

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2025

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Wednesday February 26, 2025, 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 17, 2024**

PRESENT

David Janzen Chairman
Abe Giesbrecht Councilor
Ron Jensen Member
Garry Candy Member
Julie Watchorn Member
Baldur Ruecker Member
Stacy Johnson Member

ABSENT

Jason Ruecker Deputy Chair

ATTENDING

Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Allan Rowe Chief Administrative Officer
Carter Clay Community & Agricultural Extension Services
Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

AG120-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 17, 2024, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG121-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the November 19, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG122-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 17, 2024, 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 10:06 a.m.

AG123-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Agricultural Service Board members' verbal reports of December 17, 2024, for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial ASB
Conference Resolutions

The Board is presented with the resolutions that will be coming to the floor at the 2025 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference, for their review.

AG124-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the 2025 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference resolutions for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Weed Review

The provincially appointed weed review committee met December 2, 2024, to discuss 10 weeds that are being reviewed for redesignation on the weed act. Each region brought back poll results and then voted on each of the 10 weeds. The results are attached. The review committee is looking for concerns or suggestions on the results.

AG125-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept the information regarding weed review, as presented. CARRIED.

Events

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

AG126-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Clubroot of Canola event, on December 19, 2024, at the Eureka River Hall. CARRIED.

AG127-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the upcoming Environmental Farm Plan and CAP grant presentation, at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, in Hines Creek, AB. CARRIED.

AG 128-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Provincial ASB Conference in Edmonton, AB from January 20-22, 2025. CARRIED.

AG 129-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Awards & Appreciation Banquet held on February 1, 2025 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, in Hines Creek, AB CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG130-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 17, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Chairman Janzen recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Chairman Janzen reconvened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

DELEGATION(S)

PCBFA

Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) will be in attendance to present a report on the 2024 Resource Management partnership program as well as present their funding request for 2025.

AG131-24 (12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept the delegation from Peace Country Beef and Forage Association on the 2024 program, for information.

CARRIED.

AG 132-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that the \$5,000 set aside in the 2025 budget for Peace Country Beef and Forage Association be used to cover Clear Hills County residents' registration fees to PCBFA events.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG133-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 17, 2024, information and correspondence, as presented.

CARRIED.

Confidential Item(s)

Agricultural Service Board discussed one closed meeting item.

AG134-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen that the board closes the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP Act at 1:06 p.m.

CARRIED.

AG135-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Johnson that the board opens the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP Act at 1:17pm

CARRIED.

AG136-24(12/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to accept the 2025 farm family award winners and announce the winners at the 2025 Awards & Appreciation Banquet on February 1, 2025.

CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Janzen adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

DATE

CHAIR

DATE

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
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 26, 2025, 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				
		February 6, 2024		
AG06-24	(02/06/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board provide a summary of Agricultural Service Board events and reports to be showcased in the Clear Hills County monthly newsletter. CARRIED.	CC	Continuous
		May 21, 2024		
AG35-24	(05/21/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine to advertise the 2025 Alberta Open Farm Days on the County Facebook page, website, and newsletter. CARRIED.		Advertise in Fall 2024
		September 17, 2024		
AG82-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to research hosting a Livestock Handling Demonstration presented by Kobe Fehr of RCK Cowdogs in 2025. CARRIED.		2025
		October 15, 2024		
AG92-24	(10/15/24)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to amend the rental equipment schedule of fees with the addition of a onetime fee of \$100.00 for specified pieces of rental equipment that will be charged if taken out of the Clear Hills County borders, as well as a clause stating non-County resident bookings will not be accepted prior to three (3) days before intended booking date. CARRIED.	AG/CSM	Future Council Meeting
AG93-24	(10/15/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to recommend Council decrease the Grain Bagger Agricultural rental rate to \$200.00 per day, with the addition of a clause stating that rent will be charged for every day rented opposed to every day used. CARRIED.	AG/CSM	Future Council Meeting
		December 17, 2024		
AG126-24	(12/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Clubroot of Canola event, on December 19, 2024, at the Eureka River Hall.		December 19, 2024
AG127-24	(12/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Chair Janzen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board Members ⁶ to the upcoming Environmental Farm Plan and CAP grant		February 24, 2025



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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

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AG 129-24	(12/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board Members to the Awards & Appreciation Banquet held on February 1, 2025 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, in Hines Creek, AB		February 1, 2025
AG132-24	(12/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that the \$5,000 set aside in the 2025 budget for Peace Country Beef and Forage Association be used to cover Clear Hills County residents registration fees to PCBFA events		Sent in Jan
AG136-24	(12/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to accepts the 2025 Farm Family award winners and announce the winners at the 2025 Award & Appreciation Banquet on February 1, 2025		February 1, 2025

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
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:

Julie's written report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written and verbal reports of February 26, 2025, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



Clubroot Information Session
Eureka River Hall
Hosted By ClearHills County
Dec 19/24

Agricultural Fieldman Greg Coon started off the morning explaining a bit about the ClearHills Clubroot policy, which every attendee received a handout with the policy attached.

County weed inspectors check canola crops at the time of swathing; because its easier to walk in a canola crop than before its knocked down and you wont see gulls before then. It's a short window when the right time is because they start shrinking when the plant dies off and you wont see them if the plant is too young either.

The inspector found a plant that had small gulls and notified our Ag Fieldman.
He then sent out samples to the correct lab for testing .
He also had U of A personal out have a second diagnoses so there is no room for error
After receiving a positive test for confirmation He then went ahead and issued a Pest Notice to the Landowner and written notice of landowners within 5 miles that clubroot was confirmed

Clubroot is packed on your land JUST by SOIL.

That's one of the first things that goes through farmers heads

How did it get there?... no one will ever know. It could be by custom equipment, people driving on your land, dust blowing in the wind, even wildlife walking across your field.

What is it?

Very serious soil-born disease of Canola and any other Cole crop, which includes turnip, radish and cabbages

What does it look like?

The root of infected plant looks club-like

The plant will be stunted, wilting and yellowing. May have premature ripening which reduces yields and oil content in the seed

What causes it?

Clubroot is caused by a soil-born pathogen called *Plasmodiophora brassicae*

Where was it first found?

It was found in home gardens on cabbage plants in the mid 1970s

First detected in Canola in Sturgeon County northwest of Edmonton in 2003

Where did it come from?

The original source is unknown but may have come from infected vegetables from other areas of Canada or the US where it was already established.

Why is it a concern?

Canola, Mustard and Cole crops are highly susceptible Anywhere from 10-80% yield loss. Results are similar to sclerotinia stem rot infection

How can it spread?

Infested soil can be spread by farm machinery, especially tillage equipment. Can also be moved by wind and soil erosion; as well as straw or hay can be contaminated with resting spores via dust and dirt clumps

How long does it persist in the soil?

Resting spores can and are extremely long lived, up to 20 years according to Swedish research. Similar resistance is being seen in Alberta

What is being done about it?

Spring of 2007 Clubroot was added to the *Alberta's Agricultural Pest Act*. That gives Municipal authority of the enforcement of control measures for declared pests in Alberta. Annual testing is done in the main production areas of Canola and Cole crops. There are many Clubroot resistant varieties of seed developed for Western Canada

Jason Casselman- Canadian Canola Council
Agronomy Specialist

Clubroot first found in Alberta in 2003

Alberta: 5,833 quarters as of 2023

Saskatchewan: 82 as of 2023

Manitoba: 35 as of 2019

In 2024, there were 307 more found in Alberta

71% of the province or 47 counties have clubroot

It thrives in low PH soils anything under 7.2PH

Over 1 million spores in a teaspoon of dirt

Keep spore load low

-Crop rotation (4-1)

-Control weeds (stink weed is also in the canola family)

Keep local

-Last field to be seeded /last to be harvested

-Avoid travelling through patch

Grow resistant varieties of seed

- Over 80 different varieties

- Some are better than others

Spray equipment with 2% bleach solution after cleaning
off clumps of dirt

Spray Nine works well, spray on foot ware if walking in
fields

Reduce tillage so as not spreading it through the field

Perennial Rye grass somehow triggers spores to germinate resting spores with no host so they die

3.5 million resting spores – in 4 years will drop down to minimal numbers but will never be 0

55 different pathotypes of *P. brassica*; should start with 1st generation Clubroot resistant variety seed then work your way to 2nd gen and so on. You will always find seed

Don't grow same seed every year, and maybe grow several varieties same year

Clubroot is not transferable by seed at all JUST SOIL, now if the seed had dirt on it that's different

After flowering and early swathing is the perfect time to check plants for clubroot. Generally at the entrances of fields is where you will find it (they recommend you seed a grass area to clean off equipment again before entering the field)

Can spot spray out plants or pick and bag plants

Remember it's important to try something new vs. do nothing to manage Clubroot

Clubroot doesn't like cool dry soil

Clubroot.ca
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Guidelines:

Alberta Clubroot Management plan
Peace Region Clubroot Guideline 2.1

Reference to Legislation:

Agricultural Pest Act
Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta
ClearHills County Pest Control Policy(6303)

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title: Alberta	Agriculture and Irrigation Field Visit Report
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the 2024 Alberta Agricultural and Irrigation Field Visit Draft Report for review.

BACKGROUND:

Every 5 years, representatives from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation visit the County to audit the ASB program to ensure ASB grant funding appropriately supports ASB program objectives. The previous visit was conducted in 2019 and AGI staff arrived June 26, 2024 to conduct the latest audit. The draft report was sent in January. The Board is asked to review for errors or omissions.

ATTACHMENTS:

2024 Clear Hills County Field Visit Draft Report.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the 2024 Clear Hills County Field Visit Report as presented and submit back to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.
2. Approve the 2024 Clear Hills County Field Visit Report as amended and submit back to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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



AgFieldman:



Clear Hills County Field Visit

June 26, 2024



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Introduction

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Program conducts field visits annually to ensure ASB Grant funding appropriately supports ASB Grant Program objectives. Information gathered from field visits also benefits other ASBs in the development and delivery of programs related to the ASB Grant and provides evidence to the Office of the Auditor General on the effective and efficient use of ASB Grant dollars to support programs related to the *ASB Act*, environmental extension and awareness and rat control.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) visited 15 municipalities in 2024 under the field visit program. Five municipalities from the South, three from Central, two from Northwest, two from Northeast, and three from the Peace region received a field visit in 2024.

South	Central	Northwest	Northeast	Peace
Acadia	Camrose	Westlock	Lamont	Clear Hills
Cypress	Ponoka	Woodlands	Two Hills	Mackenzie
Forty Mile	Wetaskiwin			Northern Lights
Special Area 2				
Special Area 3				

Executive Summary

Kerrienne Koehler-Munro, Manager, Agriculture Service Boards and Gayah Sieusahai, Pest Regulatory Officer, met with the, Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman for the County of Clear Hills on June 26, 2024 to review programs and projects implemented under the various Acts the ASB is delegated to enforce.

The County of Clear Hills received funding under the Legislative and Resource Management Funding Streams of the ASB Grant.

Based upon our field visit findings and observations, **Clear Hills County**, were able to **demonstrate** that they had programs related to each of these funding streams indicating **effective use** of ASB Grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the *Agricultural Service Board Act* and enhanced environmental awareness.

FIELD VISIT AGENDA - FIELD OFFICE & TOUR SITES:

- Met with Greg Coon, the Agricultural Fieldman, David Janzen, the ASB Chair, Jason Ruecker, ASB Deputy Chair, Ron Jensen, ASB Board, Gary Candy, ASB Board, Julie Watchorn, ASB Board, Baldur Ruecker, ASB Board, and their colleagues. ASB Board Member, Julie Lemoine was absent.
- Attended scheduled ASB board meeting and provided an overview of the field visit purpose and process.
- Legislative and resource management documentation was discussed and reviewed with Greg Coon.
- Toured the county to see weed management sites for ditches, private land, and railroad. Thistle, toadflax and chamomile seem to be the most prominent.

- Visited a local producer, Chris Kamphuis, who the fieldmen, Greg Coon has been working with to highlight some of the innovative projects such as a filter pot system for dugout water for agriculture spraying ([Filter pot for dugout water Agricultural Spraying \(youtube.com\)](#))

Observations

- There is a good working relationship with consistent communication and reporting between the ASB and Ag Fieldmen to provide input and direction on agricultural issues and concerns within the county.
- The fieldman, Greg Coon has established a strong, collaborative working relationship with the ASB, county staff and seasonal staff.
- The agricultural services are supported by written policies and by-law, provides a high level of coverage for the management of weeds.
- Agriculture bylaws and policies are reviewed on an annual basis and they contain an adopted and amended dates, which is ideal and a best practice.
- Program information and materials (e.g., equipment rental, shelter belt program, VSI program, roadside spraying and farm water testing etc.) to support legislative and resource management programs are available on the county's website/Facebook, the county office and Clear Hills County Annual Highlights and Monthly Newsletters.
- The Clear Hills County Emergency Coordination Centre Manual Section 12 for Livestock is clear, easy to read and has practical information including area contact lists for receiving sites and emergency transportation options.
- Partner with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association for the delivery of agricultural programming through seminars, workshops and information sessions, e.g., Forest Grazing School, EFP & Grant Funding.
- Collaborates with local producers on innovative agricultural projects and advancements.

Section 1: Legislated Duties & Requirements

Requirement 1: Legislated activities are reported to council as per section 4 of ASB Act (Summary of activities - Minimum annually)		Not Meeting			
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant
Fully Meeting X	Partially Meeting				
ASB is appointed by council, operates under the governance structure, and fulfills all duties and responsibilities of their roles as stipulated in the legislation	<p>Bylaw No. 277-23 The Purpose of Establishing an ASB states the composition of the board, defines quorum, the chair and deputy chair be filled by a Council appointed Council member, term of the ASB members (4 years coinciding with election), and recruitment and selection for members at large. Bylaw-No.-277-23-Agricultural-Service-Board-Replacing-273-22.pdf (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) consists of two (2) members of Council and five (5) public members from the County of Clear Hills and one (1) non-voting Agricultural Fieldman. The ASB is an advisory board to Council that advocate for issues that are important to Clear Hills agricultural community. All ASB members are or were ag producers. ASB meetings occur every third Tuesday of the month, meeting approximately 10 times per year.</p> <p>Resolution AG-122-23(12/19/23) set the board meetings for the third Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Resolution Q432-19 (10-26-2021) appointing ASB Members at Large: Garry Candy, Ronald Jensen, Brian Harcourt, Baldur Ruecker and Julie Watchorn.</p> <p>O432-19(10-26-21) RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that Council appoints Garry Candy, Ronald Jensen, Brian Harcourt, Baldur Ruecker and Julie Watchorn as Members at Large to the Agricultural Service Board. CARRIED.</p>	X			

Resolution C199-23 (04-11-2023) draft bylaw Council assign ASB Chair and Deputy Chair and be filled by a Council appointed Council member.

C199-23(04-11-23) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to bring back a draft Bylaw, including that the appointing of the positions of Agricultural Service Board Chair & Deputy Chair be assigned by Council. Also including that the chair and deputy chair of the Agriculture Service Board be filled by a Council appointed Council member serving on the board. CARRIED.

Resolution C315-23 (06-13-2023) appointing ASB Member at Large: Julie Lemoine.

C315-23(06-13-23) RESOLUTION by Councilor Giesbrecht to appoint Julie Lemoine, as a Member at Large to the Agricultural Service Board. CARRIED.

Resolution O572-23 (10-24-2023) appointing Deputy Reeve Janzen and Councilor Ruecker as the Clear Hills County representative and Councilor Giesbrecht as the alternate to the ASB on Council appointed boards and committees as of Nov. 1, 2023 up to 2024 Organizational Council Meeting.

O572-23(10-24-23) RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to appoint Deputy Reeve Janzen and Councilor Ruecker as the Clear Hills County representative and Councilor Giesbrecht as the alternate to the Agricultural Service Board on the Council appointed boards and committees list as of November 1, 2023, and up to the 2024 Organizational Council Meeting. CARRIED.

ASB members on the website: [ASB Members - Clear Hills County](#)

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<p>A full time Ag Fieldmen, employed year-round by the county/MD is appointed by council</p>	<p>Resolution C621-16 (10-25-2016) appointing fieldman Greg Coon on October 25, 2016 at Clear Hills Council Meeting.</p> <p>C621-16(10/25/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to appoint Greg Coon as an Agricultural Fieldman for Clear Hills County as per Section 8 of the Agricultural Service Board Act. CARRIED.</p>	<p>X</p>		
<p>ASB members meet section 3 (3) of ASB act (knowledgeable on ag and qualified to develop ag related policies)</p>	<p>All ASB members have a ranching/farming background, either current or retired producers, in the County of Clear Hills and receive the orientation manual (not documented). ASB has regularly scheduled meetings and is actively engaged in discussing agricultural needs and issues impacting the County.</p>	<p>X</p>		
<p>Summary of activities provided to council</p>	<p>ASB Resolutions e.g. AG03-24(02/06/24), AG19-24(03/13/24), AG29-24(05/21/24), AG37-24(05/21/24), accepting Activity Reports.</p> <p>AG03-24(02/06/24) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 6, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented.</p> <p>AG19-24(03/13/24) RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board accepts the March 13, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented.</p> <p>AG29-24(05/21/24) RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board accepts the May 21, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented.</p> <p>AG37-24(05/21/24) RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board accepts the May 21, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented.</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Recommend having the ASB Reports webpage updated or removed. <u>Agricultural Service Board Reports</u> <u>Archives - Clear Hills County</u></p>
<p>Minimum one report(s) provided to council per year</p>	<p>Resolution AG12-24(02/06/24) that the ASB approve the 2023 ASB Annual Report to Council.</p> <p>AG12-24(02/06/24) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the 2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council as presented, and request a delegation with Council to present the report on March 12, 2024. CARRIED.</p>	<p>X</p>		

2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

2023 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

Wound Inspection

- 2040 wound inspections completed
 - 1 wound letter
 - 4 wound reports
 - 1 wound abatement
- Vegetation Control All roads were scouted, and spot spraying was completed where needed
- Pest Inspections (grasshopper, beetle, armyworm, blackleg, and culicoid surveys) Grasshopper surveys were well over the economic thresholds. The rest of the surveys were well below economic thresholds
- Mowing Program Completed a full cut on the whole County including all licensed drainage ditches and the Silver Creek/Sulphur Lake Road
- Wolf Incubator

Year	# Carcasses	# Trappers	Lendowns	Total \$	Individuals
2023	28	14	14	\$5,100.00	21

USF program. The 2023 inspection fees \$66,500.00 and 50% of the members used the program, with an average fee rate of \$49.64.

2023 Retail Veterinary Services Provided



BSE Testing program 2 BSE tests completed in 2023

- Rental Equipment
- Revenue: \$26,773.64
 - Expenses: \$41,482.94
 - Balance at end of \$4,710.30
- ASB Policy review. The below Policy changes have been made at 2023 presentation
- Policy 6304: Retail Veterinary Control: currently section 4 is heading of road presentation
 - Policy 6311: Voluntary Service Licenses (1980) Ltd. Program (VSL) sub-section of a firm unit
 - Policy 6312: Voluntary Service Licenses (1980) Ltd. Program (VSL) sub-section of a firm unit
 - Policy 6317: Equine Veterinary Control: the addition of a consultant category
 - ASB Provincial Resolutions: 8 resolutions were passed for lobbying to the province


Council accepts the annual report

Resolution C132-24(03-12-24) by Council carried approving the ASB report as presented. **RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to approve the report from the Agricultural Service Board and receive the delegation for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

X

Requirement 2: ASB acts as an advisory body to council to support section 2 (a) through (e) of ASB Act				
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations
		Yes	No	
Fully Meeting X	Partially Meeting	Not Meeting		
ASB provides input into municipal plans on areas of agricultural interest	<p>2020-2024 ASB Strategic Business Plan, including objectives, goals and targets/measures for each of the strategy priority areas.</p> <p>The Strategic Business Plan is reviewed annually. There are 2 council members on the ASB which offers continuity between their ASB Strategic Business Plan and the Municipal Plan.</p>	X		Enhancement

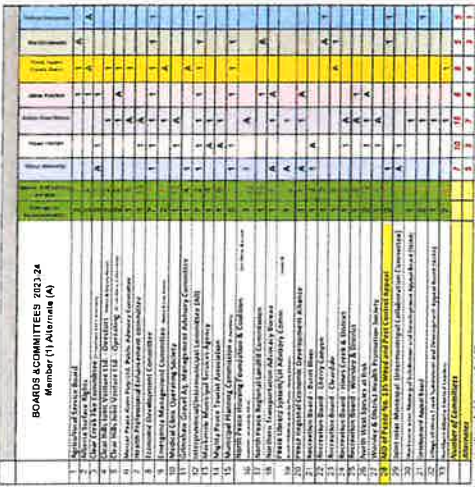
Requirement 3: Promote and develop agricultural policies as per ASB Act Section 2e (Minimum annually; Current within year; policies and bylaws for the following:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weed Act - Agricultural Pests Act - Soil Conservation Act - Animal Health Act - ASB Act 			
Fully Meeting	Partially Meeting X	Not Meeting	

Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Significant	Enhancement
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for WCA	<p>Policy #6304 Roadside Vegetation Control 6304-Roadside-Vegetation-Control-Policy-with-Forms-A-B-C.pdf (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6309 Property Line Spray Program</p>		X		<p>Recommend repairing the download for Policy #6309 Property Line Spray Program Page not found - Clear Hills County</p> <p>Recommend updating the Roadside Spraying form from the 2015 version.</p> 
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for APA	<p>Policy #6303 Pest Control Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6306 Clubroot of Canola Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6307 Wolf Management Incentive Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #3234 Beaver Control</p>	X			

	Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)			
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for SCA	No policies or bylaws for SCA	X	Recommend creating a policy and/or bylaw for SCA that reflects the priorities and needs for soil conservation in the county.	
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for AHA	<p>The county is prepared to report diseases and assist in case of emergencies under the AHA.</p> <p>Policy #6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program</p> <p>Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)</p> <p>Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Bylaw 257-20 Urban Hens</p> <p>Bylaw-No.-257-20-Urban-Hens.pdf (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Bylaw No. 277-23 The Purpose of Establishing an ASB</p> <p>Bylaw-No.-277-23-Agricultural-Service-Board-Replacing-273-22.pdf (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6302 Agriculture Improvement</p> <p>Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p>	X		
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for ASB act		X		<p>Recommend making the Polies and Bylaws readily available for rate payers by updating or redirecting the Bylaws and Policies webpage. They are on the website but not easily found. It would be good if the agriculture bylaws and policies could be distinguished or searchable.</p>








	<p>Policy #6310 Rental Equipment Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p> <p>Policy #6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest Policy Municipal District of Clear Hills No (clearhillscounty.ab.ca)</p>				Bylaws & Policies - Clear Hills County
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Requirement 4: Appeal committees meet requirements of Acts						
Fully Meeting	X	Notes	Partially Meeting		Not Meeting	
			Yes	No	Appeal Committee Names	Recommendations
Criteria						
ASB has appeal committee that meets the WCA	X	<p>Agreement with MD of Peace to share Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committees making it independent and up to date as they are appointed annually.</p> <p>Resolution O562-22(11-01-22) Three Councillors appointed as of November 1, 2022, and up to the 2023 Organizational Meeting.</p> <p>2023-24 MD of Peace No.135 Weed and Pest Control Appeal table of Council names on the committees.</p>	X		<p>3 Council reps from Clear Hills: Danae Walmsley, Abe Giesbrecht, Nathan Stevenson</p>	Significant

<p>ASB has an appeal committee that meets the APA</p>		<p>X</p>	<p>3 Council reps from Clear Hills: Danae Walmsley, Abe Giesbrecht, Nathan Stevenson</p>
<p>ASB has an appeal committee that meets the SCA</p>	<p>Agreement with MD of Peace to share Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committees making it independent and up to date as they are appointed annually.</p> <p>Resolution O562-22(11-01-22) Three Councillors appointed as of November 1, 2022, and up to the 2023 Organizational Meeting.</p> <p>2023-24 MD of Peace No.135 Weed and Pest Control Appeal table of Council names on the committees.</p> <p>ASB is the appeal committee for SCA. It needs to be indicated to new ASB members.</p>	<p>X</p>	

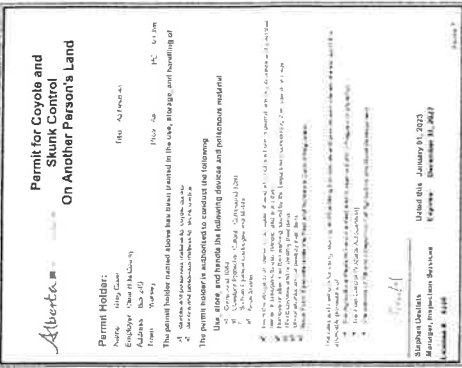
Requirement 5: Inspector Appointments and Inspections

Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting X		Not Meeting	
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Significant	Enhancement
Local authority appoints inspectors under the WCA 7(1)	<p>Resolution C410-24(7-23-24) Council appoints Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as weed inspectors for 2024 as per Section 7 of the WCA.</p> <p>Appointment of Weed Inspectors</p> <p>Weed Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. Council is requested to appoint Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as the Clear Hills County weed inspectors for 2024.</p> <p>C410-24(7-23-24) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to appoint Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as the Clear Hills County weed inspectors for 2024 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act.</p>	X			
Local authority provides inspectors with identification WCA 10 (1)	<p>Appointments effective from June 1, 2024 Alberta Weed Inspector Photo ID Cards for Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg.</p>	X			

<p>Cassie Kamphuis Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Cassie Kamphuis, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p> <p>Clear Hills County Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Cassie Kamphuis, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p> <p>Clear Hills County Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Cassie Kamphuis, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p> <p>Clear Hills County Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Cassie Kamphuis, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p>	<p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 529 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p> <p>(Repealed from the Weed Control Act) 511 A person shall verbally advise or deliver in writing to the owner of the inspected estate, the Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty 528 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Act, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1000 hours, or both.</p>	<p>Chloe Berg Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Chloe Berg, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p> <p>Clear Hills County Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Chloe Berg, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p> <p>Clear Hills County Clear Hills County Alberta Weed Inspector/Inspection Clerk</p>  <p>This certifies that Chloe Berg, Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County, Westray, Alberta. The appointments are effective from June 1, 2024, to termination of employment.</p>	<p>Resolution C411-24(7-23-24) Council appoints Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as pest inspectors for 2024 as per Section 10 of the APA.</p>	<p>X</p>
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	<p>Appointment of Pest Inspectors</p> <p>C411-24(7-23-24)</p>	<p>Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. Council is requested to appoint Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as the Clear Hills County pest inspectors for 2024.</p> <p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to appoint Carter Clay, Cassandra Kamphuis, Gauge Janzen, Gracie Drew, and Chloe Berg as the Clear Hills County pest inspectors for 2024 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act.</p> <p>CARRIED.</p>			
<p>Local authority provides inspectors with identification APA 17 (3)</p>	<p>Appointments effective from June 1, 2024 Alberta Pest Identification Cards for Cassie Kamphuis, Carter Clay, Gracie Drew, Chloe Berg and Gauge Jensen</p> <p>No photo ID provided on APA inspector cards</p>		<p>X</p>		<p>Recommend including APA on inspector photo cards</p>

<p>Alberta THIS CERTIFIES THAT Caesie Kamphuis Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 is an inspector under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County This appointment is effective from June 1, 2024 to termination of employment</p> <p>Municipal Secretary or Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>ALBERTA WEED INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD</p>	<p>(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)</p> <p>Obstruction of inspector S11 A person shall willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty S28 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Minister's notice, a fine of not more than \$1000 for each day the offence continues.</p> <p>W-5.1 2008</p>
<p>Alberta THIS CERTIFIES THAT Gracie Drew Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 is an inspector under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County This appointment is effective from June 1, 2024 to termination of employment</p> <p>Municipal Secretary or Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>ALBERTA WEED INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD</p>	<p>(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)</p> <p>Obstruction of inspector S11 A person shall willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty S28 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Minister's notice, a fine of not more than \$1000 for each day the offence continues.</p> <p>W-5.1 2008</p>
<p>Alberta THIS CERTIFIES THAT Carter Clay Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 is an inspector under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County This appointment is effective from June 1, 2024 to termination of employment.</p> <p>Municipal Secretary or Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>ALBERTA WEED INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD</p>	<p>(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)</p> <p>Obstruction of inspector S11 A person shall willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty S28 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Minister's notice, a fine of not more than \$1000 for each day the offence continues.</p> <p>W-5.1 2008</p>
<p>Alberta THIS CERTIFIES THAT Gauge Jensen Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 is an inspector under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County This appointment is effective from June 1, 2024 to termination of employment</p> <p>Municipal Secretary or Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>ALBERTA WEED INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD</p>	<p>(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)</p> <p>Obstruction of inspector S11 A person shall willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty S28 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Minister's notice, a fine of not more than \$1000 for each day the offence continues.</p> <p>W-5.1 2008</p>
<p>Alberta THIS CERTIFIES THAT Chloe Berg Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 is an inspector under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> for the jurisdiction of Clear Hills County This appointment is effective from June 1, 2024 to termination of employment</p> <p>Municipal Secretary or Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>ALBERTA WEED INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD</p>	<p>(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)</p> <p>Obstruction of inspector S11 A person shall willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act.</p> <p>Offence and penalty S28 A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or, in the case of failure to comply with the Minister's notice, a fine of not more than \$1000 for each day the offence continues.</p> <p>W-5.1 2008</p>

<p>Inspector(s) with Form 7 certification APA Regulation 14 (2)</p>	<p>License #6208 Permit for Coyote and Skunk Control On Another Person's Land for Greg Coon, Clear Hills County Dated this: January 1, 2023 Expires: December 31, 2027</p> 	<p>X</p>		
<p>Local authority appoints at least one inspector under the SCA 15 (1) (2)</p>	<p>Clear Hills County fieldmen is the Soil Conservation Officers for the County.</p>	<p>X</p>		
<p>Municipality meets requirements listed in section 2c of ASB Act for AHA</p>	<p>Policies support ASB Section 2(c) to assist in the control of animal disease under the Animal Health Act. Policy #6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program Policy #6311 Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI) Emergency Coordination Centre Manual includes a section on Livestock.</p>	<p>X</p>		

Requirement 6: Act Compliance & Enforcement					
Fully Meeting	Partially Meeting	X	Status		Not Meeting
			Yes	No	
Criteria	Notes	Yes	No	Significant	Recommendations
Local authority has procedures in place for issuing notices and tracking enforcement under the WCA Part 3	<p>Mowing and spot spraying have proven to be the best management for weeds in county ditches. Savings on the purchase of herbicides has also been a benefit.</p> <p>We notices are tracked with MRF Geo Systems which tracks inspections, notices, charges, invoices as well as reinspection with a date reminder. Looking to move to ARC GIS system in the future.</p> <p>Notices are typically given to famers as the fieldman works with the landowner if weeds are not being managed. This approach has been successful to date.</p> <p>Weed Notices have been given to CN rail on a regularly, including one in 2023. Insert photos from Section 6 Requirements sent by Greg.</p>	X			Enhancement

Seed cleaning plants
licensed WCA Regulation
Part 1 (2) – (7)

One Seed Cleaning Plant in the county.
Copies of licensing inspection and
license issued provided for Royce Seed
Cleaning Plant.



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Seed Sample Exam
ROYCE SEED CLEANING PLANT

Inspected on: July 26, 2025
Inspector: [Signature]

Location: [Address]

Product: [Product Name]

Quantity: [Quantity]

Lot Number: [Lot Number]

Grade: [Grade]

Remarks: [Remarks]



Seed Inspection and Grading Form

Inspected on: July 26, 2025

Inspector: [Signature]

Location: [Address]

Product: [Product Name]

Quantity: [Quantity]

Lot Number: [Lot Number]

Grade: [Grade]

Remarks: [Remarks]

Inspector: [Signature]

Local authority has procedures in place for issuing notices and tracking enforcement under the APA 12 (1) – (4) 13 (1) and APA Pest & Nuisance Control Regulation 14 (2) (3) (6) (7) (8) (9) (13)	Fieldmen has noted that there has never been a need to issue a pest notice to date. 25 fields are surveyed for clubroot a year. Some plants are checked for blackleg, usually after swathing, 3 fields for wheathead, 6 fields for bertha army worm and 8 fields for grasshoppers. Unknown if there is a procedure to monitor soil condition.	X		
Local authority has procedures in place under the SCA 4 (1) (2), 5 6 (1) – (3) * Procedure to monitor soil condition is mandatory; actions taken are based upon local circumstances		X		Recommend ASB develop a soil policy with procedures for monitoring soil erosion risk conditions.

Requirement 7: Program & Policy Awareness (Section 2 of ASB Act)				
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations
		Yes	No	
ASB has E&A programs in place for all legislated responsibilities under ASB Act 2 (b) – (c)	Monthly newsletter is mailed out to every rate payer (~1100 copies) in the county with detailed articles e.g. VSI Program, Roadside spraying, BSE facts. Weed inspections, difference between a weed report and wee notice, clubroot, etc. Newsletters Archives - Clear Hills County A biannual guide highlighting the services and opportunities within Clear Hills County is published and	X		Not Meeting
Fully Meeting X	Partially Meeting			

	made available (printouts and Facebook).					
ASB has programs in place for all legislated responsibilities under ASB Act 2 (d) (e)	Various programs: Rental Equipment, VSI, Rural Fire Trailers, Shelterbelt program, etc. Various articles, initiatives, workshops/seminars, contests, tradeshow, etc.	X				

Section 2: Resource Management Requirements

Requirement 8: Resource Management Programming (as per grant agreement) - describe activities and programming supported under this funding stream. Does it align with programming outlines in application?						
Received Resource Management Funding: Yes No Partnership: Peace Country Beef & Forage Association						
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting		Not Meeting		
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations		
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant	Enhancement
ASB – CAP programming	Workshops, newsletters, etc. Attention Farmers and Landowners! - Clear Hills County	X				
ASB – EFP programming	Newsletters Archives - Clear Hills County Workshops, newsletters, etc. Attention Farmers and Landowners! - Clear Hills County	X				
ASB – Resource management programming	Newsletters Archives - Clear Hills County Factsheets, workshops, trials, tools, etc. Applied Research Alberta Peace Country Beef & Forage Association	X				

Recommendation Categories & Process

Recommendations Categories

Critical: directly impacts legislated requirements with implications for grant fund disbursements

Significant: directly impacts legislated requirements without implications for grant fund disbursements

Enhancement: indirectly impacts legislated requirements and provided for continuous improvement

Recommendations Process

- ✓ Recommendations for the ASB are categorized based upon the criteria's impact on the requirement.
- ✓ Due dates reflect the timeframe permitted for the identified issue to be resolved by the ASB.
 - Critical recommendations are to be resolved within the calendar year of the field visit
 - Significant recommendations are to be resolved within the calendar year following the field visit
 - Enhancement recommendations are to be considered with steps taken where appropriate, by the next field visit
- ✓ Signatures accepting the critical and significant recommendations reflect the ASB's commitment to resolve the issue by the due date.
- ✓ Actions taken to resolve the issue are provided by the ASB to the Minister's representative by the due date.
- ✓ The Minister's representative in conjunction with the ASB Field Visit Team reviews all submitted materials to assess whether the actions taken are sufficient to resolve the issue and meet the requirements' criteria.
- ✓ If the issue is assessed as resolved, the Minister's representative will sign off on the recommendation. If further actions are required, the ASB Manager will work with the ASB until the issue is closed and requirements are met.

Field Visit Recommendations Plan Summary (for all critical and significant recommendations)						
Requirement	Recommendation	Critical	Significant	Enhancement	Due Date	Recommendation Tracking Decision Approved by/Date
3	Recommend repairing the download for Policy #6309 Property Line Spray Program Page not found - Clear Hills County			X		
3	Recommend updating the Roadside Spraying form from the 2015 version.					
44	Recommend making the Polies and Bylaws readily available for rate payers by updating or redirecting the Bylaws and Policies webpage. They are on the website but not easily found. It would be good if the agriculture bylaws and policies could be distinguished or searchable. Bylaws & Policies - Clear Hills County			X		
5	Recommend including APA on inspector photo cards.			X		
6	Recommend ASB develop a soil policy with procedures for monitoring soil erosion risk conditions.			X		

Once you have the reviewed and accepted the recommendations, please sign and send a signed copy to your AF Field Visit staff

Recommendations accepted:

ASB Chair: David Janzen

Signature of ASB Chair: _____ Date: _____

Agricultural Fieldmen: Greg Coon

Signature of Ag Fieldmen _____ **Date:** _____

Recommendations solution assessment:

Reviewed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Assessment decision: _____ **Date:** _____

Date Closed _____

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Appendix 1

(Assign figure # to each photo inserted under each requirement; see figure below for photo placeholders)

Section 1

Requirement 1 Legislated Activities Reported to Council

Requirement 2 ASB Advisory Body

Requirement 3 Agricultural Policies

Requirement 4 Appeal Committees

Requirement 5 Inspector Appointments and Inspections

Requirement 6 Act Compliance & Enforcement

Requirement 7 Program & Policy Awareness

Section 2

Requirement 8 - Resource Management (delete if didn't receive funding)



Figure X

Figure 1: Picture



Figure X.

Section 3

Requirement 9 – Rat Control Program (delete if didn't receive funding)

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
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 2024 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council for review.

BACKGROUND:

Administration has drafted the attached 2024 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report on the agricultural programs for the Board's review.

ATTACHMENTS:

2024 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the 2024 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council as amended, and request a delegation with Council to present the report on...
2. Approve the 2024 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:



2024 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report to Council

-Weed Inspection:

- 1890 weed inspections completed.
 - 4 weed letters
 - 2 weed notices
 - 0 weed enforcement

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

- Pest Inspections (grasshopper, bertha armyworm, blackleg, and clubroot surveys) – All insect surveys were under the economic thresholds.

- Blackleg levels were higher than normal. This trend was seen all across the Peace region.

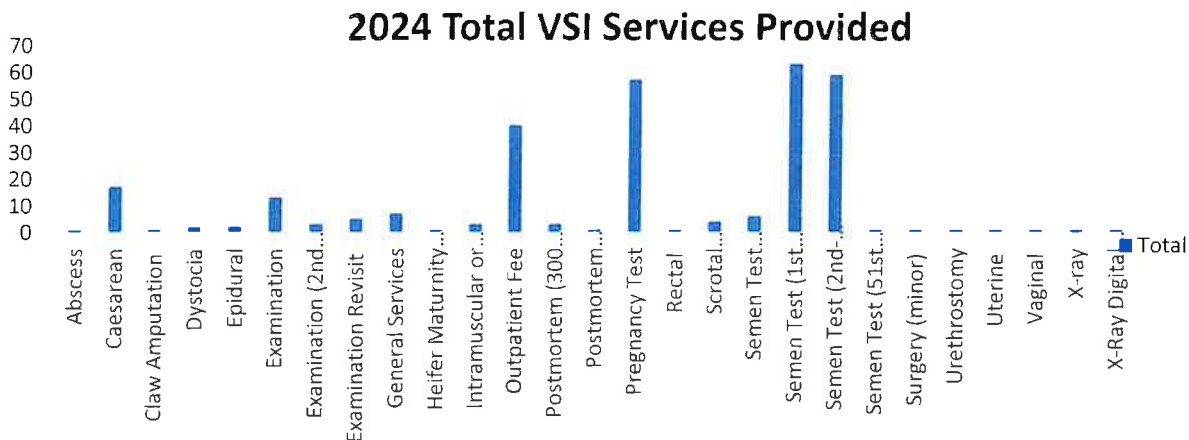
- Clubroot was discovered on one field this year. The producer was issued a pest notice and he plans on seeding to a non host crop for the next three years. Increasing the number of fields to be surveyed in 2025 will be a priority

- 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
2024	23	11	12	\$4,600.00	17

-VSI program: The 2024 requisition was \$54,500.00 and 47% of the members used the program, with an average per user of \$493.69.



- BSE Testing program: 0 BSE tests completed in 2024

-Rental Equipment:

- Revenue= \$33,259.56
- Expenses= \$58,124.48
- Totaling a loss of \$24,864.92

-ASB Policy review: The below Policy changes have been made in 2024.

- AG60-24(07/16/24)** RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy, with the changes to section 2.1.2 to say support producers in the establishment of demonstration plots. CARRIED.
- AG61-24(07/16/24)** RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6303 Pest Control Policy, with the following amendments of section 4.3.2 and 4.3.5:
-The use of Compound 1080 tablets is to stop coyote predation.
-Remove the use of Sodium Cyanide M-44 Devices. CARRIED.
- AG63-24(07/16/24)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6310 Rental Equipment Policy, with the amendment to Section 3.9 removing February. CARRIED.
- AG64-24(07/16/24)** RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6313 Tradeshow Groceries & Door Prizes, with the removal of sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 regarding the exchange of the children's door prize bicycle. CARRIED.

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Clear Hills County 28th 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 28th Annual Trade Show, as well as a discussion regarding what to have at the booth.

BACKGROUND:

Clear Hills County 28th Annual Trade Show is being held April 12, 2025 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 2025 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 28th Annual Trade Show being held on April 12, 2025 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:  

Agricultural Service Board Booth Schedule

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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.		



**Clear Hills County
Invites You To The
28th Annual
Agricultural Trade
Show**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Hines Creek, Alberta

Dear Sponsor and Exhibitor,

We are excited to invite you to participate in our 28th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show!

This one day event will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2025 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.

The 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 and submit your registration before March 31, 2025!

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

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

Sponsorship Opportunities

	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Recognition	\$3,000.00 & Up	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Trade Show Events Handout to Visitors	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Listed in the County Newsletter	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Included in the Breakfast Placemats	Logo	Logo	Small logo	Name
Included in PowerPoint Presentation *PowerPoint is ran all day	Logo *1 sponsor per screen and multiple times per cycle	Logo *2 sponsors per screen	Logo *3 sponsors per screen	Name *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		
Radio Advertisement (If sponsored before March 1st)	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 in pricing
- ⇒ Limited Additional Tables for \$25.00 each
- ⇒ Electrical Outlet (110V)
- ⇒ Indoor booths include back wall and side wall draping

Draping colors are Green & Silver

Standard Indoor Booths:

10 ft. x 10 ft.

Indoor Machinery Booths:

20 ft. x 20 ft.
(approximately 400 square ft.)

Outdoor Machinery Booths:

40x40ft

Early Bird Registration

Register before February 28, 2025 and qualify for the early bird registration price!

Registration Deadline

March 31, 2025

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.

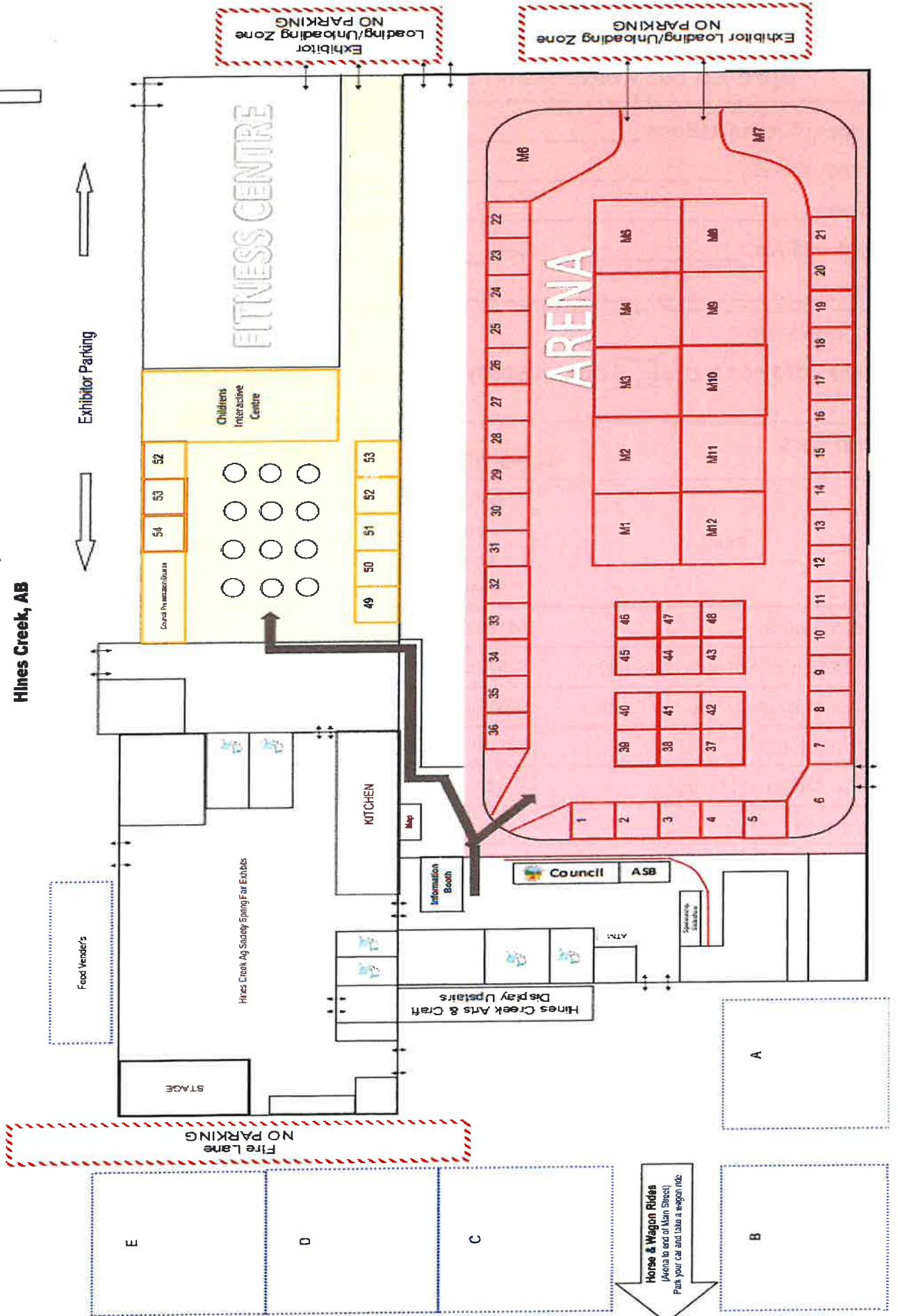
Insurance requirements must be met to finalize booth registration.

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.—8:30 a.m.	Using Back Entrance
Sponsored Breakfast	8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Fitness Centre
Trade Show	9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Fitness Centre, Arena Surface & Outdoors
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
Presentation of Spring Fair Prizes	2:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Kids Talent Show	3:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Exhibitor Clean-up	4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.	

Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show 2025

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex
Hines Creek, AB



Registration Form

April 12, 2025 Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, Hines Creek, Alberta

Company/Organizations: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship

Platinum (\$3,000 & Up) Gold (\$2,000) Silver (\$1000) Bronze (\$500.00)

Exhibitors

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Booth	Early Bird Price (Before February 28th)	Price After February 28th Deadline	Quantity	Total
Standard Booth	\$150.00	\$200.00		\$
Indoor Machinery Booth (20x20ft)	\$350.00	\$400.00		\$
Outdoor Machinery Booth (40x40ft)	\$150.00	\$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: _____

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Check List</h3> <p>Registration Form <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Exhibitor Agreement (pg. 8) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payment <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Certificate of Insurance <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Payment information</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Please mail cheque to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clear Hills County Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E-transfers can be sent to payments@clearhillscounty.ab.ca</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please include TRADESHOW in the memo line.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We do not accept credit card payments by phone or email.</p>
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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 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the day of the show.
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 26, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Delegation Request
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a request for a delegation from Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) to discuss a previous funding request. The Board is also presented with a proposed response to PCBFA.

BACKGROUND:

The Board made the decision to not enter into an agreement with five other municipalities as they had in the past to apply for resource management stream funding as a group. In the past, these funds were given to PCBFA to do all 6 municipalities extension work. Instead, the Board elected to apply for the resource management stream funding as a single municipality and do the extension work in-house. The Board did include \$5000.00 in the budget to grant to PCBFA with the condition that the money be used to cover Clear Hills County producers' registration fees to their events.

AG 132-24(12/17/24) RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that the \$5,000 set aside in the 2025 budget for Peace County Beef and Forage Association be used to cover Clear Hills County residents' registration fees to PCBFA events.

CARRIED.

Administration is seeking direction from the Board on how to proceed.

ATTACHMENTS:

February 13 PCBFA Delegation Request
Proposed Response to PCBFA

OPTIONS:

1. Send the proposed response as presented to PCBFA
2. Approve the delegation request for a future ASB meeting...

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



Greg Coon

From: Liisa Jeffrey <liisa@pcbfa.ca>
Sent: February 13, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Amber Beam; David Janzen; Jason Ruecker; Greg Coon; Allan Rowe; Jordan Barnfield; Andrew Hale; Kasity Bilous
Subject: Meeting Request

Good morning,

The PCBFA Team would like to request a meeting to further discuss our partnership with Clear Hills County.

Would it be preferable for us to attend a Council meeting as a delegation, or should we set up a separate meeting with a smaller group?

Thank you,

Liisa Jeffrey, BSc(Agr), PAg

Executive Director

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association

P: 825-345-0806

PO Box 3000, Fairview, AB T0H 1L0

peacecountrybeef.ca



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Proposed response:

Thank you for your email. As this item has already gone to the ASB board and they have made their decision (The Agriculture Service Board is a board of Council that makes recommendations to council) . Clear Hills County's Procedural Bylaw states that this item can not be brought back for a period of 6 months unless pertinent additional information has come to light. Moving forward, if PCBFA has additional information that was not presented at the last delegation, administration will gladly meet with your organization to review the additional information and determine if it falls into the category that allows for a second delegation.

Thank you

Allan

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
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:

2025 Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference

PCBFA Soil Health Seminar 2025

Farm Transition Workshop

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference Agenda

PCBFA Soil Health Seminar 2025 Poster

Farm Transition Workshop Agenda

Calanders: February, March, April

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the 2025 Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference held on March 4th & 5th at the Pomeroy, in Grande Prairie, AB.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the PCBFA Soil Health Seminar, held on March 5, 2025 at the Delta Hotel, in Grande Prairie, AB

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Farm Transition Workshop, held on March 5, 2025 in Grande Prairie, AB

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:

2025 Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference

March 4th & 5th
Pomeroy Hotel
Grande Prairie, AB

Join the 2025 Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference *Turf and Forage Seed - Improve your Soil and Bottom Line*

There has not been a Turf and Forage Seed Conference hosted in the Peace Country since 2006!

Here's just some of the topics:

Tuesday Evening Keynote



Lesley Kelly
creator of High Heels and
Canola Fields and co-founder
of the Do More Agriculture
foundation

Global Market Updates	Weed resistance & management options
Insects in Grasses & Clovers	Breeding - Turf, forage grasses & alfalfa
Nitrogen Efficiency in Grasses	Perennial ryegrass production
Alfalfa Weevil Thresholds	PGRs in Alfalfa and Grasses & Clovers
Alfalfa Leafcutting Bees	Intermediate Wheatgrass/Kernza

Conference Door Prize



60'' SmartPan System - The Wide Setup

1. Carrier Unit (attaches to the combine)
2. Wide Drop Pan
3. Narrow Drop Pan
4. Scale
5. Drop Pan Remote
6. Free SmartDrop App
7. User Manual for your Bushel Plus Set
8. Air Separator
9. Smart Charger

For the full agenda and link to register visit our website (www.peaceforageseed.ca)
via the QR Code or contact Talon Gauthier at 1 877 630 2198 or by email:
coordinator@peaceforageseed.ca



2025 Canadian Turf and Forage Seed Conference

March 4th and 5th, 2025

Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Center, Grande Prairie, AB

Turf and Forage Seed - Improve your Soil and Bottom Line

Tuesday March 4th, 2025 Morning session optional for Growers

9:00 am	Registration Opens - Stays open until afternoon
9:15 am	Grower Groups Extension/Research Updates
10:30 am	Coffee & Snack break - Poster Session Introductions & Tradeshow
11:00 am	Grower Groups Extension/Research Updates
11:45 am	PRL Update or AAFC Funding Opportunities
12:00 pm	LUNCH

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE STARTS

12:30 pm	Welcome & Housekeeping
12:45 pm	<p><u>Global Market Updates</u> <i>North American Update</i> - Dan Weaver, Int'l Sales Manager, Smith Seed Services <i>European Update</i> - Jeroen Giesen, Field Production+ Third Party, DSV zaden, Netherlands</p>
2:15 pm	<p><i>Weed Resistance & Management Options</i> Breanne Tidemann, Research Scientist, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada</p>
3:00 pm	Break - Coffee, snacks, posters & tradeshow
3:30 pm	<p><u>Weed Management Panel</u> <i>Panel Introduction</i> Calvin Yoder, Turf/Forage Seed Specialist, SARDA Ag Research <i>Field Management Prior to Seeding Seed Crops</i> Kristina Polziehn, Agronomist, Axiom Agronomy Ltd <i>Global Innovative Practices</i> Nicole Anderson, Forage Seed Research Scientist, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research</p>
4:45 pm	PRFSA Annual General Meeting
6:30 pm	Supper and Entertainment - Lesley Kelly "High Heels & Canola Fields"

2025 Canadian Turf and Forage Seed Conference

March 4th and 5th, 2025

Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Center, Grande Prairie, AB

Wednesday March 5th 2025

8:00 am	Breakfast (on your own)
8:30 am	<p><u>Turfgrass and Forage Breeding</u> <i>Forages</i> - Bill Biligetu, Associate Professor, University of Saskatchewan <i>Turfgrass</i> - Leah Brilman, Director of Product Mgmt & Technical Services, DLF Oregon</p>
9:45 am	<p><u>Fertility Management</u> <i>Nitrogen Fertilizer Efficiency on Grasses</i> - Rigas Karamanos, Soil Scientist</p>
10:30 am	Break - Coffee, snacks, posters & tradeshow

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

11:00 am	<p>GRASS / CLOVER <i>Perennial Ryegrass Production</i> Dave Graftstrom, Research Agronomist U of MN Magnusson Research Farm</p>	<p>ALFALFA <i>Alfalfa Breeding</i> Hari Poudel, Agriculture & Agri-food Canada</p>
11:30 am	<p><i>Intermediate Wheatgrass/Kernza</i> Doug Cattani, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba</p>	<p><i>Plant Growth Regulators (PGR's) in Alfalfa</i> Jennifer Retzlaff, Research Manager Alfalfa Seed Commission Alberta</p>
12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:15 pm	<p>GRASS / CLOVER <i>PGRs in Grasses & Clovers</i> Nicole Anderson, Surendra Bhattarai and Calvin Yoder</p>	<p>ALFALFA <i>A Delicate Balance: Climate, Diapause, and Pest Pressure on Alfalfa Leafcutting Bees (Megachile rotundata)</i> - Lindsie Mccabe, USDA</p>
2:00 pm	<p><i>Insects in Grasses and Clovers</i> Jennifer Otani, Agriculture & Agri-food Canada</p>	<p><i>Roadmap for building alfalfa weevil thresholds</i> Boyd Mori, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta</p>
2:30 pm	Break - Coffee, snacks, posters & tradeshow	
3:00 pm	Panel Discussion: <i>Benefits of Turf and Forage Seed Crops in Annual Cropping Rotations</i> - Speakers TBD	

4:00 pm Final Message Conference Wrap Up



SOIL HEALTH SEMINAR

Join the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association at our annual Soil Health Seminar!



MARCH 5, 2025
2:00 PM - 7:30 PM
SUPPER INCLUDED



DELTA HOTEL
GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB



NORM DUECK

Soil Fertility &
In-Field Nutrient
Variability

COVERS & CO.

COVERS & CO.

Plant Diversity



KYLE DAVIES

With introduction of PCBFA
Cover Crop Research,
Cattle Producers Perspective
on Cover Crop Usage



MICHAEL FERGUSON

Profit Farming vs.
Production Farming

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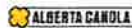


FARM TRANSITION WORKSHOP

WHERE ENTHUSIASM MEETS EXPERIENCE.

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 | Grande Prairie, Alberta

Location: Evergreen Park



Wednesday, March 5



Bridging the Gap Farm Transition Workshop - Grande Prairie

Where enthusiasm meets experience.



By Farm Management Canada-Gestion agricole du Canada

396 followers

3.1k attendees hosted


396 followers

Follow

\$42 - \$105

Get tickets

68

 Wed, Mar 5, 2025 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM MST

Location

 Evergreen Park

55051 Township Rd 710 County of Grande Prairie NO.1, AB T8W 5A7

[Show map](#) 

Refund Policy

Refunds up to **7 days** before event
Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.

About this event

 Event lasts 8 hours

Bridging the Gap seeks to help bridge the gap between generations of farmers to provide Canada's farming future with the best chance for success.

The Bridging the Gap Workshop welcomes farm families to work with Farm Management Canada and our presenting partners MNP, AFSC, Alberta Canola and Ritchie Bros to help make meaningful progress in their farm transition journey.

This workshop is uniquely designed to engage multiple generations working together on the family farm in meaningful discussions to better understand each others' concerns and considerations for the future of the farm.

"This was the first time that all four of us have been encouraged to attend the same learning event together. Usually only one person is able to attend and attempts to bring home the information and try to relay what they learned. This was a priceless experience."

Attendees will work through sessions on planning, communication, navigating resistance, working with your transition team and gain access to valuable resources and

\$42 - \$105

Agenda

8:00am - Continental Breakfast

8:30am - Welcome

8:45am - Setting the Stage

9:15am - Planning for Success: Key Ingredients

9:45am - Farm Transition Readiness

10:15am - Health Break

10:30am - Understanding Farm Transition Resistance

12:00pm - Lunch

12:30pm - Creating the Path Forward

1:00pm - Communicating Effectively

1:30pm - Establishing your Transition Team

2:00pm - Our Transition Story (Producer panel)

3:00pm - Health Break

3:15pm - Staying the Course

3:45pm - Closing Remarks

4:00pm - Workshop End

Please note: Any Offer to purchase an attendee list is fraudulent. Please report these directly to Farm Management Canada.

Organized by

Farm Management Canada-Gestion agricole du

\$42 - \$105

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
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 26, 2025
Rental Equipment Summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 26, 2025, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

FEB 26, 2025

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2025 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
1	\$200.00

• **Coyotes Claimed 2025 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
38	\$1140.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. There is a CAP grant and EFP presentation being held Feb 24th at 1:30 at the Dave Shaw Complex.
2. The clubroot samples found in the County last fall were tested for what pathotype strain they were. Those results came back on Feb 4th. The tests found that this clubroot is the most common pathotype found across Alberta, which is good news, as this means all the most common resistant varieties of canola seed will be resistant to this pathotype. An article about this finding will be posted on the website, in the newsletter, and on the Facebook page.
3. We are planning another Clubroot information session in the spring before seeding.
4. Advertisements for 3 weed inspector positions and 3 mower operators have been put on our website, the newsletter, and Facebook page.
5. The application for the ASB grant went out to Alberta Agriculture on Jan. 29th. The expectation is that legislative stream funding will remain the same as the last agreement at \$166,247.00 per year for the next 5 years. The resource management stream funding is a merit-based grant. The ask was for \$97,292.00 per year for the next 5 years. What the County will receive will be based on how many other municipalities applied for resource funding and how strong Alberta Ag feels our application is.
6. The County went to tender for a new mower on Jan 31st. It will close March 24th, and they will be opened March 25th.
7. 5 ASB members and the fieldman attended the provincial ASB conference January 20-22 in Edmonton. There were 13 resolutions to come to the floor at the conference. The chair of the meeting was not very strong which made for a bit of an unorganized resolution session. There was an incident where a delegate from another municipality made an unprofessional and disparaging remark about another municipality, and there were no repercussions at the session itself. A complaint letter from the municipality involved has been sent to the ASB Provincial Committee.
8. The County has applied for a temporary diversion license to pump water from the creek by Ken Bergs into the Eureka River non potable truck fill reservoir. The plan is to pump from the dugout directly behind the reservoir first and if that doesn't fill the reservoir, then we will pump from the creek.

January 1 - January 31, 2025

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
<i>Backpack Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Bale Scale</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>BBQ Trailer</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Chairs</i>	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	1	5	\$ 500.00	\$ -
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Eco-Bran Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Exta Hoses</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Grain Bagger</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	6	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Grill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Pull/Push Roller Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Quad Mount Rope Wick</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Quad Mounted Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Quad Pull Type Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Skidmount Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Smoke Signs</i>	\$ 60.00	\$ -	1	20	\$ 217.82	\$ -
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	7	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Tables</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Toilets</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Truck Mount Sprayer</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
	\$100	\$75				
	(summer)	(summer)				
<i>Water Pumps</i>	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	1	2	\$ 400.00	\$ -
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
			6	40	\$ 1,117.82	\$ -

Revenue	\$ 1,117.82
Equipment Expense	\$ -
Insurance	
Chargeback	\$ 538.63
Profit/Loss	\$579.19

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.



BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

County of Northern Lights Letter of Concern
2025 VSI Requisition Letter

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of February 26, 2025, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



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January 24, 2025

Re: 2025 ASB Conference

The County of Northern Lights ASB recently attended the 2025 ASB Provincial Conference in Edmonton and was represented by 4 board members and the Agricultural Fieldman. This conference is always much anticipated by our board members as it offers many valuable updates, keynote speakers, networking opportunities, tradeshow and most importantly, the chance to present resolutions.

Resolutions have a long history of bringing regional and provincial agricultural matters forward. After a democratic process of presenting the resolutions, they are often debated, amended and then put to the assembly for a vote. Those that are approved then go to the ASB Provincial Committee, who in turn send them out for responses, grade the responses and then advocate for the resolution's intent. I want to bring attention to some inappropriate conduct during the resolution session on January 22nd. The County of Northern Lights brought forward 2 resolutions; one (8-25) was presented on the January 21st, and the second (13-25) on January 22nd. We always welcome debate and potential small amendments during the presentation and understand that in true democratic fashion, the subsequent vote determines whether the resolution passes or fails. What we do not agree with is condescending and disrespectful remarks.

These actions were displayed by an ASB member from Vulcan County who provided opposition to 13-25 and seemed frustrated that the resolution process was taking too long, as indicated by his comments and theatrical behavior regarding resolution 3-25 the day before. The comments that were made did not attempt to debate ideas, but attacked the resolutions as a waste of time, burdensome and that certain municipalities were sponsoring too many resolutions. "It is only an issue for a municipality that sponsored over half the resolutions" was the comment, while it doesn't sound too terrible on paper, the leadup, sentiment and delivery was enough to draw audible gasps and muttering from the crowd. After the conclusion of the Resolution Session, we received numerous commiserations for the exaggerated reaction, as it went too far.



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Our feeling is, if this type of behaviour is allowed to continue with no intervention from the board, the potential for mudslinging and chaos will be inevitable and credibility of this great organization will be compromised. I have been approached by many ASB's that were witness to this uncalled-for comment, who strongly agree that it was totally inappropriate and needs to be addressed. These types of comments stifle debate, lead to less participation and dissuade future resolutions in fear of humiliation and ridicule.

These types of sessions are critical to generating solutions and change, if you disagree with an idea then say why you are against it—it doesn't need to be turned into a personal indiscretion against another municipality that is sponsoring the idea. The main purpose of the conference is to debate the resolutions, and debate should follow the correct code of conduct.

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Ungarian
Reeve and ASB Chair,
County of Northern Lights

Cc: AAAF and ASB's of Alberta

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February 10, 2025

Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO
 Clear Hills County
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Dear Allan,
 Enclosed is your 2025 VSI requisition of \$54,000.

Total 2024 VSI administrative costs, including claims G.S.T. (\$15,641), were approximately \$51,431. Your jurisdiction accounted for 296 (6.4%) of the 4,623 claim lines processed, hence your share of gross administrative costs (total administrative cost minus claim related GST) was deemed to be \$2,292

Investment income was approximately \$11,737. Total cost of your claims, as per your fourth quarter report, sent to greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca and ExtensionServices@clearhillscounty.ab.ca was 44,432. This was 7.1% of total claims expenditures of \$625,653. Your share of the interest was deemed to be \$834

For 2025 the 2024 VSI fee schedule was realigned with the 2024 ABVMA fee schedule, and then increased with 2.5%. A 10% contingency was added. As a result, your 2025 requisition is equal to your 2024 claims plus an 15.2% increase plus your estimated net administrative costs for 2024. 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 2024 administrative costs and investment income:

	Claims		Payments		Balance
Jan. 1, 2024				\$	8,804
Payments in 2024		\$	45,700	S	54,504
2024 Claims	S	44,432		S	10,072
2.5 % GST 2024 Claims	\$	1,111		\$	8,961
Share of 2024 Expenses	\$	2,292		S	6,670
Share of 2024 Interest		\$	834	S	7,503

The amount in your contract was based on the actual cost of claims for Oct 1, 2023 to Sept 30, 2024 plus an estimate of net administrative costs for 2023. The amount of your requisition is based on the actual cost of claims for 2024 plus an estimate of your 2024 net administrative costs (rounded to the nearest \$100). This explains the difference between your requisition of \$54,000 and the \$59,500 in your contract.

This letter replaces the February 3, 2025 letter and corrects the error due to missing the December interest. 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
Carter Clay