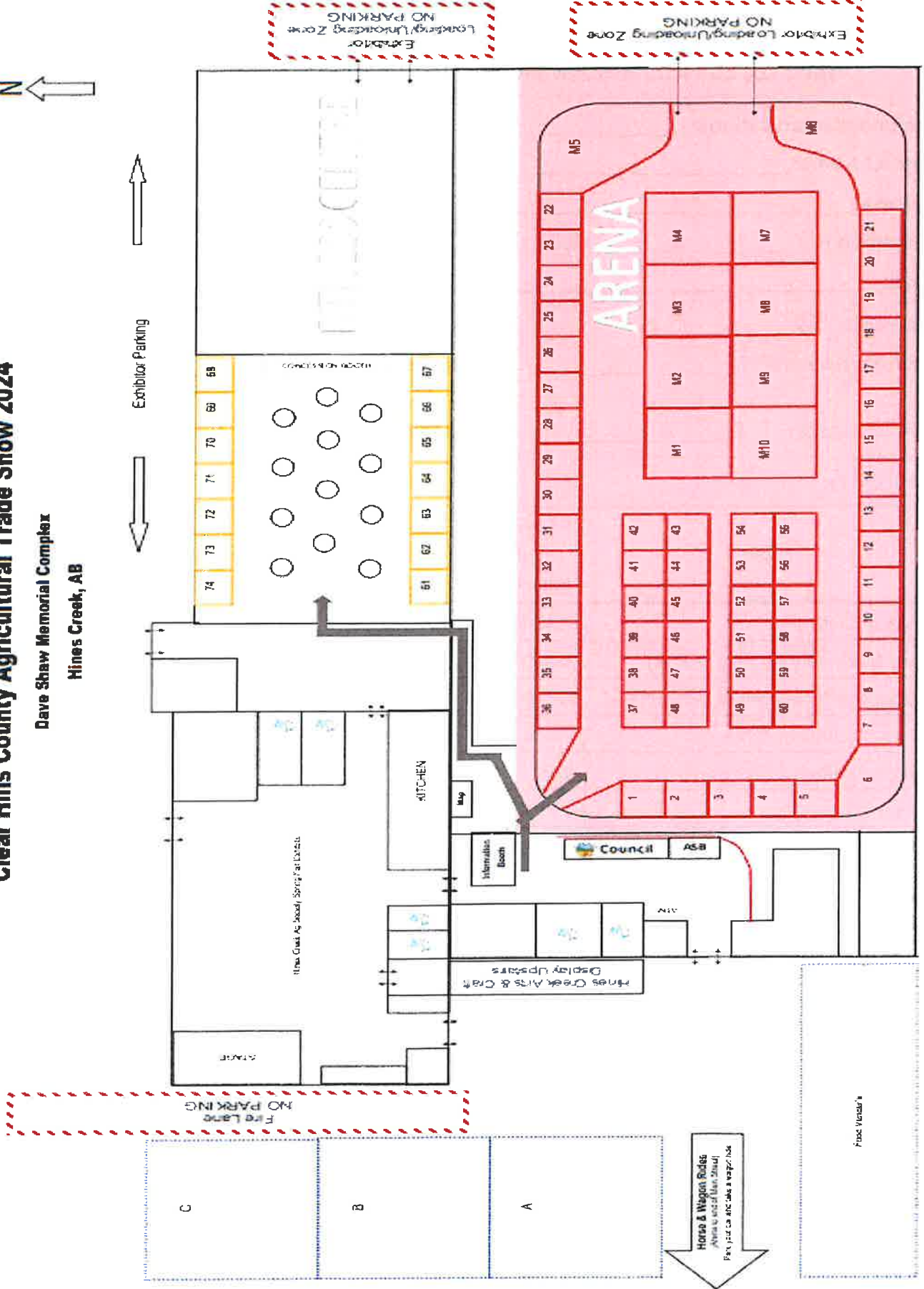
Show Schedule

	Friday	Location
Spring Fair Entries accepted by the Hines Creek Agricultural Society	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Exhibitor Booth Setup	1:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	
	Saturday	
Exhibitor Booth Setup	7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Using Back Entrance
Sponsored Breakfast	8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Fitness Centre
Trade Show	10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Fitness Centre, Arena & Outside
Wagon Rides	10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	
Hines Creek Spring Fair Exhibits	10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Hines Creek Arts & Crafts Club Display & Lunch	11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Upstairs above lobby
Kids Talent Show	3:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Presentation of Spring Fair Prizes	2:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Trade Show Closes & Exhibitor Clean-up	4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	

Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show 2024

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Hines Creek, AB



Registration Form

April 13, 2024 Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, Hines Creek, Alberta

Company/Organizations: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone No. _____ **Cell:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship

Platinum Sponsor: \$ _____ **Gold Sponsor:** \$ _____

Silver Sponsor: \$ _____ **Bronze Sponsor:** \$ _____

Exhibitors

Booth	Early Bird Price (March 31st)	Price After March 31st Deadline	Quantity	Power (\$25)	Total
Standard Booth	\$175.00	\$200.00			
Indoor Machinery Booth (20x20ft)	\$375.00	\$400.00			
Outdoor Machinery Booth (40x40ft)	\$175.00	\$200.00			
Options: Additional Table	\$25.00	\$50.00			
Options: Additional Chairs	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Sponsorship					
				Total:	

Booth No. Preferences: (List 3)

List of products or services you will be advertising/selling: _____

Check List

Registration Form

Exhibitor Agreement (pg. 8)

Payment

Certificate of Insurance

Please mail cheque or money order to:

Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, Alberta
T0H 3W0

E-transfers can be sent to payments@clearhillscounty.ab.ca
Please include TRADESHOW in the memo line.

Exhibitor Agrees to the following Terms & Conditions

1. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to assign, decline, and/or change booth locations without notice.
2. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any request to exhibit or participate in the show at any time.
3. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject, move or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part or its representative if in the opinion of Show Management the exhibit or the activities the exhibitor or its representative violates the Agreement or is detrimental to the aims, goals and purpose of the show.
4. Clear Hills County prohibits any abusive conduct and inappropriate behaviour toward Show Management, attendees, guests or any affiliated representative of the show.
5. Clear Hills County does not assume responsibility for any loss, damages and/or theft of exhibitor's displays, materials, supplies, etc. Security will be onsite during the entire show.
6. Exhibitor's will hold Clear Hills County harmless for any damage, expense, or liability arising from any injury or damage to said exhibitor, its agents, servants or employees, resulting from any acts or omissions of the exhibitor, its agents, employees or representatives, for which the exhibitor is legally responsible for.
7. Exhibitors are entirely responsible for leased space and agree to reimburse for any damage to property, facilities, furnishings, or equipment occurring on the premises of the event, providing such damage is due to negligence of the exhibitor, its servants, agents or others for whom the exhibitor is, by law, responsible for.
8. Exhibitors are required to provide a valid Certificate of Insurance for the event and booth rental.
9. Exhibitors materials, supplies, equipment, displays, materials, supplies etc. must not be extended beyond the exhibitor's designated booth space.
10. The exhibitor agrees to remove the exhibit, equipment, displays, materials, supplies, etc. from the show building by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the show, and not before 4:00 p.m.
11. Clear Hills County has the authority to establish and interpret rules and regulations necessary for the orderly conduct of exhibitors and/or agents for the mutual benefit of all parties.

I, _____ (please print) have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Position/Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	LOCAL BUSINESS TOUR
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested further information regarding a local business tour.

Three local businesses have agreed to give the Agricultural Service Board a tour of their facilities.

- Hines Creek Colony Chicken Barn
- Brent Kobbert Seed Cleaning Plant
- Peifer Feeds

BACKGROUND:

AG129-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request administration gather further information on a local business tour and authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Board Members, date to be determined at a future time. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board set the local business tour of the Hines Creek Colony chicken barn, Brent Kobbert seed cleaning plant, and Peifer feeds for...

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:



Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting: **Agricultural Service Board**
 Meeting Date: February 6, 2024
 Originated By: Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
 Title: **Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)**
 File: 63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested further information on the operation of the Veterinary Service Incorporated 1980 Ltd. (VSI) Program.

BACKGROUND:

AG118-23(12/19/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request further information on the operation of the Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd program. CARRIED.

VSI Program Yearly requisition:

2018- \$54,000.00
 2019- \$61,000.00
 2020- \$64,000.00
 2021- \$62,000.00
 2022- \$55,000.00
 2023- \$56,500.00



Year	VSI Membership Users	Amount Paid by VSI	Average per User
2018	110	\$ 51,147.35	\$ 464.97
2019	130	\$ 51,033.65	\$ 392.56
2020	103	\$ 49,840.47	\$ 483.88
2021	99	\$ 47,221.70	\$ 476.98
2022	103	\$ 45,411.93	\$ 440.89
2023	98	\$ 45,729.17	\$ 466.62

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)
 2023 VSI Registration Package
 2024 VSI Requisition Letter

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion regarding the Veterinary Service Incorporated 1980 Ltd. (VSI) Program, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 28, 2023	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 be a resident that owns livestock in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.
- 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

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Clear Hills County

Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.



Information & Registration Form



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

File No. 63-10-40

January 1, 2023

RE: Clear Hills County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Program Registration

Dear Producer:

This is your registration package for the VSI program. For membership registration please fill out the appropriate information and return the application plus a \$52.50 (GST included) registration fee to the Clear Hills County office. All VSI users will be required to renew their VSI membership every five years to continue to qualify for privileges under the program. No producer with outstanding accounts from our previous VSI program will be able to register again until all pending bills are paid in full.

The VSI program is intended to aid in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of producer and veterinarian service sustainability. The Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will be providing support to the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) program. Upon registration, Clear Hills County producers would qualify for privileges listed as Schedule "A" under the VSI Agreement terms and conditions.

Please find attached the VSI agreement, application, Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI), and Schedule "B" (services not payable by VSI).

Yours truly,

Greg Coon
Agricultural Fieldman

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.
Letter of Understanding and Agreement

I, _____ of _____
(Name) (Mailing Address)

_____ am a resident of Clear Hills County.
(City/Town) (Postal Code)

By receiving a Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd (V.S.I.) Card, Number _____, I hereby agree to the following:

- ✓ I understand Clear Hills County contributes to Veterinary Services Incorporated Ltd. and that I can receive certain veterinary services under the V.S.I. Program.
- ✓ I agree to make any payment required within thirty (30) days of an invoice being issued by Clear Hills County with respect to overuse of service limits of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program. I fully understand that failure to pay the invoice within thirty (30) days of issuance will result in an immediate termination of my receiving benefits of the Program.
- ✓ I have received a copy of the V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. Schedule "A" Tariff of Fees and Schedule "B" Non Payable Services.
- ✓ I understand that this is a cost share program between the County and VSI members, and that the cost share ratios may change at Council's discretion.
- ✓ I understand that service fees and service limits may change from year to year, at the discretion of Council and/or the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Producer

Witness



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Box 240,
Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0
e-mail: greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Phone :[780]685-3925
Fax: [780]685-3960

V.S.I. APPLICATION FORM

V.S.I. CARD NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF HOME QUARTER: _____

TYPE OF OPERATION: _____

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK: _____

NUMBER OF HEAD: _____

I hereby agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program as set out in the V.S.I. Policy for Clear Hills County. I also understand that this policy may be changed from time to time as deemed necessary. I agree to abide by any changes made.

DATE

APPLICANT

DATE

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.
 Schedule "A" 50/50- Effective Jan 1, 2023

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2023 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes local anaesthetic procedures (including the drugs), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

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A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	51.60	25.80	25.80

Note: This fee can only be claimed in conjunction with another valid VSI claim. It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is not a per animal fee.

Epidural	1	41.80	20.90	20.90
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Note: Epidurals can only be claimed in conjunction with dystocias (code 31), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52.

Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	7.70	3.85	3.85
Intravenous Injections	4	15.10	7.55	7.55
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	38.20	19.10	19.10
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	60.80	30.40	30.40
Oral Drug Administration	5	42.00	21.00	21.00
Subconjunctival injection	7	15.10	7.55	7.55

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can only be claimed once per animal and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

X-ray (2 views)	2	179.70	89.85	89.85
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	37.70	18.85	18.85
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	50.30	25.15	25.15

Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves)

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	225.30	112.65	112.65
Claw Amputation	17	328.20	164.10	164.10
Epididectomy	20	352.00	176.00	176.00
Eye Enucleation	16	492.20	246.10	246.10
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	571.90	285.95	285.95
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	342.60	171.30	171.30

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	638.60	319.30	319.30
Rumen Fistula	24	230.90	115.45	115.45
Sole Abscess	29	177.00	88.50	88.50
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#)	14	363.00	181.50	181.50
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves)	18	363.00	181.50	181.50
Urethrostomy	15	286.60	143.30	143.30
Vasectomy	19	387.00	193.50	193.50

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	669.00	334.50	334.50
Dystocia	31	302.40	151.20	151.20
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	454.70	227.35	227.35
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	535.00	267.50	267.50

Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	31.40	15.70	15.70
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Note: This fee only applies for bulls eliminated from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1 st bull)	60	129.40	64.70	64.70
Semen Test (2 nd to 10 th bull)	61	91.40	45.70	45.70 each
Semen Test (11 th to 50 th bull)	62	83.80	41.90	41.90 each
Semen Test (51 st bull plus)	63	75.90	37.95	37.95 each

Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	6.30	3.15	3.15 each
Heifer Maturity Palpation (per head)	6hp	6.30	3.15	3.15 each

Note: A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the AB.VMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.

Prolapses (includes epidural given)				
-Rectal	74	157.20	78.60	78.60
-Uterine	71	284.80	142.40	142.40
-Vaginal	81	204.70	102.35	102.35
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	236.30	118.15	118.15
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	330.50	165.25	165.25

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: Rates are quoted for 1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals. -- All of the services in this section are fully inclusive and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.

Code 12A/12B or 13A/13B claims CAN'T EXCEED 1 1/2 hours (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	123.40	61.70	61.70
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	70.10	35.05	35.05
Surgery (minor)	13A	76.10	38.05	38.05
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	70.10	35.05	35.05

Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.

Professional Services (general)	25	70.10	35.05	35.05
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Note: This fee is used:

- a) For herd health visitations and/or problems (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
 - b) In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 as specified in section "E"
 - c) When more than two postmortems are conducted
 - d) When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
 - e) Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager
- Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of average competence.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	162.90	81.45	81.45
Cast Removal	27	76.70	38.35	38.35
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor	53	82.70	41.35	41.35
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	148.40	74.20	74.20

Note: **This code includes the examination** and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	212.30	106.15	106.15
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Note: **Only** for calves up to **two months old**. It **includes the exam** and **professional services** for the **first 24 hours**. **Code 53** should be **used** to cover professional services in **subsequent 24 hour periods**.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 when more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55

Services normally covered under 50 in combination with flat fee(s) of equal or greater value automatically become code 51 - second animal

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	88.00	44.00	44.00
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	140.00	70.00	70.00
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	150.70	75.35	75.35
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	226.60	113.30	113.30

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**

Technovit Block - Application of	30	114.20	57.10	57.10
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Note: **Materials** are **included** in this service

PIGS
All Services

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	123.30	61.65	61.65

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**

SHEEP & GOATS
All Services

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	423.00	211.50	211.50
Dystocia	33	188.20	94.10	94.10
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	113.00	56.50	56.50
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	85.80	42.90	42.90
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	96	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	123.30	61.65	61.65

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

Prolapse - Rectal	76	133.40	66.70	66.70
Prolapse - Uterine	73	194.70	97.35	97.35
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	133.40	66.70	66.70
Prolapse - Vaginal & Rectal (NEW)	85	173.40	86.70	86.70

ELK & BISON
Specified Services

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Assuming that the hourly rate will only be used when the flat rate is not adequate you are asked to consider whether the extra amount is justified due to the inherent difficulty in working with these species or whether it is due to poor facilities or inadequate help. If the problem is poor facilities or poor help then the producer should assume 100% of the extra fees.

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V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

SCHEDULE "B"

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Any other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD

A nonprofit organization providing veterinary care in Alberta

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January 29, 2024

Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO
 Clear Hills County
 Box 240
 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Dear Allan,

Enclosed is your 2024 VSI requisition of \$54,500.

Total 2023 VSI administrative costs, including claims G.S.T. (\$15,061), were approximately \$46,796. Your jurisdiction accounted for 301 (6.6%) of the 4,548 claim lines processed, hence your share of gross administrative costs (total administrative cost minus claim related GST) was deemed to be \$2,100

Investment income was approximately \$12,959. Total cost of your claims, as per your fourth quarter report, sent to greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca and Community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca was 45214. This was 7.5% of total claims expenditures of \$602,458. Your share of the interest was deemed to be \$973

For 2024 the 2023 VSI fee schedule was realigned with the 2023 ABVMA fee schedule, and then increased with 3%. A 10% contingency was added. As a result, your 2024 requisition is equal to your 2023 claims plus an 15.5% increase plus your estimated net administrative costs for 2023. The total was rounded to the nearest \$500. (Net administrative costs = total administrative costs minus investment income rounded to the nearest \$100.)

Following is an estimate of your current VSI balance after adding 2023 administrative costs and investment income:

	Claims	Payments	Balance
Jan. 1, 2023			\$ 12,076
Payments in 2023		\$ 44,200	S 56,276
2023 Claims	S 45,214		S 11,062
2.5 % GST 2023 Claims	\$ 1,130		\$ 9,932
Share of 2023 Expenses	\$ 2,100		S 7,831
Share of 2023 Interest		\$ 973	S 8,804

The amount in your contract was based on the actual cost of claims for Oct 1, 2022 to Sept 30, 2023 plus an estimate of net administrative costs. The amount of your requisition is based on the actual cost of claims for 2023 plus an estimate of net administrative costs (rounded to the nearest \$100). This explains the difference between your requisition of \$54,500 and the \$54,500 in your contract.

Please feel free to contact me if you detect any errors or if you have any questions.
Thank you for your continuing support of VSI.

Yours sincerely

Rik Vandekerkhove, Manager

cc Greg Coon
Natasha Gillett

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)- Mileage
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is requested to discuss a question posed by an individual regarding the addition of veterinary mileage for emergency situations to Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI) of the VSI program.

BACKGROUND:



Council has referred a question to the Board that was posed at the Public Meeting on January 16, 2024. An individual questioned if veterinary mileage for emergency situations could be added to the VSI program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Message from Individual
Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ld. Program (VSI)
2023 VSI Registration Package

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board...

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:		AgFieldman:	
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David



Today 9:21 AM

Hi Jason and David, I guess my question for Vsi last night is a little more specific for what I was requesting. I don't feel all mileage needs to be covered, I like that vets divide mileage for neighbours and I think it's important that neighbours continue to try to plan days together for things like Preg checking. But my request is more specific for emergency situations and more important autopsies. I feel more autopsies should be done to keep to heards healthy, but due to the high mileage costs very rairley are they completed. Also because of the possible contamination and lack of a lab in this area the vets do not wish for you to bring deceased animals to the clinic.

Just thought I'd give a little more info to my request/ idea if you decide to discuss more at a ag board meeting.



Message





Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 28, 2023	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 be a resident that owns livestock in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.
- 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

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Clear Hills County

Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.



Information & Registration Form



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

File No. 63-10-40

January 1, 2023

RE: Clear Hills County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Program Registration

Dear Producer:

This is your registration package for the VSI program. For membership registration please fill out the appropriate information and return the application plus a \$52.50 (GST included) registration fee to the Clear Hills County office. All VSI users will be required to renew their VSI membership every five years to continue to qualify for privileges under the program. No producer with outstanding accounts from our previous VSI program will be able to register again until all pending bills are paid in full.

The VSI program is intended to aid in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of producer and veterinarian service sustainability. The Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will be providing support to the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) program. Upon registration, Clear Hills County producers would qualify for privileges listed as Schedule "A" under the VSI Agreement terms and conditions.

Please find attached the VSI agreement, application, Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI), and Schedule "B" (services not payable by VSI).

Yours truly,

Greg Coon
Agricultural Fieldman

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.
Letter of Understanding and Agreement

I, _____ of _____
(Name) (Mailing Address)

_____ am a resident of Clear Hills County.
(City/Town) (Postal Code)

By receiving a Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd (V.S.I.) Card, Number _____, I hereby agree to the following:

- ✓ I understand Clear Hills County contributes to Veterinary Services Incorporated Ltd. and that I can receive certain veterinary services under the V.S.I. Program.
- ✓ I agree to make any payment required within thirty (30) days of an invoice being issued by Clear Hills County with respect to overuse of service limits of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program. I fully understand that failure to pay the invoice within thirty (30) days of issuance will result in an immediate termination of my receiving benefits of the Program.
- ✓ I have received a copy of the V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. Schedule "A" Tariff of Fees and Schedule "B" Non Payable Services.
- ✓ I understand that this is a cost share program between the County and VSI members, and that the cost share ratios may change at Council's discretion.
- ✓ I understand that service fees and service limits may change from year to year, at the discretion of Council and/or the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Producer

Witness



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

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Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0
e-mail: greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Phone : [780]685-3925
Fax: [780]685-3960

V.S.I. APPLICATION FORM

V.S.I. CARD NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF HOME QUARTER: _____

TYPE OF OPERATION: _____

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK: _____

NUMBER OF HEAD: _____

I hereby agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program as set out in the V.S.I. Policy for Clear Hills County. I also understand that this policy may be changed from time to time as deemed necessary. I agree to abide by any changes made.

DATE

APPLICANT

DATE

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2023 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes local anaesthetic procedures (including the drugs), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

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A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	51.60	25.80	25.80
Note: This fee can <u>only</u> be <u>claimed</u> in conjunction with another valid <u>VSI claim</u> . It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is <u>not</u> a <u>per animal</u> fee.				
Epidural	1	41.80	20.90	20.90
Note: Epidurals can <u>only</u> be <u>claimed</u> in conjunction with dystocias (code 31), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52				
Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	7.70	3.85	3.85
Intravenous Injections	4	15.10	7.55	7.55
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	38.20	19.10	19.10
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	60.80	30.40	30.40
Oral Drug Administration	5	42.00	21.00	21.00
Subconjunctival injection	7	15.10	7.55	7.55
Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can <u>only</u> be <u>claimed once per animal</u> and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.				
X-ray (2 views)	2	179.70	89.85	89.85
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	37.70	18.85	18.85
X-ray - Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	50.30	25.15	25.15
Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves)				

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	225.30	112.65	112.65
Claw Amputation	17	328.20	164.10	164.10
Epididymectomy	20	352.00	176.00	176.00
Eye Enucleation	16	492.20	246.10	246.10
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	571.90	285.95	285.95
Omphalitis - Intra-abdominal debridement	35	342.60	171.30	171.30
Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28				
RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	638.60	319.30	319.30
Rumen Fistula	24	230.90	115.45	115.45
Sole Abscess	29	177.00	88.50	88.50
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal - calves < 200#)	14	363.00	181.50	181.50
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves)	18	363.00	181.50	181.50
Urethrostomy	15	286.60	143.30	143.30
Vasectomy	19	387.00	193.50	193.50

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	669.00	334.50	334.50
Dystocia	31	302.40	151.20	151.20
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	454.70	227.35	227.35
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	535.00	267.50	267.50
Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.				
Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	31.40	15.70	15.70
Note: This fee <u>only</u> applies for <u>bulls eliminated</u> from further breeding soundness evaluations.				
Semen Test (1" bull)	60	129.40	64.70	64.70
Semen Test (2" to 10" bull)	61	91.40	45.70	45.70 each
Semen Test (11" to 50" bull)	62	83.80	41.90	41.90 each
Semen Test (51" bull plus)	63	75.90	37.95	37.95 each
Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	6.30	3.15	3.15 each
Heifer Maturity Palpation (per head)	6hp	6.30	3.15	3.15 each
Note: A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the ABVMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.				
Prolapses (includes epidural given)	74	157.20	78.60	78.60
-Rectal	71	284.80	142.40	142.40
-Uterine	81	204.70	102.35	102.35
-Vaginal	84	236.30	118.15	118.15
-Vaginal & Rectal	46	330.50	165.25	165.25
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)				

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: Rates are quoted for 1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals. All of the services in this section are fully inclusive and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.
 Code 12A/12B or 13A/13B claims CAN'T EXCEED 1 1/2 hours (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	123.40	61.70	61.70
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	70.10	35.05	35.05
Surgery (minor)	13A	76.10	38.05	38.05
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	70.10	35.05	35.05
Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B				
Professional Services (general)	25	70.10	35.05	35.05

Note: This fee is used:

- For herd health visitations and/or problems (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
 - In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 as specified in section "E"
 - When more than two postmortems are conducted
 - When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
 - Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager
- Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of average competence.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	162.90	81.45	81.45
Cast Removal	27	76.70	38.35	38.35
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor	53	82.70	41.35	41.35
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	148.40	74.20	74.20
I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	212.30	106.15	106.15

Note: **This code includes the examination** and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

Note: **Only** for calves up to **two months old**. It **includes the exam and professional services** for the **first 24 hours**. Code **53** should be **used** to cover professional services in **subsequent 24 hour periods**.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 when more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55.
 Services normally covered under 50 in combination with flat fee(s) of equal or greater value automatically become code 51 - second animal

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	88.00	44.00	44.00
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	140.00	70.00	70.00
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	150.70	75.35	75.35
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	226.60	113.30	113.30
Technovit Block - Application of	30	114.20	57.10	57.10

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**

Note: **Materials are included** in this service

**PIGS
 All Services**

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	123.30	61.65	61.65

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**

SHEEP & GOATS
All Services

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section.

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	423.00	211.50	211.50
Dystocia	33	188.20	94.10	94.10
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35
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Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	113.00	56.50	56.50
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	85.80	42.90	42.90
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	96	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	123.30	61.65	61.65
Note: For <u>more than 2</u> postmortems at the <u>same time</u> make a <u>single code 25 claim</u> .				
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V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is provided with the 2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council for review.

BACKGROUND:

Administration has drafted the attached 2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report on the agricultural programs for the Board's review.

ATTACHMENTS:

2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the 2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council as presented, and submit the written report to a future Regular Council Meeting
2. Approve the 2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council as presented, and request a delegation with Council to present the report on...

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board..

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:



2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

-Weed Inspection:

- 2640 weed inspections completed.
 - 1 weed letter
 - 2 weed notices
 - 1 weed enforcement

-Vegetation Control: All roads were scouted, and spot spraying was completed where needed.

- Pest Inspections (grasshopper, bertha armyworm, blackleg, and clubroot surveys) - Grasshopper surveys were well over the economic thresholds. The rest of the surveys were well below economic threshold.

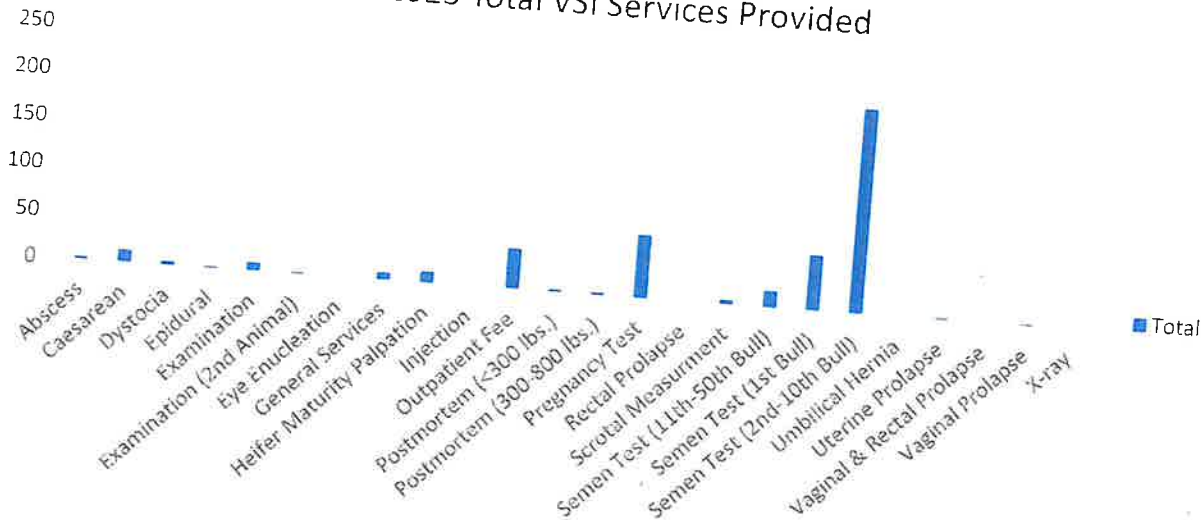
- Mowing Program: Completed a full cut on the whole County, including all licensed drainage ditches and the Silver Creek/Sulphur Lake Road.

- Wolf Incentive:

Year	# of Carcasses	Trappers	Landowners	Total \$	Individuals
2023	28	14	14	\$5,600.00	23

-VSI program: The 2023 requisition was \$56,500.00 and 50% of the members used the program, with an average per user of \$466.62.

2023 Total VSI Services Provided



- BSE Testing program: 2 BSE tests completed in 2023

-Rental Equipment:

- Revenue= \$36,773.64
- Expenses= \$41,483.94
- Totaling a loss of \$4,710.30

-ASB Policy review: The below Policy changes have been made in 2023.

- Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control, removing section 4.e mowing of road prioritization.
- Policy 6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI), definition of a farm unit.
- Policy 6313 Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes, the addition of A-Mart to the business rotation.
- Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest, the addition of a cucumber category.

-ASB Provincial Resolutions: 9 resolutions were passed for lobbying to the province

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date: February 6, 2024
Originated By: Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title: **EVENTS**
File: 63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

BACKGROUND:

Upcoming Events:

- PCBFA Coffee with Kevin
February 23, 2024 at the PCBFA Research Farm in Fairview, AB
- PCBFA Predation Workshop with Joe Engelhart
February 24, 2024 at the High Prairie Legion in High Prairie, AB
- PCBFA Cover Crop Workshop
March 10, 2024 in Grande Prairie, AB

ATTACHMENTS:

- PCBFA Coffee with Kevin Flyer
- PCBFA Predation Workshop with Joe Engelhart Flyer
- PCBFA Cover Crop Workshop Flyer
- Calanders: January, February, March

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the PCBFA Coffee with Kevin on February 23, 2024 at the Peace County Beef and Forage Association Research Lab in Fairview, AB.

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the PCBFA Predation Workshop with Joe Engelhart on February 24, 2024 at High Prairie Legion in High Prairie, AB.

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Board members to the PCBFA Cover Crop Workshop on March 10, 2024 at Grande Prairie, AB.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:



COFFEE WITH KEVIN

FEB. 23, 2024

Peace Country Beef & Forage Research Farm
Fairview, Alberta | 10:00 AM
Free Event - Please RSVP to shelby@pcbfa.ca



Greg Coon

From: Peace Country Beef & Forage Association <info@pcbfa.ca>
Sent: January 30, 2024 7:29 AM
To: Greg Coon
Subject: Coffee With Kevin | February 23, 2024

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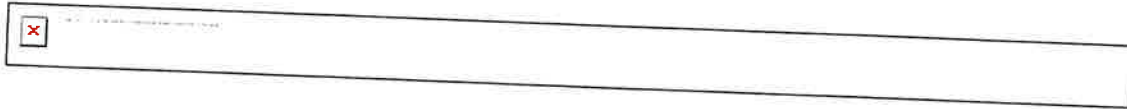


Coffee With Kevin!

Join us for coffee in the shop with Kevin Elmy on **Friday, February 23rd** at the **PCBFA Research Farm** in the MD of Fairview. This will be a laid-back coffee shop style conversation discussing Grazing Cover Crops & Soil Health. The coffee will be hot, the snacks will be plenty and the conversation will be invigorating!

This is a **FREE EVENT**, but we do ask that you RSVP by February 20th. Limited space available.

Send your RSVP to shelby@pcbfa.ca



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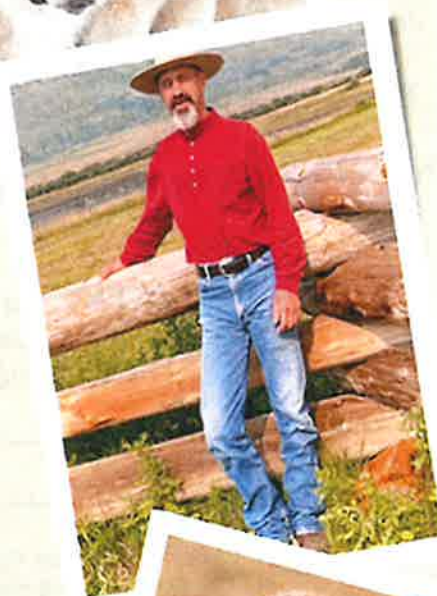


PEACE COUNTRY BEEF & FORAGE PREDATION WORKSHOP *with Joe Engelhart*

Joe Engelhart, a B.C. interior ranch kid, had been running a horseshoeing business near Bonnyville, Alta, when he arrived at the Spruce Ranching Co-Op, located southwest of Calgary, in 1999. As the new Ranch Manager, Joe brought with him a different perspective. His vision of co-existing within the ecosystem was paramount to the success in implementing alternative strategies surrounding grazing and water management, low-stress cattle handling and predator control for over 5,000 head of cattle all while keeping the majority of the 41 shareholders satisfied with the direction the co-op was heading.

While Joe recognizes that sometimes force is needed, as a true steward of the land Joe found ways to keep livestock safe on the range amongst Canada's apex predators through various protocols that are relatively simple to implement on any scale.

Join Peace Country Beef & Forage for this informative event. Lunch will be provided.



Saturday February 24, 2024
High Prairie Legion
10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tickets Available Online,
or through a
PCBFA Representative.
Pre-Registry
Strongly Preferred!

Register,
info@pcbfa.ca
peacecountrybeef.ca



save The Date

COVER CROP WORKSHOP
SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024
GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB



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JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 P&P	9 Council	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Public Meeting Eureka River Hall	17	18	19	20
21	22 Provincial ASB Conference	23 Council	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Appreciation Banquet- Cleardale
4	5	6 ASB	7	8	9 Peace Beef Cattle Day	10
11	12	13 Council	14	15	16	17
18	19 Family Day	20 Growing the North Conference	21 Growing the North Conference	22 Below Ground Soil Health Seminar Growing the North Conference	23	24
25	26	27 Council	28	29	1	2

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5 Workshop with Mark & Louise- Eureka River Hall	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	RMA Convention					
		ASB				
24	25	26 Council	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday	1	2	3	4	5	6

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Fieldman Report – February 6, 2024
Rental Equipment Summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 6, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:



FEB 6, 2024

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2024 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
9	\$1800.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. ASB Conference was a successful event.
2. The Farm Family of The Year Award was presented Feb. 3rd.
3. Yearly report for council is complete.
4. Tenders for one new tractor, two sidearms, one mower, and ½ mile of 4" water hose will close Feb. 23.
5. Advertising for weed inspectors and mower operators for the 2024 season.
6. Holding a Transportation Corridor workshop Feb. 22nd in Peace River. Pesticide Applicator credits will be available.
7. Martin Schmidt is studying to get his pesticide applicators license so he can serve as a backup to myself.

January 1 - December 31, 2023

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	14	\$ -	
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	4	4	\$ 120.00	
BBQ Trailer	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	1	1	\$ 75.00	
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	10	11	\$ 398.00	
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	7	10	\$ 450.00	
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	2	2	\$ 100.00	
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	13	\$ -	
Exta Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -	
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	14	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 320.58
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	12	14	\$ -	\$ 115.97
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	3	5	\$ 1,750.00	
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	23	30	\$ 8,700.00	
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	5	5	\$ 25.00	
Land Leveller	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	6	14	\$ 2,425.00	\$ 1,061.26
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	8	10	\$ 250.00	\$ 66.18
Manure Spreader	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	7	18	\$ 3,696.64	\$ 507.32
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
Post Pounder	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	21	27	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 1,447.60
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	3	3	\$ 60.00	
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	3	9	\$ -	
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	2	14	\$ -	
Scare Cannon	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	15	\$ -	
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	12	13	\$ 209.00	
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	4	4	\$ 120.00	\$ 11.99
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	1	2	\$ -	\$ 11.69
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	4	5	\$ 20.00	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
Water Pumps	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	60	87	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 8,734.79
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	5	11	\$ 275.00	
			208	355	\$ 36,773.64	\$ 12,277.38

Revenue	\$ 36,773.64
Equipment Expense	\$ 12,277.38
Insurance	\$ 2,048.29
Chargeback	\$ 27,158.27
Profit/Loss	-\$4,710.30

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHEMENTS:

Peace Region AAAF Transportation Corridor Workshop Agenda

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of February 6, 2024, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:





The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen Peace Region

County of Grande
Prairie # 1

M.D. of Fairview
136

M.D. of Peace
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M.D. of Greenview
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M.D. of Spirit River
#133

M.D. of Smoky
River # 130

Big Lakes County

Northern Sunrise
County

Birch Hills County

County of Northern
Lights

Mackenzie County

Saddle Hills
County

Clear Hills County



Transportation Corridor Workshop

Emerald Room, Peace Valley Inn, 9609 101 St, Peace River, AB T8S 1S3

February 22, 2024

Registration Cost: \$75.00 includes Lunch and CEC Credits

AGENDA			
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Registration	Meet & Greet Coffee & Muffins
10:00	10:30	PRAAAF Sonja Raven County of Grande Prairie	Goals of Municipal Agriculture Programs (1 CEC credit)
10:30	11:00	Mae Stewart Alberta Transportation	Control Programs for Alberta Transportation
11:00	12:00	AAAF Dylan Fath Big Lakes County	Regulated Weed Identification (1 CEC credit)
12:00 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	Lunch	Buffet Style
12:45	1:45	Devon Smiegielski Alberta Environment & Parks	Pesticide Legislation – Changes to Certification Requirements (1 CEC credit)
1:45	2:45	Marty Winchell Veseris	Using Herbicides Effectively in an IVM Program (1 CEC credit)
2:45	3:45	Darrell Chambers Envu	Herbicide Resistance (1 CEC credit)
3:45	3:50	Break	Networking Coffee & Cookies
3:50	4:50	Geoff Thompson Advantage VM	Brush / Roadside Control (1 CEC credit)

