AGENDA

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2016

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Office, Worsley, Alberta.

1.	CALL TO ORDER	
2.	AGENDA	
3.	ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES a. January 11, 2016	2
4.	Delegation(s)	
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AG5(01/11/16)

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AG6(01/11/16)

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AG7(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board approve the draft letters to the Agricultural Service Boards in the region supporting the Peace Region and Province be declared genetically engineered (ie Roundup ReadyTM) free zones for alfalfa and wheat, as presented.

CARRIED.

Bill 6

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AG8(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the amendments to Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers. CARRIED.

Policies Review

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Policies for review.

Chair Harcourt adjourned for lunch at 11:35 a.m. Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:15 a.m.

AG9(01/11/16)

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AG10(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the Agricultural Service Board Policies CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG11(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of:

- Chair Harcourt, Councillor Johnson and Member Logan to High Quality Forages for Growing & Finishing Cattle with Dr. Anibal Pordomingo on Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.
- Member Logan and Member Davis to the Alberta Beef Industry Conference on February 17-19, 2016 in Red Deer, Alberta.
- Member Davis to the Tactical Farming Conference at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in Calgary, Alberta on February 10-11, 2016

7d. The Agenda

This item was added by Chair Harcourt.

AG12(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the posting of the Agricultural Service Board agenda on the county website.

CARRIED.

REPORTS Agricultural Fieldman

Report

AG13(01/11/16)

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

Board Reports

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 11, 2016 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

CARRIED.

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports.

Member Davis: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

Member Logan: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

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AG14(01/11/16)

Chair Harcourt: Attended Beef Congress in Dawson Creek, BC on January 8-9, 2016.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of January 11, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

- 1. Back Forty Year End Issue (63-02-02)
- Alberta Farm Animal Care Quarterly Update December 2015 (63-02-02)
- 3. Alberta Farm Animal Care Council Vs. Board (63-02-02)
- 4. Leduc County Letters (63-02-02)
- 5. County of St. Paul letter (63-02-02)
- 6. Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 letter (63-02-02)
- 7. Westlock County letter (63-02-02)
- 8. Lamont County letter (63-02-02)
- 9. AAAF Letters (63-02-02)
- 10. Trait Stewardship Responsibilities Notice to Farmers (63-02-02)

AG15(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of January 11, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

ADJORNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher, 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 (ASB) accepts the February 8, 2016 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

: Alsj

AgFieldman:

Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board Activity Report for January 11, 2016 Page 1 of 2

Budget Items:	Completed Items:
CAO = Chief Administrative Officer	CSM = Corporate Services Manager
DO= Development Officer	AF = Ag. Fieldman
EA = Executive Assistant	CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION DATE DESCRIPTION DEPT STATUS

REGULA	R AGRICULTU	JRAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS		
		January 12, 2015		
AG05	(01/12/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board arrange for two composting demonstration sites for large animal composting. December 14, 2015	AF	1 site completed, 2 nd site at Jody Hale's.
10101	(40)(4)(45)		AF	Onuncii adantad
AG121	(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council implement a Coyote Bounty in the amount of \$30.00 per coyote with an initial budget of \$10,000.00.	AF	Council adopted January 12, 2016.
AG124	(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board table consideration of participating in an Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) partnership to the next board meeting pending more information from the current ALUS participants.	AF	
AG125	(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council V.S.I. funding remain at 50% coverage with no service limits and a an individual producer limit of \$3,000.00 annually.	AF	Council adopted January 12, 2016.
AG126	(12/14/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council implement B.S.E. testing compensation in the amount of \$125.00 per animal and establish a budget of \$5,000.00 in the 2016 budget on a one year trial basis.	AF	Council adopted January 26, 2016 \$5,000.00 budget
	- 46, 100,	January 11, 2016		
AG145	(01/11/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back information on a 60ft valmar option on McFarlane harrows and heavy harrows as a potential rental equipment item.	AF	February 8 RFD
AG146	(01/11/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back information on a hitch mount for a tractor or pickup style of wire roller as a potential rental equipment item.	AF	February 8 RFD

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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	EPT	STATUS
AG147	(01/11/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program as presented.	AF	Council adopted January 26, 2016 \$5,000.00 budget
AG150	(01/11/16)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board direct options be drafted for amending Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy setting out the County's response in the event of Clubroot of Canola being confirmed within the County boundaries.	AF	February 8 RFD

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Meeting Date:

Feb 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher Ag Fieldman

Title: File No: **Wire Roller** 63-10-10

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is provided with information and costs for a hitch mount style wire roller as a potential rental equipment item as requested.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

AG5(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back information and costs for tractor hitch mount and pickup slide in style wire rollers as a potential rental equipment item. CARRIED.

Specifications:

- Hitch mount for a tractor.
- Hydraulic drive
- Spool in and out

Cost: \$1595.00 plus shipping of up to \$600.00.

OPTIONS:

- Recommend purchasing a wire roller as a rental equipment item and include
 in the 2016 Operating Budget.

 Recommend purchasing a wire roller as a rental equipment item and include.
- 2. Recommend purchasing a wire roller as a rental equipment item and include in the 2017 Operating Budget.
- 3. Accept for information and not purchase a wire roller for use as a rental equipment item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board....

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

Request For Decision (RFD)

Agricultural Service Board Meeting Meeting: Feb 8, 2016 Meeting Date: Al Fletcher, Ag Fieldman Originated By: Title: **Heavy Harrows** 63-10-10 File No: **DESCRIPTION:** The Board is presented with further information on options and comparisons of McFarlane Harrows, heavy harrows and Valmar style attachments. BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL: RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural AG4(01/11/16) Service Board direct administration to bring back information on options and comparisons of 60 foot McFarlane harrows and heavy harrows, and Valmar style attachments as a CARRIED. potential rental equipment item. The seed attachment option averages \$17,000 and is included in the estimates below. The different type of options available: • Degelman heavy duty,30,000 acre carbide tines, hydr depth control \$70,145-\$79,641. Rite way 7162 62 feet \$68,565 Bourgault 7200 60 feet \$73,080 **BUDGET:** Agriculture Rental Equipment Reserve – \$118,828 as of December 31, 2015 ATTACHMENTS: Rental Equipment Policy 6310 **OPTIONS:** 1. Recommend Council include \$_____ in <u>2017 or ?</u> of the Multi-Year Capital Plan for the purchase of _____ harrows with OR without a seed attachment. Accept for information. RECOMMENDED ACTION: RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board....

Initials show support - Reviewed by Manager: My AgFieldman:



,	Policy Number
Effective Date: February 22, 2011	6310
Title: RENTAL EQUIPMENT POLICY	

1. Policy Statement:

1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the value of utilizing tax dollars to provide equipment available for rent to County residents, land managers and agricultural producers.

2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To supply equipment for rent that would not be economically feasible for individual agricultural producers or land managers to purchase and is not readily available for rent through other rental agents.
- 2.2. To provide innovative tools and equipment for local agricultural producers and land managers that promotes innovative agricultural management practices.
- 2.3. To provide tools and equipment that assist agricultural producers and land managers to comply with their legislative requirements under Alberta's Weed Control Act, Soil Conservation Act and Agricultural Pests Act.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council a list of rental equipment and a schedule of fees for equipment deposits and rental rates.
- 3.2. The Agricultural Service Board may recommend to Council to purchase, replace, or liquidate rental equipment based on the three purposes in section 2.
- 3.3. Agricultural Services will provide the Agricultural Service Board with a list of rental rates and deposits based on the following structure:
 - 3.3.1. Equipment purchased to fulfil subsection 2.1 will have a rental rate to recover capital costs and maintenance costs of that equipment;
 - 3.3.2. Equipment purchased to fulfil subsection 2.2 will have a rental rate to recover maintenance costs only;
 - 3.3.3. Equipment purchased to fulfil subsection 2.3 will have a minimal rental rate to maximize the equipment use;
 - 3.3.4. Deposits greater than the designated minimum amount will be double

Policy No. 6310 Title: RENTAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM POLICY

Effective Date: February 22, 2011

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the rental rate of that equipment.

- 3.4. County staff will have knowledge of each piece of equipment and will inform the renter of proper operating procedures and safety precautions.
- 3.5. Agriculture Services will conduct pre- and post-rental inspections of all equipment to ensure equipment is in good condition, will operate properly and is safe to use.
- 3.6. Renters will sign a rental agreement form and assume responsibility for all costs associated with equipment returned damaged or not properly cleaned.
- 3.7. County staff will refuse to rent out equipment that is unfit and/or unsafe for use.
- 3.8. Agricultural Services will provide an annual report to the Agricultural Service Board for a program review in February of each year.

4. Reference to Legislation

- 4.1. Weed Control Act
- 4.2. Soil Conservation Act
- 4.3. Agricultural Pests Act

5. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

Resolution C170(02/22/10)

Date: February 22, 2011

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date: February 8, 2016
Originated By: Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title: Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306
File: 63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is provided with a revised draft Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306 to as requested.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular ASB meeting on January 11, 2016 the ASB requested that the Clubroot of Canola Policy be revised to clearly define the County's response if Clubroot of Canola is found in the County.

AG9(01/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board direct options be drafted for amending Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy setting out the County's response in the event of Clubroot of Canola being confirmed within the County boundaries.

CARRIED.

Note: In Section 3 Enforcement a number of options are highlighted in yellow for the Boards review and selection if preferred actions.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Approve as presented with Option____ in 3.1.2.
- 2. Approve as amended.
- 3. Table for further review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306

RECOMMENDED	ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt the amended Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy with Option_____ in Section 3 Enforcement.

Initials show support -	Reviewed by: Manager:	abs	AgFieldman:
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Effective Date: February 8, 2016	Policy Number 6306
Title: CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

1.1. Clear Hills County will implement procedures to reduce the possibility of introduction, limit the spread, and minimize yield losses of Clubroot in Canola in the County.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services staff will conduct a minimum of 25 field inspections, as per Clubroot in Canola Procedure 6306-01, for Clubroot on Canola grown in the County. Fields will be selected according to the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. Fields surrounding an infected field; or fields associated with an infected field through equipment, geography, ownership, etc.
 - 2.1.2. Canola fields displaying symptoms similar to those infected with Clubroot
 - 2.1.3. Fields with a short or no crop rotation. (ie. canola on canola)
 - 2.1.4. Random fields throughout the County for adequate surveying coverage.
- 2.2. Agricultural Services staff will educate producers, general public and other industry about Clubroot of Canola, through newsletters, publications, workshops and one-on-one communications.
- 2.3. Any Canola crops displaying symptoms of Clubroot infection will be sampled and samples will be sent to a credible laboratory for confirming or denying the presence of Clubroot.
- 2.4. Agricultural Service Board will work cooperatively with neighboring municipalities and primary producers.

3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Upon confirmation of a Clubroot infected Canola field in the County:
 - 3.1.1. The landowner and registered occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
 - 3.1.2. A) OPTION 1: All landowners and registered occupants within the township(s) where Clubroot was found, will be sent written notice that Clubroot was confirmed within the township(s). Additional information including the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan, Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, Clubroot identification information, equipment cleaning

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Title: CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY

procedures and information on minimizing the spread of Clubroot.

- 3.1.2 B) OPTION 2: [Public notice will be sent out, describing the township or townships (to include a minimum buffer of 2 miles surrounding the infected field) in which Clubroot was confirmed to be found.1
- 3.1.2 C) OPTION 3: [A County wide public notice will be issued, informing the general public and all County landowners that Clubroot of Canola has be confirmed in the County. This will be posted in the County newsletter and the local newspaper
- 3.1.2 D) OPTION 4: The County will notify all other stakeholders, contractors, and industry within the affected township(s) that Clubroot has been confirmed in the County and provide information on preventing the spread of Clubroot.
- 3.2. A Notice given for Clubroot will require for the infected field:
 - 3.2.1. That no canola crop or any host crop shall be grown in that field for a minimum of 3 years, beginning with the year following the discovery of Clubroot infection in that field. In the 4th year a Clubroot resistant canola variety may be grown.
 - That all volunteer host plants (cultivars or weeds) must be destroyed to 3.2.2. prevent more than 3 weeks growth.
 - 3.2.3. That straw, chaff, feed, dirt, and debris must not be removed from the field for 4 years following the year of detecting Clubroot in the field.
 - That access areas to the infected field be seeded and maintained with 3.2.4. non-susceptible grasses (for cleaning equipment).
 - 3.2.5. That all equipment leaving that field must be cleaned by removing all dirt, plant material, and debris.
- 3.3. Infected fields will be monitored for compliance for 4 years following the issuance of the Notice.
- 3.4. Crops growing in non-compliance will be destroyed at the landowner's expense.
- 3.5. Should enforcement be required, additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.

Guidelines

- 4.1. Alberta Clubroot Management Plan
- 4.2. Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1

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5. Reference to Legislation

5.1. Agricultural Pests Act

- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta
- 5.3. Clear Hills County Pest Control Policy (6303)

6. End of Policy

ADOPTED

Resolution C344(06/10/08) Date: June 10, 2008

AMENDED

Resolution C165(02/22/11) Date: February 22, 2011

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board

Meeting Date: Originated By:

February 8, 2016 Member Harcourt

Title:

WEATHER STATIONS

File:

63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Chair Harcourt requested that this item be included on today's agenda, following up on Resolution No. 5 Climate Stations that was passed as amended at the Provincial ASB Conference.

BACKGROUND:

C298-15(06/09/15) RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to bring back information regarding the Moisture Towers for (AFSC) locations and funding information required to have an additional tower installed to future meeting. Also send a letter recommending the installation of new towers within Clear Hills County to allow for more accurate rain fall data collection readings.

CARRIED.

C360-15(07/21/15) RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to send a letter to Honorable O'Neil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture, and Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) requesting an additional weather station be installed centrally, to provide more accurate precipitation data in Clear Hills County. Including a funding contribution from Clear Hills County towards the installation, with the funds to be included in the 2016 operating budget.

CARRIED.

Council followed up with the Minister about this matter when they were at the fall AAMD&C conference, and to date have not heard anything further from the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

Council chose not to allocate any funds in the 2016 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 5 Climate Stations & background

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board ...

abj

AgFieldman:

Resolution No. 5 CLIMATE STATIONS

WHEREAS: Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) crop insurance and farm

income disaster assistance is based on the data collected from the nearest

approved weather station;

WHEREAS: The locations of the weather stations that Agro Climatic Information Service

(ACIS) collects data from are not consistently located geographically or reflecting

microclimate areas;

WHEREAS: Producers are dealing with microclimates that AFSC insurance programs do not

have accurate information on;

WHEREAS: Producers are situated too far from a weather station for the data to be precise

when dealing with AFSC crop insurance and farm income disaster assistance;

WHEREAS: The adjusters doing the investigation are not left with the final say on the

relevancy of the data of the nearest weather station.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Forestry increase the amount of weather stations in a geographically consistent manner in the agricultural areas to ensure accuracy of weather data used by Agriculture Financial Services Corporation and other departments.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and Agriculture Financial Services Corporation give authority to the adjusters to modify the data when the adjuster is of the opinion that the claimant is in a microclimate that is different from the closest weather station for the crop insurance and farm income disaster assistance claim purposes until all additional weather stations are operational.

SPONSORED BY:	Northern Sunrise County
MOVED BY:	
SECONDED BY:	Athabasra County
CARRIED:	
DEFEATED:	
STATUS:	
DEPARTMENT:	Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation

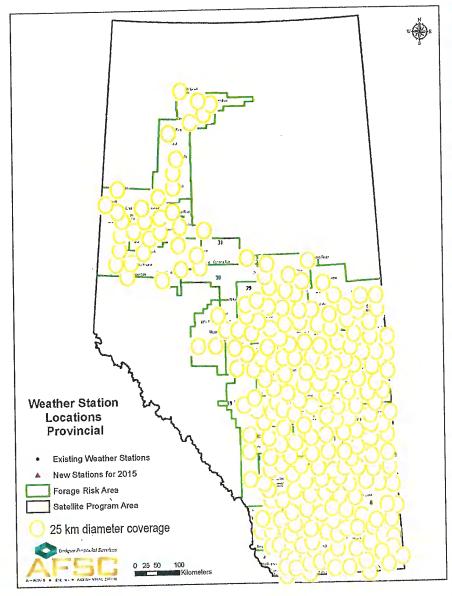
Background information

Locations of ACIS weather stations across the province

MD&C producers that could benefit from increased coverage situated on the outside perimter of the

AFSC Forage Risk Area

- Big Lakes County
- Clear Hills County
- Clearwater County
- County of Athabasca
- County of Grande Prairie
- County of Northern Lights
- Lakeland County
- Mackenzie County
- M.D. of Bighorn
- M.D. of Greenview
- M.D. of Smoky River
- Northern Sunrise County
- Saddle Hils County
- Yellowhead County



Provincial Location of Weather Station

Area	South	Central	North East	North West	Peace	Total
Wether Stations (WS)	83	38	45	34	34	234
Cultivated Land Acres	7,610,573	5,830,737	4, <mark>034</mark> ,758	2,811,511	3,708,794	23,996,373
Provincial % of Cult. Acres	32%	24%	17%	12%	15%	100%
Cult. Acres / Station	91,694	153,440	89,661	82,692	109,082	102,549
Agricultural land Acres	19,369,995	10,954,021	7,995,296	5,318,152	6,725,414	50,362,878
Provincial % of Ag land Acres	38%	22%	16%	11%	13%	100%
Ag Acres / Stations	233,373	288,264	177,673	156,416	197,806	215,226
All land acres	25,055,278	18,660,622	14,899,059	20,982,978	58,811,214	163,546,203
Provincial % of Acres	15%	11%	9%	13%	36%	25%
Acres /Stations	301,871	491,069	331,090	617,146	1,729,742	698,915
% Provincial station total	35%	16%	1996	15%	15%	100%
verage distance between W5	< 20	30	37	37	>37	27
Average longest distance to WS (km)	25	25	25	25	>30	21
ongest distance to WS (km)	37	37	>50	>50	>50	26

Calculation based on data from the AFSC website info and 2011 agricultural data from Stats Canada

Distance observations using AFSC map and attached legend

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board

Meeting Date: Originated By:

February 8, 2016 Member MacKay Ross

Title: File: **ROADSIDE MOWING & BEE HABITAT**

63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Member Ross is proposing the board recommend Council eliminate or reduce the second pass of the mowers when doing fenceline-fenceline work to provide bee habitat.

BACKGROUND:

This comes out of the Regional ASB Conference presentation by Eric Stromgren and encouraging keeping wild/natural vegetation for bees.

Approximately 1100 miles of road to be mowed. 1 shoulder pass,(half the ditch) both sides of the road = 2200 miles. Full ditch pass later on in the year both sides =4400 miles. Approximately 6600 miles total.

Costs – Average annual mowing program \$200,000.00

- reduced path width would not reduce costs.
- Eliminating one pass on some or all roads would.

Timing would be dependent on type of plants when they bloom and when bees are most active (June – August). Mowing is not completed all at once, but is staggered throughout the County.

The County's spray program is spot spraying as needed to control weeds that are Noxious or Prohibited Noxious. Typically municipalities blanket spray 1/3 of their respective municipalities, to prevent weed regrowth. Most wildflowers are also controlled by this process which leaves only grasses to provide ground cover.

OPTIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board ...

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

abj

AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman

Title: File: **EVENTS** 63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

- Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop with Graeme Finn on February 23rd, 2016 at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Annual General Meeting on Friday, February 26th, 2016 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta starting at 4:30 p.m.
- Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Wetland Workshop on February 19th, 2016 at the Holiday Inn, 9816 107 Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Peace Country Classic being held on March 10-12th, 2016 at Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Approve the attendance of one or more members to one or more of the events listed.
- 2. Accept for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop with Graeme Finn
- Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Annual General Meeting
- Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Wetland Workshop

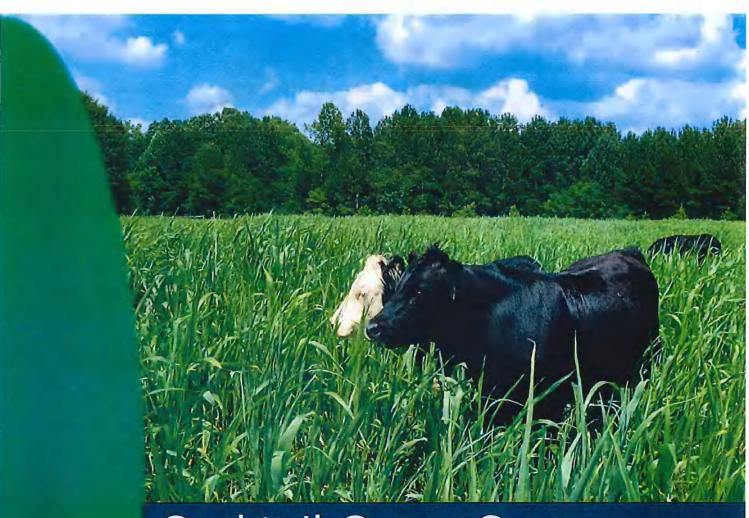
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board ...

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AgFieldman:

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop

with Special Guest - Graeme Finn

This event in collaboration with:

Interested in trying out a cocktail cover crop? Not sure where to start?

Bring your ideas & make your plan for spring!



February 23rd, 2016 Rycroft Ag Society Hall Registration at 10:30am

\$15/Member & \$20/Non-Member

Lunch included

Please RSVP to Kaitlin, at 780-835-6799







2016 Annual General Meeting

Dunvegan Motor Inn, Fairview Friday, February 26th

4:30pm Registration
5:00pm Business Meeting
6:00pm Supper

GUEST SPEAKER: NEIL DENNIS

\$55/Person, or \$75/Farm Unit *Includes 2016 PCBFA Membership*

Please RSVP to Kaitlin at 780-835-6799

A block of rooms has been held at the Dunvegan Motor Inn & Suites Please call 780-835-5100 to book a room



Wetland Workshop

The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is hosting a Wetland Workshop on February 19th in Grande Prairie, AB. The presenter for the day will be Jay White, Wetland and Aquatic Specialist with Aquality.

The workshop will be covering topics such as:

- Wetland Classification
- Importance and function of wetlands
- Constructed Wetlands
- Wetland policy
- Water Act
- Green and White Zones

Workshop Details:

Date: February 19th, 2016

Location: Holiday Inn, 9816 107 Street, Grande Prairie, AB.

Time: 9:30AM-3:30PM

Registration is at 9AM

Cost: \$125/ person

*Lunch is not provided. However there will be a buffet available for \$12.50/person

If you have any questions or want to register please contact Megan Graham by email at mpwa.admin@telus.net or by phone (780)324-3355

Registration Deadline: February 17th

Please make cheques payable to Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance



Presenter: Jay White. M.Sc., P.Biol., QWAES

Jay White is a Professional Biologist, author, speaker, entrepreneur and leader. He was trained as an aquatic ecologist and holds a B.Sc. from University of Western Ontario and a M.Sc. degree in Ecology from the University of Alberta. He was a research associate at the University of Alberta's Sustainable Forest Management Network until 1999, when he established Aquality. Jay manages an amazing team of professional biologists who guide and support a variety of development activities. Water governance, policy, education and sustainability are his current topics of interest.

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager

Title:

CDM Report

File:

63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Community Development Manager will have an opportunity to report on Community Development agricultural topics.

BACKGROUND:

Peace Region AAAF is hosting the 2017 IST and the 2018 Provincial Service Board Conference, and planning has begun. The 2018 Conference has been booked at the Tec Centre, Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

ASB Provincial Conference Highlights: January 18-21, 2016

Patrick Moore – Ex-Greenpeace President – talked about how the current trend of science paranoia is shaping the world (and not in a good way) around us and in particular agriculture. Focused on importance of education in what agriculture really is. Ie) non-GMO advocates don't realize that they are also targeting plants (such as tomatoes) that have been cross pollinated for hardier better fruit bearing strains. The real fear is of Genetically Engineered products and GMO's are being painted with the same brush, to the detriment of a growing number of agricultural products.

Rob Saik— 10 key drivers that will shape Agriculture in the Next Decade. He also spoke about the anti-science trend and the impact it's having on agriculture.

A big part of the problem is the urban/rural divide and the vast number of people that have no connection or understanding of agriculture beyond the food they buy in the supermarket or at their local farmer's market. The question isn't can we feed 0 billion people, but rather will we be allowed to feed 9 billion people. His message: NO GMO or KNOW GMO, and we should be using GE (for Genetically Engineered projects) rather than falling back on GMO as they are different processes. GMO's can (and do) occur naturally in nature GE does not.

Here's the link to his webpage: https://www.realagriculture.com/tag/rob-saik/

This video is well worth watching: http://www.knowgmothemovie.com/

Suggested reading: Abundance: The Future is better than you Think by Peter Diamandis and Steven

Kotler ISBN 9781451614213

Gary Conklin - Recognize, Rebrand, Revive One Farm's Story.

His story about activists (Mercy for Animals) infiltrated the family's dairy, then staged and deliberately abused animals after the employers had left for the day and posted the video on the internet in 2010. Ultimately the dairy (Conklin Dairy Cattles Sales, LLC) was exonerated by the Grand Jury and he has since given 30 speeches to raise awareness of activist and best management practices to implement when hiring and ensuring your animals well being, because as soon as that video hits the internet your quilty in the court of public opinion.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: Agfieldman:

Things to know:

New era of consumer hostility towards agriculture

50% of millennials distrust animal agriculture.

Activist groups (like Mercy for Animals) will wiling spread misinformation & half truths.

These groups will pay \$50,000 and up to have abuse video's taken

This money is recouped 10 fold within 60 days of relase

Averaging 1 video per quarter

These groups do not have vets on their staff, they do have lawyers on staff.

Message: Ag has responded reactively and need to be proactive instead.

Control the narrative

Eliminate the ability for damaging videos to be released.

Sarah Schultz – Don't Let Activists Drive Your Combine – a nurse that married a farmer became a mommy blogger and shares why the mommy blogging community is an audience that agriculture can't afford to ignore and how after 3 years of blogging about agriculture and food, she has learned that if you don't stand up and share your story about how you raise your food and how your farm someone else will. Unfortunately fear sells and people are buying it. Don't let activists drive your combine. Here's the link to her webpage: http://www.nurselovesfarmer.com/

She is also on twitter at #NurseLovesFarmer

Want to understand what GMO genetic literacy project https://www.geneticliteracyproject.org/
Some interesting statistics she shared:

- 4.2 Million Mommy Bloggers in North America.
- 81% of online consumers trust the info & advice from blogs.
- Mom bloggers hold immense amount of influence among moms because of the developer trust.
- BlogHer has 92 million readers.
- Use to take a village to raise a child now a lot of that village is on the internet.
- 80% more likely to retain info in a mime or infographic format.
- 90% of errors are due to perception.
- With Social Media we all have the opportunity to be heard all over the world.
- Canadians are now at least 3 generations removed from the farm

Message: Share your story about how you raise your food and how you farm.

Other topics:

Pest Branch update:

- o Clubroot:
 - 43% of the bees in Canada are in Alberta, mostly due to canola crops so clubroot risk equals lost dollars across the Ag & food economy.
 - 9 or 10 Clubroot resistant strains of Canola now on the market.
 - Clubroot pathogen testing will be done in 6-8 mths, this will provide a DNA marker to speed up identifyin new strains from months to a few hours.
 - 2015 inspections identified 35 fields with high levels of root galling.
- o Jimsomweed:
 - Now in 33 fields in 12 Counties.
 - Have applied to add to the Weed Control Act as a prohibited noxious weed.

Alberta Agricultural and Forestry update:

- o Forestry was merged with Ag. In the spring.
- o ASB agreements for 2017-2019 will be sent out later in the year. Only changes will be to streamline only. At this time no increase OR decrease in funding anticipated.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: AgFieldman:

- Severe Weather: Greg Johnson, The Tornado Hunter, is a professional storm chaser & severe weather expert. The largest North American tornadoes occurred in 1987 in Alberta and in 2015 in Manitoba. In 2014 the largest tornado ever recorded was at over 4km across and was moving at only 5 mph. He captured the only picture ever recorded of twin F4 tornadoes on the ground.
 - Message Emergency Management should be talking about what to do & where to go when tornadoes hit, and they will, Pine Lake & Edmonton prove that.

2016 Cattle Market Situation & Outlook

- o 40% of the beef in Canada is in Alberta.
- o 80% of the beef in Canada is in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
- o Canadian dollar has decreased 33% in the last 24 months, and it continues to drop.

On Farm Economic Strategies

- o 5% rule: grow 5% more product, lower costs by 5% and sell for 5% more = an increase of 117% net return.
 - All the little things we do have a big impact on our bottom line.
 - Equipment needs versus wants invest in technology not new paint
 - Should know your fixed costs per acre and aim to grow to exceed this AND inputs.
- Written goals and objectives for your farm operation
- o Business partners need to all be on the same page
- Clear succession plan.

Agriculture Tomorrow: Future Success Strategies

Here's a link to the presenters twitter feed: https://twitter.com/jimbottomley1

- o Every product has a psychographic profile of the consumer
- o Change results in both opportunities & threats.
- o Key to managing change is determining how to react:
 - Actions to embrace opportunities
 - Actions to minimize or avoid threats.
- o Since 9/11 Safety & Security have become a core value Socially & Culturally.
- Technology is the lead edge of change
- To attach consumers need to show the Better Benefit to them (ie best selling camoadvertise theirs is the most comfortable and silent)
- Decide what business you are in Not the how, the what. (ie Tide cleanest,
 Cottonelle softest, cosmetics hope, Ford-intimidation)
 - And then price it higher to prove it is better
- o Work = meeting needs Success= needs satisfaction
- o Interesting factoids:
 - Canada is the world leader in coffee & donut consumption.
 - Major world economic eras:
 - 1. Hunter Gathers
 - 2. Agricultural Age (90% were in Ag)
 - 3. Industrial Age
 - 4. Information Age
 - 5. Entering the Age of Innovation (less than 2% are in Ag.) Educational bar is going up in ALL areas

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:

Carnivore & Wildlife Management updates:

- Cougars goal to have a cougar trophy hunting
- Wolves there is "bad" science out there ie: "fractured packs leads to increased predation on livestock" and other reports, depending on how the data is extrapolated can cue the "theory" in favor of pro-wolf advocates.
- Hunter numbers are increasing (eat local/healthy)
 - 132,000 hunting licenses issued in Alberta annually
 - Youth = 7% of licenses
 - 92% of licenses go to Alberta residents
 - \$15 Million in direct Revenue
 - \$180 Million in spin off revenue to the Alberta Economy
 - Nationally hunting is a \$1.8 Billion dollar industry for Canada.
- o Species that can be hunted in Alberta
 - 10 big game
 - 8 upland birds
 - 30 migratory birds
- Harvest by big game species
 - 51% White tail deer
 - 16% Elk
 - 15% Mule Deer
 - 8% Moose
 - 6% Black Bear
 - 2% Sheep
 - 1% supplemental Deer
 - 1% cougar, bison & goat
- Game Allocation Priorities (being put on paper)
 - 1st Conservation
 - 2nd Aboriginal(Treaty & Metis)
 - 3rd Alberta Residents
 - And last to commercial guiding & outfitting
- Chronic Wasting Disease
 - tested 2484 last year 87 positives = 2.4 % (up from 1.3% in 2012/2013)
 - 76% of positive are adult male mule deer
 - 295 positives since 2005
- o Predation compensation
 - Increase from \$120,000 to \$600,000 in the last 5 years.
 - Seeking to improve programs to deal with carnivore related predation on livestock.
 - Build more efficiencies into the compensation program
 - More focus on prevention than reaction.

• Livestock Diseases in Alberta and Steps to Prevent and Mitigate the Risk:

- o Avian Influenza
 - was in Fraser Valley NOT currently in Alberta
 - 100% mortality within 72 hours.
- o Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED)
 - New 1st case in US in 2013 NOT currently in Alberta)
 - 90-100% mortality in suckling piglets. .
- Message: strict adherence to keeping livestock areas away from "comings and goings" of equipment and people, and strict entry/exit procedures to prevent cross contamination from other barns/sites.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: AgFieldman:

- Clean Farm & Alberta Recycling updates on empty container program and ag plastics.
 - o 1989 containers were high temperature incinerated
 - o By 2010 recycling: 45% twine 12% grain bags 18% silage bags 9% bale wrap
 - o Currently no "blanket" program in place for Ag plastics in Alberta.
 - Committee working to see if Saskatchewan model will fit here.
 - 30% of landfills currently accept Ag plastic.
 - Showed a video of the Wainwright recycling plant.
 - 1 bag = 10,000 garbage bags.
 - Make white bags and other rolled plastic products.
 - Very important that there be no rocks in the bags as these are very damaging to the high tech equipment.

 Working on a better washing system to clean the bags before they ginto the plant. 	oç
Bill 6 – Enhanced Protection for Farm & Ranch Workers Act this speaker failed to sho	W.
ATTACHMENTS:	
RECOMMENDATION:	
Resolution by Member to accept the Community Development Manager's report to Feb 8, 2016 as presented.	ruary

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher, 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 / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report
- Rental Equipment Usage

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the February 8, 2016 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

Clear Hills County Agricultural Fieldman Report

Feb 8, 2016 Al Fletcher

Pest Control to Jan 31

- 30 wolves
- 7 coyotes
- 1 beaver

Rental Program

- Replacing axel on tree spade.
- Developing rental parts inventory.
- Replaced tube and tires on haybuster drills.

Weed Program

- Issued 1 mobile seed cleaning plant licence.
- Working on pesticide applicators course.
- Working on Form 7 training, (to allow me to issue 1080 tablets)
- Reviewing 2015 weed inspections
- Working on weed containment-disposal.(picked & bagged)

Other Topics

- Events:
 - o Attended Peace Agronomy Update January 13 in Fairview
 - o <u>Attended Provincial ASB Conference</u> January 18 to 21, Edmonton
 - o Attended Farmtech January 25-28, Edmonton

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Totals rental(by month)													

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher, 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.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Chair Harcourt's written reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of February 8, 2016 for information.

UB, AgFieldman: aft

Chair Harcourt February 8, 2016 Written Reports

Debbie McMillin Market Analyst.

2015 Review

Jan. 1st. 2016, 1.5 million head of cattle in Canada.

40% of these cattle are in Alberta.

Culls are at 11% year over year.

Slaughter cattle at approx. 1.4 per year.

Canada is 11th in global beef production.

Protein----chicken #1---pork #2---beef 3rd

Retail beef price highest ever.

Exports lowest in 2015 since 2008.

Exports look better for 2016.

Lower Canadian dollar will help exports.

The global economy is anyone's guess.

"COOL" is dead---good!

Kevin Hursh, P Ag

Low dollar good for the price of farm inputs.

China slowdown not good for anyone.

The ethanol boom is over.

The 5% rule ---price---production---cost of inputs---sales, 5% in everything you do will help.

Write down your goals, partners must be on the same page.

Clear succession plans are a must.

Peace Agronomy Update.

Fairview AB.

Matt Gosling, Agrologist.

He believes perma culture, soil health and Gabe Brown. He does not promote "no GMOs" or "no Glyphosate". The crop rotation of Canola /wheat cw/cw/cw is not good for the soil but it is good foe the weeds. Cover crops and pulses are great for the soil when you can. A PH level of 5.5 or lower is not good. Get your soil tested.

Neil Blue, Provincial Market Analyst.

He follows the S&P 500 of the stock market. He gave an hour long talk on grain prices, the basis price and his opinion on where the market may be going.

If you want an informed opinion call him at 783 853 8104 or neil.blue@gov.ab.ca.

Robert D. Saik, P. Ag., C.A.C.

Professional Agrologist

Exceutive Producer of Know GMO

" Will Agriculture be ALLOWED to feed 9 billion people"

Quotes...

1+1/2 % of the people grow the food.

Universities, the media, political parties are a negative influence to the growing of food.

"No GMO" or "Know GMOs"

All food has been modified.

Use Genetically modified, it's a process.

G =Genetic, M= Modified, O= Organic.

The Urban population need to be informed about currant farming technics.

Farmers can and should check the zinc content of their seed.

farmer container shipments to someone or some country is in the future.

Look for these, WDT= wireless data transmission

WUE= water use efficiency

PA= precision agriculture

VRE=variable everything

The only constant is change..the rate is increasing

Standing still is death...completion is exploding..if you depend on your own you will lose..,

Peace agronomy Update, 2016

Fairview, AB.

Emile de Milliano, CPS, Ft. Sask.

Being a soil specialist his most important tools are the soil sampler and a shovel.

His advice---don't jump to conclusions, follow a process, investigate, observe, ask the owners and listen. Document, record, map, photos, crop growth stage, colour and individual plants, abnormal growth weather good or poor.

Be prepared to defend your conclusions.

"get your soil tested".

Dr. Patrick Moore

Ex-Greenpeace President

Dr Moore reveals the myths and misinformation that distort current environmental debates. He calls for issues to be discussed on the basis of accurate scientific data. He is committed to finding solutions to our environmental issues by striking a balance between the needs of the people and the need to protect the environment.

Science of Ecology.

Quotes...

The ban chlorine issue made him leave Green Peace.

Use more wood, plant trees.

Fish farms produce "good Food".

The use of fossil fuel must be reduced.

CO2 is not the only cause of climate change, CO2 is the most important food on earth.

No CO2 in the air--No plants...

Nothing agreed upon in Paris!!!

Fossil fuels are 100% organic.

Nuclear fuel is our most important source of energy. Used nuclear fuel still has 98% of it's energy still available.

Solar panels are ok but very expensive.

Wind unpredictable at best.

Vitamin A deficiency main cause deaths in children.

Patents have a definite life span, Monsanto' has expired on Glyphosate!!!

Peace Agronomy Update

January 13, 2016.

Fairview AB.

Neil Harker, Research Scientist.

Ag Canada, Lacombe

Weeds are becoming resistant to the currant chemicals that we have for our use.

Kochia, foxtail, wild oats, cleavers, buckwheat, in most areas, severity varies.

Hand weeding is not an efficient method of control but with no new chemicals effect chemicals brought to the market in the last 20 years there is an obvious problem. Crop rotation will help but is not the complete answer. The combine has been credited with the spread of weed seeds out the back end. Dropping the chaff and burning it has helped but its risky. Controlled traffic farming has helped, weed seeds struggle to germinate in the trench.

In our world 460 weeds have been identified. In Canada 61 are resistant to sprays and 5 in Canada are resistant to Glyphosate.

Harcourt.

Has the service board been introduced to this initiative? Has their been any dialogue into perhas starting one in the Peace, North Peace, or perhaps Clearhills County. By the amount of unsold grain in the county, one would wonder if perhaps the idea of feeding the world should be replaced b an initiative to better the availability, and amount of good water available to the natural environment and the people of Alberta. Drained land can eventually lead to lack of water for year around use of society as a whole. ALUS seems worthy of some consideration. Perhaps, introducing to the farming community at a public meeting, with all parties made aware. Perhaps a speaker fromParkland county where Alus appears to be in operation by what I read. Don.

http://www.parklandcounty.com/Governance/Environment/www parklandcounty com ALUS.

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Basically no maintenance.

Growing Forward 2, could be money there if you have an EFP in place.

1st come 1st served.

Become a member of PCBFA.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Meeting Date:

February 8, 2016

Originated By:

Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman

Title:

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

File No:

63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are documents for the Board's information:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Newsletter (63-02-02)
- Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Newsletter (63-02-02)
- AAMDC Membership Bulletin (63-02-02)
- Alberta Farm Animal Care Advisory Council Summary (63-02-02)
- Alberta Invasive Species Council The Invader 2016 (63-02-02)
- Policy 6313 Coyote Hunt Incentive (63-30-20)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by	_that	this	Agricultural	Service	Board	receives	the
information & correspondence of February 8, 2016 as presented.							

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

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Clear Hills County

	Policy Number
Effective Date: January 26, 2016	6315
Title: COYOTE HUNT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

1.1.In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife Clear Hills County will implement procedures to provide for a coyote hunt incentive program for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting in the municipality. Through this program coyote registrants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

2. General

- 2.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Coyote Hunt Incentive program.
- 2.2. By resolution of Council the Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 2.3. Council will establish the amount of compensation to be paid for eligible coyotes.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 Clear Hills County shall pay compensation per eligible coyote (adult and non-adult) taken by a registrant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions: The Clear Hills County Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.
 - 3.1.1 Registrants requesting bounty payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A.
 - 3.1.2 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible coyote harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
 - 3.1.3 When presenting the carcass Registrants must produce written verification from the landowner or occupant for the land declaring:
 - 3.1.3.1 The land location where the coyote was harvested;

- 3.1.3.2 That they are the landowner or occupant of said land; and
- 3.1.3.3 That the registrant had permission to hunt on said land.
- 3.1.4 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 3.1.5 Any a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 3.1.6 Registrants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the coyote carcass using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 3.1.7 Registrants participating in the Coyote Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, and Petty Trespass Act.
- 3.1.8 Registrants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program.
- 3.1.9 Registrants attempting to receive payment of bounty for coyotes taken from outside of Clear Hills County shall be disqualified from receiving benefit from the program.

3. End of Policy



Appendix A (Policy 6315) Contract of Participation – Coyote Hunt Incentive Program Between Participants and Clear Hills County

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a coyote hunt incentive program ("Program") for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting within the Municipality. Through this program, coyote hunters ("Participants") will receive a monetary reward ("Reward") for the carcass, with the pelt intact, of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

- 1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE**: While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
- 2. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS: The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
- 3. PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD: In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted coyote must be presented to an appropriate representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by a representative of the Municipality will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a coyote must be lawfully hunted on private property or a grazing lease land within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each coyote was killed and must also produce appropriate documentation as follows:
 - a. If the coyote was hunted on private property, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the Municipality, produce either (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the owner or occupant of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the owner or occupant of the property.
 - b. If the coyote was hunted on grazing lease public lands, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the municipality, produce one of the following; (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the lessee of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the lessee of the property.
- 4. **REWARD**: If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant, at the rate set by Council, for each eligible coyote carcass (adult and non-adult) presented.
- 5. **NOTICE**: Clear Hills County has the discretion to modify this program from time to time without notice to participants.

SIGNED this		_day of		······································		
Participant	(print)			(sign):		
Municipal Off	icer (print):			(sign):		
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January 2016

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Issue #9



Flow of the Peace "Current Eddies"



Save the Date

May 27, 2016 Annual General Meeting
Peace River, AB

Will be having guest speakers & Directors Election

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Upcoming Wetland Workshop

MPWA Invites you to a Wetlands Workshop on February 19th in Grande Prairie, AB.

The workshop will be presented by Jay White with Aquality; and will focus on basic wetland classification & function, policy, wetland loss and mitigation.

The workshop will be \$125. Lunch will not be provided; there will be a buffet provided by the hotel for \$12.50/person.

If you are wanting to register or want more information please contact:

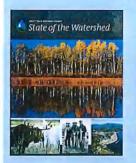
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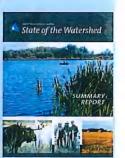
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Check out our State of the Watershed
Report! For copies please email Megan
Graham at mpwa.admin@telus.net or
check out or website for electronic
copies





Come visit us at the Peace
Country Classic Agri-Show!
March 10-12, 2016 in Grande

Prairie, AB



Watershed Coordinator Adam Norris



As we enter 2016, the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is busy with several projects. The main project that we are working on currently is the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the whole of the Peace and Slave (not Lesser Slave) watersheds in Alberta. This plan will provide a common approach to sharing our water resources to the diverse people of the watershed. Presently, there are two working groups operating on identified Issues of Concern, which the Board selected based upon scientific data, public engagement and sector input. The Integrated Watershed Management Plan is an iterative process (we keep doing it over and over again) and each time we will tackle a few new issues or aspects of issues.

A big thanks goes out to the members of the working groups who are committing time, expertise and their problem solving abilities to two different Issues of Concern. First, there is a Water Quality, Availability and Consumptive Use working group that is looking at very broad range of topics. These topics include water quality – how good is the water for drinking, industry, aquatic ecosystems, and recreation among other uses; water availability, which considers if enough water is accessible where people need and want to use it. A prime example is that many of our municipalities are located away from the Peace River mainstem and are restricted in the amount and/or quality of water that they are able to draw from the smaller tributaries. Consumptive Use is a term that we use to refer to processes and activities that once they remove water from a water body, do not return it again. The primary Consumptive Use in our watershed at the present time is hydraulic fracturing.

The second group that is working right now is the Wetlands and Wetlands Loss working group. As the name implies this group is focussed on wetlands in our Watershed and concern around loss of the wetlands and loss of the functions that wetlands provide.

Beyond the Integrated Watershed Management Plan, there are three other projects that we are involved in. The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance continues to be involved in the Alberta Environment and Parks led Wapiti River Water Management Plan. Communication and public input has been the recent focus of this project and recently successful forums were held in Grande Prairie.

Both the Heart River Watershed Restoration Project and the Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project are partner projects led by the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance and funded through the Environmental Damages Fund. As both of these projects enter their last year, the focus is on undertaking the identified restoration activities identified and prioritized by the project teams. The focus is on watershed management where changes in land use or activities on the landscape improve fish habitat in the adjoining water bodies.



Wetlands & Wetlands Loss first Working Group Meeting in Grande Prairie, AB



Water Quality, Availability & Consumptive Use first Working Group Meeting in Grande Prairie, AB

Previous MPWA Events

Source Water Protection Planning Workshop

On October 30th, MPWA hosted a half day Source Water Protection Planning workshop in Grande Prairie. The workshop was presented by Steph Neufeld who is a Watershed Specialist with EPCOR.

Source Water Protection Planning is a strategy for water utilities designed to minimize the impacts human activities and natural events have on drinking water sources.

The half day workshop focussed on how to complete an effective Source Water Protection with in Alberta. It also included a comprehensive session on

land use mapping, water quality monitoring and assessment, risk assessment, and navigating water, land, and watershed management frameworks in Alberta from a municipal perspective.



It was also talked about that, in Alberta, effective source water protection planning relies on integration with existing watershed planning, initiatives including Watershed Planning and Advisory councils (WPACs), local water management frameworks, and regional plans under the land use frameworks as well as Drinking Water Safety Plans.

If anyone would like more information on Source Water Protection Planning please contact Megan Graham at mpwa.admin@telus.net or at 780-324-3355.



Diverse, Responsible & Connected! *Diverse group of people representing diverse interests. *Responsible for bringing those interests together. *Connected to all stakeholders across the watershed area. Board Members						
Government	Non-Governmental Abariainal Communities					
Federal-Transboundary Relations -Abdi Siad-Omar (Alternate - Courtney Hughes)	Agriculture -Shelleen Gerbig (Alternate– Sebastien Dutrisac)	Organizations Conservation/Environment -Bob Cameron	Métis Nation of Alberta -Vacant			
Provincial -John Zylstra (Alternate - Dan Benson)	Forestry -lan Daisley	Watershed Stewardship -Cathy Newhook (Alternate - Tony Saunders)	Metis Settlement General Council -Alden Armstrong			
Large Urban -Chris Thiessen (Alternate - Michelle Gairdner)	Oil & Gas -Lindsay Stephens (Alternate - Jean- Michel Wan)	Research/Education -Jean-Marie Sobze	Upper Watershed First Nation -Vacant			
Small Urban -Elaine Manzer (Alternate - Colin Needham)	Utilities -Ashley Rowney	Public Member-at- Large (2) -Richard Keillor -Vacant	Middle Watershed First Nation -Vacant			
Rural Municipality -Elaine Garrow (Alternate - Ray Skrepnek)	Mining -Vacant	Tourism/Fisheries/ Recreation -Dave Hay	Lower Watershed First Nation -Jim Webb (Alternate - Lindee Dumas)			



Join the Excitement! AGM & Cocktail Cover Crops!

You're Invited! Join Us for our Annual General Meeting!

By: Kaitlin McLachlan & Carly Shaw

Stop what you're doing and mark your calendar for the evening of February 26th for PCBFA's Annual General Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview! This year's AGM is sure to be a great one! We have the ranching soil health legend himself Neil Dennis coming to town as our guest speaker, our Research Coordinator, Akim will be presenting information and results on our sainfoin and alfalfa project, and our Extension Coordinator, Kaitlin will be announcing our next study tour destination! Would you like to become more involved with PCBFA? There will be opportunity to become a member of PCBFA's Board of Directors as we say goodbye to three of our wonderful directors, Peter Tindall, Randi Kuriga, and Gary These. And as always there will be a fabulous supper with lots of networking, and visiting with neighbours and fellow producers!



Neil with his wife Barbara. Photo via sunnybrae-acres.com

We are very excited to be welcoming Neil Dennis as our AGM guest speaker for the evening! You may remember his keynote address, "Grazing to Healthier Soils" at the Western Canadian Conference on Soil Health in Edmonton this past December. He will be joining us from his farm near Wawota in southeastern Saskatchewan, where he is a fourth generation farmer. After years of trying to manage his farm conventionally through drought conditions, Neil and his wife took a Holistic Management course and learned about how grazing management could increase the productivity of their soils. Soon, they were using high stock density grazing to build the health of their soils by

increasing organic matter and putting nutrients back in the soil. Since then, Neil has gone from running 200 head on 1,700 acres to 800 head and up to 1000 head on the same land base. Neil is a firm believer in that whether we are cropping or grazing, we need to be using regenerative practices — healthy land produces healthy forages, which in turn produce healthy cattle.

During our business meeting, we will be holding elections to replace our three outgoing board members. Being a member of PCBFA's Board of Directors gives you an opportunity to be a part of the action here at PCBFA! Perks of the job include having first opportunity to host research projects, opportunities to represent PCBFA at provincial conferences, and help to determine the direction that PCBFA goes with our research and extension activities! You may be thinking that this will be a huge time commitment, but its not! We typically have evening meetings once every 2 months. So if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a director and would like more information, please feel free to



Staff BBQ this past July

director and would like more information, please feel free to give us a call and we can connect you with one of our board members!

Registration will open up at 4:30 with coffee and a variety of door prize draws to enter in. Our business meeting will get going at 5:00, with supper to be served at 6pm. Following supper, presentations by our staff will lead into Neil Dennis' talk. The evening will be capped off with discussion amongst neighbours and friends.

We hope to see you there!
To RSVP, please give Kaitlin a call at 780-835-6799

Cocktail Cover Crops -

Well don't you know about the word? Everybody knows that cocktail cover crops are the word! Forgive my attempt at humor with my poorly crafted "Surfin' Bird" remix, but really, cocktail cover crops are the word! There are fewer things that we have gotten more questions on this past year than cocktail cover crops.

What do you think of when you think cocktail? If you think of a mix of various liquids that make a delicious refreshment, you aren't too far off. Cocktail cover crops are a mixture of plant species that work together to improve the health of the soil, and as an added bonus for livestock producers, they make great feed!

Cover cropping used to be a very common practice, then in the 1980s it fell by the way-side when low cost commercial fertilizers came on the scene. This practice was previously used to keep cover on the soil to keep it from eroding away in a fallow year. Now, with the ever increasing price of fertilizer, we find ourselves looking for alternatives once again.



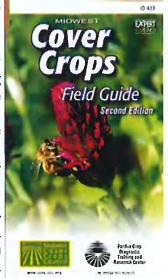
Hairy Vetch is a popular cocktail species for its soil health

Cover crops are an excellent tool for improving soil productivity over the long term. But how? Cocktail cover crops allow producers to take full advantage of sunlight and water resources available. With a diversity of vegetation, cover crops are very efficient photosynthesizers, taking carbon out of the air and putting it into the soil. This relocation of atmospheric carbon to the soil feeds the beneficial microorganisms in the soil, who in turn improve soil quality by breaking down organic matter into nutrients usable by plants. The variety of plants in a cocktail also means a variety of roots that are interacting beneath the soil surface. Cover crops are great nutrient recyclers! By planting nitrogen fixing species, such as peas or vetches, nitrogen is made available for other species to utilize. The diversity of hairlike roots mixed with tap-roots, helps open up the soil and break through hard

pans. By opening up pore spaces with plant roots, we are allowing for more water to be absorbed into the soil as opposed to running off the surface into the ditch. These pore spaces also allow for nutrients that are trapped deep in the soil to move up through the soil where they can be utilized by plants and give us improved yields and high nutrient values!

Cocktails are also seen as an opportunity for high quality feed here in the Peace Country. By planting a diversity of plants, not only are we reaping the benefits of root diversity improving soil nutrients, but the variety of vegetation means a variety of plant nutrients that we can use for feed! This is the primary use of cover crops in the Peace at this time. Depending if you want to graze the crop, silage it, or swath graze it, there are a variety of mixtures that are available. We can select our mixtures for the nutrients that we would like back in our end product. Make sure there are high-energy plants in your mix such as barley, wheat, as well as high protein plants such as crimson clover.

There are different options for acquiring your seed, including bagged, pre-mixed seed. Depending on the mix and the end use, these pre-mixed bags range from a couple species to a dozen species. Pre-mixed seed is available for purchase at Dynamic Seeds in Fairview, or you can order some in from other suppliers such as Union Forages. If you would like to try out a mix, but do not necessarily want to go buy an expensive mix, you can try mixing seed that you have available. There are many resources available for helping you to put together your Purdue University's Cover Crops Field Guide cocktail mix, including a handbook that can be found on SARE's website, www.sare.org, or-



Purdue University's "Cover Crops Field Guide" available in the office if you would like to come up with your own cocktail. The field guide identifies the soil health benefits, feed value, and seeding guidelines for several common cover crop species that can be found here in Canada and could be shipped into the Peace if they're not available here.

Advantages seen in a cocktail mixture include:

- If one part of the stand does not perform, other parts may excel and compensate
- Greater plant diversity will increase soil biological diversity
- High quality feed from mixtures intended as feed
- More productive, resilient land

Some difficulties with cocktail mixtures:

- Various seed sizes can prove difficult to seed all together, specialized equipment or two passes may be required.
- Seed can get quite pricy. Be sure to shop around when looking for seed, or replace with a similar species that will give you similar results.



Graeme Finn grazing a cocktail. Photo via: southerncrosslivestock.ca

Thinking of trying a cocktail this year? Not sure where to start? We at PCBFA are very excited to be hosting a Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop in Rycroft on February 23rd with Graeme Finn! Graeme, originally from Australia, currently resides in Crossfield, AB, and has many years of experience with cocktail mixtures. Graeme is a wealth of knowledge, and you name it, he has probably tried it! Not many tractors turn wheels at Graeme's operation, as he manages 2,800 acres and grazes year-round on cocktail and high legume mixtures. Graeme believes that a good producing pasture starts with the soil. Graeme is also a rep for Union Forages, a company that is specializing in annual forage varieties specifically for cocktail cover crops.

If you are interested in joining us for our Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop,
Give Kaitlin a call at 780-835-6799

At the end of December, we said farewell to our Extension & ASB Program Coordinator, Stacy Pritchard. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

Kaitlin McLachlan has now taken on the role of Extension Coordinator. If you were previously working with Stacy, please direct any questions to Kaitlin.

We Are Hiring!

PCBFA is currently hiring for two positions:

Agri-Environmental Program Coordinator: Consists of coordinating producer projects and carrying out applied research and extension related to environmental stewardship, riparian area grazing and restoration, and nutrient management. Agriculture or related environmental science diploma or degree is required, and on-farm experience is an asset. Permanent Position.

<u>Summer Research Technician</u>: Consists of planning, setup and implementation of applied research projects and demonstrations, office help in extension articles and publications and events. Students obtaining an agriculture related science degree or masters preferred. Full time from May 1-August 31, 2016.

Deadline for applications is February 16th, 2016.

For more information on these job postings please visit our website:

Contact us for:

- Project Ideas
- Feed Testing

- Growing Forward 2 Assistance
- Ration Formulation + ISIQ -
- Environmental Farm Plans
- Past Project Information

Upcoming Events!



Best!







Caring for your Green Zone

February 3, 2016
Upstairs in the Agriplex, High Prairie

Tactical Farming Conference

February 10-11, 2016
Deerfoot Inn & Casino, Calgary

Working Well Workshop

February 11, 2016 Upstairs in the Agriplex, High Prairie

Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop With Graeme Finn

February 23, 2016 Rycroft Ag Society Hall

PCBFA Annual General Meeting

February 26,2016
Dunvegan Motor Inn, Fairview

Peace Country Classic

March 10-12, 2016 Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie

Solar Workshop

March 10, 2016 Venue TBA, High Prairie

Peace Country Beef School

March 15, 2016 Venue TBA, Grimshaw

Succession Planning Workshop with Merle Good

March 30, 2016 Venue TBA, Debolt

For more information, or to register for events please call Kaitlin at 780-835-6799!

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MEMBER BULLETIN

January 6, 2016

Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation Update

The Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act was passed December 10, 2015 and came into effect January 1, 2016. This legislation applies to Alberta farm and ranch producers with paid employees and excludes family members, including children. As of January 1, **changes that affect paid farm and ranch workers** include:

- The requirement for mandatory Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) insurance coverage for paid workers. Employers will have until April 30 to register with WCB and will also have the option to purchase insurance coverage for family members and unpaid workers.
- Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) basic safety standards being in effect. Employers must take reasonable steps to provide a safe and healthy workplace and workers will be able to refuse unsafe work that presents an imminent danger. OHS will be able to investigate serious injuries and fatalities. Detailed OHS technical standards specific to the farm and ranch industry will be developed or amended over the next 18 months.

The Government of Alberta has also announced that **consultations** will be held with farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders to design workplace regulations that reflect the unique nature of the farm and ranch industry. The consultations will focus on the following six tables:

- 1. Employment Standards Table
- 2. Labour Relations Table
- 3. OHS: General Safety Regulations
- 4. OHS: Best Practices for Safety within Existing Alberta Farming Operations
- 5. OHS: Unique Consideration in Alberta Farming Operations and the Interpretation of OHS Legislation
- 6. OHS: Relevant Technical Rules and the Education, Training Resources and Certification Required to implement Regulations

Chairs and members of these tables will be appointed in February 2016 with representatives being drawn from agricultural producer groups, municipal governments, agriculture service boards, labour, and individual producers and employees.

No formal timeline for consultations has been announced but the AAMDC will continue to monitor this issue and advise members of any developments. The Government of Alberta is continuing to accept written submissions at **farmandranch@gov.ab.ca**.

Enquiries may be directed to:

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Alberta Farm Animal Care Advisory Council Summary January 2016

How do we define animal welfare?

- Definitions of welfare differ based on experiences
 - Producers focus on the needs and health of animal
 - o Consumers look at welfare as whatever is "natural"
 - Researchers focus on finding the ideal situation for animals under very controlled conditions
 - Fieldmen and Other Industry use the Code of Practice and other tools to guide them
 - Consideration of the 5 freedoms

Council Observations and Questions to Ponder

- There is an intersection between economics and welfare decisions; a need to understand and better communicate the pros and cons of various decisions
- Animal care issues are most commonly management based **ALERT Line is** available to help
- Current programs/initiatives in industry:
 - o Animal care programs
 - Need to be talked about more by AFAC and by commodities
 - Codes of Practice (www.nfacc.ca)
 - Strides in livestock and poultry transportation interest to continue improving it through training and resources
 - o Interaction with schools and youth (AFAC and many groups do this)
 - Classroom Agriculture Program
 - 4-H groups
- Is there some degree of tolerance we can ask the public for?
 - o Is it simply that we aren't explaining why we do what we do?
 - "Telling our Story"
- How does industry demonstrate they are serious about welfare:
 - o Is it through animal care programs, audits, and assessments?
 - Are regulations strict enough?
 - o Who is the welfare expert to the public suggest it's all of us
- There is no endpoint for animal welfare standards we are always learning and evolving but sometimes the improvements are not big





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Current species-specific issues

- o Poultry
 - Environmental (ventilation, etc.)
 - Mortality rates
 - Antimicrobials moving away from prophylactic use; can cause problems – need to get that positive message to public
- o Dairy
 - Lameness what are the different causes of lameness and initiatives to improve them?
 - Body condition score
 - Cleanliness
- o Equine
 - Lack of education for horse owners
 - Horse slaughter concerns
- o Sheep/goats
 - Difficulty obtaining antibiotics labeled for sheep and goats
 - Tail docking pressure from public to stop doing it but don't understand why it's done
 - Shearing crews lack experience, small producers have trouble finding a shearer

Current issues

- Animal based concerns:
 - Painful procedures/pain mitigation
 - Transport (CFIA inconsistent; loading and unloading)
 - Housing
 - Euthanasia what looks good versus what's humane?
 - Slaughter
 - Handling
 - Mass disposal
 - Animals at exhibitions stress; what happens afterward?
- o Public engagement, education, and awareness
 - Explaining current practices
 - Communicating the ways we are moving forward
- o Producer engagement and education how do we reach them?
 - We are doing a lot of good research but it is not being well communicated to the industry (extension)





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Alberta Farm Animal Care
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The VALUE of AFAC lies in

- Being a unified, trusted, credible voice to the public
- Having strength in numbers
- Consistent messaging
- Staying proactive (AFAC's "Heart of a Farmer" videos: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU4nWjvnREfSKrn5i2GJkNA)
- Understanding each other's issues so that we have people to contact for tough conversations

Recommendations to AFAC

- Potential members that need to be at the table:
 - Small flock owners and other individual producers
 - o MD and county members establish a connection with these groups
 - Good avenue to get info out to producers
 - Transporters
- Groups could work with AFAC to make sure they are camera-ready
- Request: AFAC tell vets what commodities (producers) want from them
 - AFAC to work with individual commodity groups to address this request
- Communication Assistance
 - Help with advertising the ramifications of eliminating certain production practices
 - Social media campaign around the above
 - Fast Facts from AFAC
 - Examples that have been completed to date: farrowing crates (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emX9pd_FxOo), cattle in winter (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZNUmtpoRyM), animal rights versus animal welfare (almost complete)
 - Key messages around issues can be provided to all Council members for distribution
 - Consistent terminology important
 - AFAC can help commodity groups to distribute information post on AFAC website, social media, circulate to e-mail list, etc.
 - Campaign around Codes of Practice what are they, what do they say, when were they revised and why, how does the process work
 - Campaign aimed at reaching out to producers who are not part of animal care programs (backyard flocks, producers not on Verified Sustainable Beef, etc.); help spread the message about benefits
- Create a credible spokespeople list and make this available to groups





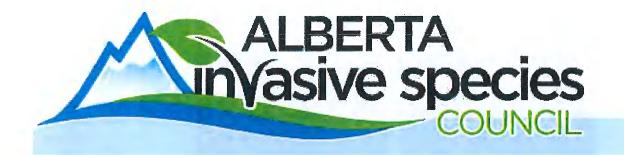
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- "Social Research"
 - Best methods to get info to public in a credible, science-based way on limited budgets (builds on 2014 consumer research AFAC completed)
 - o Best methods to get info to producers

Next Steps/Outcomes – Proposed Projects

- Social research project examining how best to reach the public and how best to reach producers for maximal interest, engagement, and uptake
- Collaborative third-party web portal designed to gather information from commodity groups and other trusted sources and present it in a credible, unbiased way



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2016 is a brand new year!! The best time to plan for stopping the introduction and spread of invasive species. This newsletter is published by the Alberta Invasive Species Council. AISC can be contacted by email: info@abinvasives.ca or 587–999–0954. The website: abinvasives.ca contains lots of information about invasive species.

AISC 3rd Annual Conference and AGM

Thursday, March 10th, 2016

9:00 am - 4:00 pm (registration opens 8:30 am)

Lacombe Memorial Centre (Centennial North), 5214 – 50 Ave, Lacombe AB

This Conference is a great opportunity to Learn, Network and Gain New Ideas!!!!

Event Spotlig ht

AISC Annual Conferen ce and **AGM** March 10, 2016 **Block** your calendar for Thursday March 10th, 2016. Th e Alberta Invasive Species Council will be having their Annual Conferen ce and AGM in ... Read More >







Agenda Topics: Forest Management, CFIA Initiatives, Climate Change Impacts, Sniffing out Mussels, Biocontrol Agents, Recreation, update on AISC

Pesticide Applicator Credits are being applied for.

Ways you can save money!!

- Register by March 4th** Members \$73.50 (GST included); Non-members \$94.50 (GST included)
- Purchase an annual AISC Membership; Individual \$31.50 (GST included), Organizational \$105 (GST included) see right side of this page
- Become a Sponsor of AISC (contact ed@abinvasives.ca)
- Organizational Members and Sponsors can register any number of people from their organization at the "members" price.
- Special Half-Rate for Students: \$36.75 (GST included) MUST REGISTER BY March 4th.

Starting March 5th registration increases: Members \$95.55 (GST included), Non-members \$116.55 (GST included)

MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE ----- NO REGISTRATIONS AT THE DOOR!!!

**Three easy ways to register:

AISC News

CFIA: New requirem ents for shipment s through Canada January 05, 2016 Interim Phytosani tary Requirem ents for In-transit shipment s of plants and plant products of United States Origin en route to a Foreign Cou... Read More >

Species Highlig ht

Russian Olive Using VISA or Mastercard on the ONLINE PAYMENTS part of this website

Request an invoice (email: support@abinvasives.ca)

By cheque: Print **FORM**, fill it out and send it to AISC along with your cheque.

AWRAC (Alberta Weed Regulation Advisory Committee)

The purpose of AWRAC is to develop recommendations, for the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, on regulating specific plant species. AWRAC met for the first time in 2016, on January 12th in Lacombe. Since inception in 2010, Gayah Sieusahai and Tim Dietzler have been the co-chairs. Tim retired and Gayah moved to a new job. Their leadership will be missed! The new co-chairs are Nicole Kimmmel (AF) and Kendra Tippe (MD of Bighorn). And in case you are wondering, the Minister, and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry are committed to the AWRAC committee and it's Terms of Reference.

The Committee decided to recommend **Jimsonweed** as a prohibited noxious species in the Weed Act Regulations.

AWRAC has a recommendation in front of the Minister right now to make the following changes to the Weed Act Regulations:

Prohibited noxious: African Rue, Alkali Swainsonpea, Pale/European Swallow-wort, Black Swallow-wort, Queen Anne's Lace

Noxious: Tall Hawkweed, Yellowdevil Hawkweed, Orange Hawkweed, Meadow Hawkweed

For more information on these species check out the **Fact Sheets** on the AISC website.

AISC Memberships

AISC memberships are good for the calendar year (Jan 1st to Dec 31st) in which they are issued. So your 2015 membership has expired!! It is time to renew!!! Good News Membership fees for 2016 remain at 2015 levels!!! Membership benefits:

Stay connected to information and resources on invasive species.

Reduced registration rates for the Annual Conference

Be part of AISC with the goal of protecting Alberta from the impacts of invasive species.

Vote at the Annual General Meeting to influence the direction of AISC. All Board of Directors must be members.

Follow invasive species issues in THE INVADER NEWSLETTER, TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

Memberships are:

Individual: \$31.50 (GST included)

Organizational \$105 (GST included) (added benefit: all employees of that organization ell

Student or Senior (65 plus years) \$10.50 (GST included)

It is easy to renew or purchase your membership. Pick one of 3 ways to purchase your membership

- 1) Go to www.abinvasive.ca and pay by credit card
- 2) Send an email to support@abinvasives.ca and request an invoice.
- 3) Complete the membership application FORM and mail it to AISC along with your cheque. (make cheques out to Alberta Invasive Species Council)



PlayCleanGo in Alberta – 2015 Highlights By: Don Hare, Alberta Invasive Species Council, (Alberta)

The Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) undertook the challenge of customizing and promoting the PlayCleanGo program to Alberta partners and recreationists in 2015. Based on the foundation of the PlayCleanGo.org program, the AISC collaborated with several ministries within the Government of Alberta and with the Alberta Conservation Association to align PlayCleanGo with Alberta

specific provincial mandates, legislations and invasive species issues, and to develop customized materials for use by Alberta partners, including:

- 1.A dedicated webpage PlayCleanGo.org\abinvasives housed on the AISC Website
- 2. Trail signs designed to meet Alberta Government signing standards
- 3. Two sizes of posters for use by partners at public offices, field kiosks and field days,
- 4. Rack cards for general distribution at field sites, and
- 5. Training Module Introduction to PlayCleanGo program.

AISC spent considerable time researching and defining the target audience and recreation activities for Alberta recreationists.

The first step was to research / quantify the AB recreationist audience and targets:

- · Alberta's population is approximately 4.2 million (M) (2015)
- 98.7 % of Albertans participated in leisure or recreation in 2013
- There were 33.1 million (M) site visits in Alberta (2012), composed of 28.2 M Albertans, 5 M Tourists

Target Recreation Groups (motorized and non-motorized): (% of Albertans participating)

- 1. Hikers, (75–85%-walking, 41% hiking) (1.6–3.5 M) average up to 185 times annually
- 2. Dog Walkers -35% of AB households $\sim 490K$ dogs (In Calgary 400 000 licenced dogs)
- 3. Bicyclists (50.7%) 2 M
- 4. Campers, 34% of Albertans 1.4 M (5 M nights campgrounds / trailer parks)
- 5. Fishermen 26% 250,000 licences / 800 lakes +streams / (189,000 boats)
- 6. Hunters -105,000 licenced hunters
- 7. Off-highway vehicles (OHV) operators 149,000 licences
- 8. Horse riders- 270, 000 horses in Alberta

The next step was to partition the target recreation groups into three major categories of recreationists based on how they utilize recreation sites in Alberta:

- 1.Designated Trail Recreationist (foot and non-motorized)
- 2. Complex Site Recreationist Sites (non-trail foot and non- motorized), and
- 3. Multi-use Site and Motorized Recreationist.

The designated trail user recreationist is a person that primarily stays on a designated trail during their entire recreation activity. Trail users (foot / non-motorized) can include: walking, jogging, running, pet walking, biking and hiking. This recreationist group represents the largest category of recreationists in Alberta. Extensive AB surveys have shown that up to 75–85% of Albertans

participate in these pursuits. Interestingly, very few of the trail users belong to any organized group, and tend to pursue their recreation activity multiple times per year (one survey indicates walkers on average walk 185 times per year). PlayCleanGo introduction to this category and these recreation groups will be directly at use site.

The complex site user recreationist is defined as a person that utilizes a specific site, but generally does not follow a designated trail, rather they will access a specific entry point or staging area, then wander around the chosen site. Site users can include: hikers, fisherman, hunters, pet owners (off-leash), bikers canoes and non-motorized boaters and horse riders. PlayCleanGo introduction to this category and these recreation groups will be at point of license distribution, equipment retail points, magazines and resource guides, and at site access staging areas.

The multi-use site and motorized user recreationists are the recreation superusers. This group travels to designated staging areas or permanent sites, and then utilizes a vast array of recreation equipment, including: tents, trailers, RV's, boats, OHV (off highway vehicles (quads, UHV, motorcycles, snowmobiles) as well as horses and pack-animals. While this user group may also use designated trails or travel overland on the recreation sites, the important distinction for this group is that the equipment becomes the focal point for invasive species spread, and specific cleaning protocols and cleaning stations need to be utilized to implement the PlayCleanGo program. PlayCleanGo introduction to this category and these recreation groups will be at point of license distribution, equipment retail points, magazines and resource guides, and at multi-use site access staging areas.

Meetings with Alberta Stakeholder Groups

The AISC received confirmation of funding from several grants for 2015, and in June was able to hire a program coordinator to introduce the PlayCleanGo program into Alberta. 2015 can be best summarized as a design and development year, with intense efforts placed on understanding key target recreation audiences, securing support from key land manager stakeholders, and designing and producing customized materials acceptable to the partnering and sponsoring organizations land and use site managers who will be participating in the PlayCleanGo program.

2016 will be a key implementation year to establish the PlayCleanGo sites, train the partner organizations on the program and concept, and introduce the PlayCleanGo program and concept to the public recreationist groups at the target locations. Extensive consultation will be required to ensure that all the stakeholders' needs and understandings' have been aligned.

One of the highlight's of the 2015 launch year was invasive species joint meeting between the AISC and the Canadian Weed Science Society held Nov 25, 2015 in Edmonton Alberta.

Approximately 140 people attended the Joint meeting including Canadian Weed Science Society members (Academics, Government, Industry, and NGO

organizations from across Canada) and AISC members (AISC executive, Provincial Government, NGO and industry people from Alberta). PlayCleanGo as a program was introduced to this very influential and diverse group of individuals. PlayCleanGo was also highlighted at the Alberta Government annual in-service training conference, to municipal employees from all 70 Agriculture Service Boards in Alberta. These employees are responsible for managing the invasive species monitoring and implementing the legislative mandated control programs for Alberta.

The PlayCleanGo program was also presented to numerous stakeholders, partners, and new potential partners, and the various city, town, municipal counties and use site organizations will continue to discuss the potential for their involvement in 2016.

Another significant effort was the re-introduction of the PlayCleanGo program and concept to key Alberta Provincial ministries and departments. A new provincial government was elected in Alberta in 2015, and this resulted in very significant reorganization and new combinations of government ministries, including the ministries responsible for management of public lands, environment, forestry, parks and agriculture. It is anticipated that PlayCleanGo as a concept will be endorsed by the key stakeholder provincial ministries, which should allow implementation on key lands containing recreation use sites managed by these various government ministries.

A key PlayCleanGo pilot program was designed and is scheduled to be implemented in spring 2016 at a very key Alberta Conservation Association site located in the town of Canmore. This critical mountain forested wilderness site is having its trail system and access sites restructured to help protect the wildlife while still allowing recreationists access to the site. PlayCleanGo will be a part of the designated trail program to help control the spread of invasive species. In summary, 2015 was very successful for the design and introduction of the PlayCleanGo program for Alberta collaborators, sponsors and partners that manage recreation lands and sites, and 2016 will be even more exciting as the program gets introduced to the general public recreation site users.

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Clear Hills County

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Effective Date: January 26, 2016	6315
Title: COYOTE HUNT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

1.1. In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife Clear Hills County will implement procedures to provide for a coyote hunt incentive program for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting in the municipality. Through this program coyote registrants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

2. General

- 2.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Coyote Hunt Incentive program.
- 2.2. By resolution of Council the Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 2.3. Council will establish the amount of compensation to be paid for eligible covotes.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 Clear Hills County shall pay compensation per eligible coyote (adult and non-adult) taken by a registrant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions: The Clear Hills County Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.
 - 3.1.1 Registrants requesting bounty payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A.
 - 3.1.2 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible coyote harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
 - 3.1.3 When presenting the carcass Registrants must produce written verification from the landowner or occupant for the land declaring:
 - 3.1.3.1 The land location where the coyote was harvested;

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- 3.1.3.2 That they are the landowner or occupant of said land; and
- 3.1.3.3 That the registrant had permission to hunt on said land.
- 3.1.4 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 3.1.5 Any a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 3.1.6 Registrants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the coyote carcass using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 3.1.7 Registrants participating in the Coyote Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, and Petty Trespass Act.
- 3.1.8 Registrants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program.
- 3.1.9 Registrants attempting to receive payment of bounty for coyotes taken from outside of Clear Hills County shall be disqualified from receiving benefit from the program.

3. End of Policy



Appendix A (Policy 6315) Contract of Participation – Coyote Hunt Incentive Program Between Participants and Clear Hills County

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a coyote hunt incentive program ("Program") for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting within the Municipality. Through this program, coyote hunters ("Participants") will receive a monetary reward ("Reward") for the carcass, with the pelt intact, of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

- 1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE**: While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
- 2. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS: The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
- 3. PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD: In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted coyote must be presented to an appropriate representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by a representative of the Municipality will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a coyote must be lawfully hunted on private property or a grazing lease land within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each coyote was killed and must also produce appropriate documentation as follows:
 - a. If the coyote was hunted on private property, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the Municipality, produce either (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the owner or occupant of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the owner or occupant of the property.
 - b. If the coyote was hunted on grazing lease public lands, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the municipality, produce one of the following; (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the lessee of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the lessee of the property.
- 4. REWARD: If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant, at the rate set by Council, for each eligible coyote carcass (adult and non-adult) presented.
- 5. **NOTICE**: Clear Hills County has the discretion to modify this program from time to time without notice to participants.

SIGNED this	day of				
Participant	(print):		(sign):		
Municipal Office	r (print):		(sign):		
Witness:	(print):		(sign):		
Mailing Address	of Participant				
Participant Home	e Phone	Cell		Work	