

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
October 5, 2015

The Agricultural Services Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on
Monday, October 5, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the County Office,
Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 10, 2015**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Mackay Ross	Member
Leslie Davis	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Jake Klassen	Council Representative
Stan Logan	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

AGENDA

AG67 (08/10/15)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the August 10, 2015 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting with the following addition:
6c. Alberta Farm Animal Care CARRIED.**

MINUTES

AG68 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

AG69 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 10, 2015 ASB Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Agricultural Growth Act

The Board requested administration to draft a letter to the Provincial and Federal Agricultural Ministers concerning the Agricultural Growth Act and concern over potential seed check off dollars and retaining farmers' rights to use their own seed.

AG70 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to send the letter concerning the Agricultural Growth Act to the Provincial and Federal Ministers as presented. CARRIED.

Field Report Implementation
Plan

The Board had directed an implementation plan for the recommended actions contained in the Agricultural Service Board Program Manager's *Clear Hills County Field Visit Report* be prepared for review.

AG71 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the implementation plan for the recommended actions contained in the Agricultural Service Board Program Manager's Clear Hills County Field Visit Report. CARRIED.

Sickle Mower & Bagger

7' sickle mower and bagger is included in the 2015 Capital Budget.

AG72 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board continue to research a suitable sickle/mower unit that comes with a bagger, or can be modified to bag cut vegetation. CARRIED.

Multi-Year Capital Plan

The Board is presented with the multi-year capital plan for review.

AG73 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receive for information the costs of batch grain dryers and not pursue a grain dryer as a rental equipment item. CARRIED.

2016 Operating Budget

As part of the 2016 budget preparation the Board is requested to review the Operating Budget items.

AG74 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to include a one person post hole auger and plastic mulch rolls in the 2016 Operating Budget. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

October Meeting

The October Agricultural Service Board meeting falls on October 12, 2015 which is Thanksgiving Day.

AG75 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board meeting move the October 12, 2015 Agricultural Meeting to Monday, October 5, 2015 due to Thanksgiving Day. CARRIED

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:38 a.m.

Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:09 a.m.

VSI Program

Annually the Board reviews the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) program. Any proposed changes are then forwarded to the VSI administrator for consideration at the VSI Annual General Meeting that is held each November.

AG76 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the Veterinary Services Services (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Program.

CARRIED.

Alberta Farm Animal
Care Association

Chair Harcourt requested the Alberta Farm Animal Care Association (AFAC) be added to the August 10, 2015 Agenda for discussion.

AG77 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that this Agricultural Service Board accept information for Animal Farm Animal Care Association discussion.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Board Reports

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

AG78 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross to recommend to the Peace Region Agricultural Fieldmen to hold the 2018 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Grande Prairie, AB.

CARRIED.

- Chair Harcourt: Attended the Agricultural Service Board Chair meeting on July 17th, 2015.
- Member Ross: Attended Dr. Christine Jones on July 28, 2015 and Field Plot Day on August 5, 2015.
- Deputy Chair Ruecker: Dr. Christine Jones on July 28, 2015 and Field Plot Day on August 5, 2015.

AG79 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of August 10, 2015 for information.

CARRIED.

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

The Agricultural Fieldman had the opportunity to present his report.

AG80 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 10, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

CARRIED.

AG81 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available members to attend the Whole Farm Water Planning on August 18, 2015 in Marie Reine, AB.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

1. Peace Country Beef & Forage Association – Summer Forage Management Newsletter – (63-10-02)

2. Peace Country Beef & Forage Association – Feeding During & After a Drought Newsletter – (63-10-02)
3. Peace County Beef & Forage Association – Poster – (63-10-02)
4. Whole Farm Water Planning – Poster (63-10-02)
5. Alberta Crop Report – Article – (63-10-02)
6. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
7. Peace Region Agricultural Service Board meeting – Minutes – (63-10-02)
8. Tax Relief for Western Livestock Producers – Article – (63-10-02)
9. Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards – Guideline 1.1 Terms of Reference – (63-10-02)
10. Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards – Guideline 2.1 Clubroot of Canola – (63-10-02)
11. Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards – Guideline 2.2 Fusarium Graminearum – (63-10-02)
12. Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards – Guideline 2.3 Virulent Blackleg of Canola (63-10-02)
13. Pedigree Cereal Seed Testing for Fusarium Graminearum – M.D of Smoky River No. 130 Resolution – (63-10-02)

AG82 (08/10/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information and correspondence of August 10, 2015 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the Agricultural Service Board meeting at 12:50 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	DELEGATION – Peace Country Beef & Forage Association 11:00 a.m.
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA) Manager, Monika Benoit, will be in attendance at 11:00 a.m. to present a report on the 2015 Environmental Stream partnership program and present the plans for the 2016 program along with a funding request. Also presented will be the updates on the PCBFA programs, funding and direction.

BACKGROUND:

AG116 (09/08/14) RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board include \$10,000.00 in the 2015 operating budget for the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association operations and programs. CARRIED.

AG71 (09/18/13) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that this Agricultural Service Board maintain the funding of \$5000 for 2014 to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association for extension services and programming. CARRIED.

BUDGET/COSTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association funding request letter

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the delegation from Monika Benoit, Manager, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association on the 2015 Environmental Stream partnership program and 2016 programming.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABJ</i> AgFieldman: <i>[Signature]</i>



Peace Country Beef & Forage Association

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September 30, 2015

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

Dear Agriculture Service Board Members:

The Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) is a non-profit, unbiased producer based research organization that specializes in agriculture research pertaining to beef and forage development. The Peace Country Beef & Forage Association has been actively operating across the Peace Country for over 30 years out of offices in Fairview and High Prairie. We believe that the sustainability of rural communities in the Peace River region is dependent upon a strong agricultural economy with livestock production as its foundation.

The PCBFA runs under the direction of ten producers from across the Peace Country and 4 full time staff members. We currently have approximately 160 members and reach all communities in the Alberta Peace Region stretching from High Prairie to the BC border and Valleyview to Manning. Our goal is to improve the profitability and sustainability of the forage / beef industry in the Peace Region through the transfer of leading edge forage and beef technology to producers, students, and industry representatives through innovative extension activities and applied research. With the assistance of local producers we establish on-farm demonstrations and applied research trials which are of great importance for collecting local Peace Country data; the PCBFA then transfers the information to producers through articles, field days and workshops.

This year the PCBFA carried out a number of projects and workshops within your municipality. Please find attached an outline of the various workshops and projects that we have held in the 2015 year, as well as a list that are planned for the remainder of 2015 and into 2016. In order to carry out the projects we need to secure the matching funds to apply against our provincial grants. Our major funding bodies are the Agriculture Opportunities Fund (AOF) and ASB Environmental Stream Programs which require matching dollars. In 2015, PCBFA received funding from the Alberta Crop Industry Development Fund (ACIDF) to conduct a farm-scale applied research project at two sites in the Peace Region on methods for pasture rejuvenation. PCBFA was very pleased to receive this funding, as it is a very competitive system that these funds are allocated

through, and the completion of this project will strengthen our ability to receive funding to do local, Peace Country based research moving forward.

Clear Hills County has supported us in the past with in-kind donations and financial assistance. For the April 2015-March 2016 year, we are requesting a contribution of \$17,500 to assist PCBFA in serving your municipality. This funding will be used as matching for our AOF core funding as well as the ASB Environmental Stream Funding. A high level overview of the areas the funding will be allocated to is as follows:

- \$7,500 will be used in support of the ASB Environmental Stream Funding programs
- \$5,500 will support the AOF Forage & Livestock Applied Research & Extension Program
- \$2,000 will support the new AOF Annual Crops Extension Program
- \$2,500 will support the AOF Environmental Program

2015 has been a very strong year for PCBFA so far, with excellent attendance at workshops and engagement through projects. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with the great staff and the agriculture residents of Clear Hills County. We appreciate the support you have given us in the past and look forward to continuing to work together in 2016. If you would like an estimated budget of our program one can be provided for you.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at your earliest convenience (780) 523-4033 office or (780) 536-7373 cell. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Monika Benoit
Manager
Peace Country Beef and Forage Association

PCBFA Extension & Projects in Clear Hills County

Current Projects

Project 1: Cocktail Cover Crops and Soil Health

Project 2: Demonstration of 2 subsoiling implements for pasture rejuvenation

Project 3: On-Farm Nutrient Mapping

Project 4: Stem Mining Weevils for Control of Canada Thistle

Project 5: North Peace Riparian Action Team- Development

Proposed Projects for 2016

Project 1: Continuation of cover crop mixtures for grain, forage and soil improvement

Project 2: On-Farm Nutrient Mapping

Project 3: North Peace Riparian Action Team- Development

Project 4: Demonstration of 2 subsoiling implements for pasture rejuvenation

Project 5: Riparian site improvement project

Extension January 2015-September 2015

Event 1: Clear Hills County Trade Show

Event 2: Producer Learning Day- Environmental Farm Plans, Growing Forward 2, Shelterbelt Information Session (Eureka River)

Event 3: Soil Carbon Tour with Peter Donovan (Eureka River)

Proposed Workshops for 2015-2016

Workshop 1: Ration Balancing Workshop (Hines Creek, October 7th)

Workshop 2: Growing Forward 2, Environmental Farm Plans Information Session

Workshop 3: Whole Farm Water Planning

Workshop 4: Grazing Workshop

Other Extension

We work with a number of producers doing feed testing and ration balancing programs, and we receive calls to answer general production and industry questions on a regular basis.

Publication 1: Forage Facts Newsletter- sent monthly to all members

Publication 2: Forage Country Magazine- mailed to all farm addresses in Clear Hills County

Publication 3: Annual Report- available to all members as of the AGM in February each year (Scheduled for Friday, February 26th in Fairview).

Other Communication:

- PCBFA website: www.peacecountrybeef.ca
- PCBFA Facebook Page
- PCBFA Twitter Accounts

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, 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 October 5, 2015 ASB Activity Report as presented.

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



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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Budget Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

DO= Development Officer

EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION DATE DESCRIPTION DEPT STATUS

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
November 10, 2014				
AG154	(11/10/14)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Board recommend to Council to control Foxtail Barley on County roadsides.	AF	Developing inventory of infestation, options and cost estimates for 2016 budget
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.	AF	1 site completed, seeking 2 nd site.
March 9, 2015				
AG31	(03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that the Agricultural Service Board invite a representative of Alternative Land Use Services to provide a presentation on setting up a similar program and invite MD of Peace, MD of Fairview and Peace County Beef and Forage Association to attend and book the David Thompson Hall.	AF	In the works, no commitment from ALS yet.
July 13, 2015				
AG58	(07/13/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board remove the 9 Shank Subsoiler and the 30ft Heavy harrows off the Multi-Year Capital Plan.	CDM	Approved by Council
AG59	(07/13/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board move the PTO Water Pump from 2016 to 2020 in the Multi-Year Capital Plan.	CDM	Approved by Council
AG60	(07/13/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board(ASB) recommend Council lower the ASB annual capital budget allocation from \$70,000.00 to \$30,000.00.	CDM	Approved by Council
August 10, 2015				
AG70	(08/10/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to send the letter to the Provincial and Federal Ministers concerning the Agricultural Growth Act as presented.	AF	DONE
AG72	(08/10/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board continue to research a suitable sickle/mower unit that comes with, or can be modified to bag cut vegetation.	AF	In the Works



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
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AG78	(08/10/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross to recommend to the Peace Region Agricultural Fieldmen to have the 2018 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Grande Prairie, AB.	AF	Done

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 is hosting the Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference in Guy, AB on November 5, 2015

BACKGROUND:

- Resolutions are due by October 8, 2015.
- Registration deadline for the conference is October 16, 2015.
- All ASB members are eligible to vote at the Regional Conference (*section 5.a*) of the *Rules of Procedure*)

BUDGET/COSTS:

\$50 registration per person included in 2015 ASB budget.

ATTACHMENTS:



- Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 invitation letter
- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference minutes from October 24, 2015
- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference Agenda

OPTIONS:

- Authorize attendance of all ASB members
- Authorize attendance of Members _____.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available members to attend the 2015 Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on November 5, 2015 in Guy, AB.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130

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August 17th, 2015

Peace Region Councilors, A.S.B. Members, AAAF Members and AAF Key Contacts

The M.D. of Smoky River is pleased to be hosting the 2015 Peace Region A.S.B. Conference in Guy, AB November 5th, 2015.

Please accept this letter as your invitation to attend, and please pass the invitation and information on to the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact for your A.S.B.

Attached you will find:

- A registration form; deadline for Registrations is October 16th, 2015 (however for planning purposes earlier registrations would be greatly appreciated)
- DRAFT Agenda for the November 5th Conference
- The Regional Resolution Rules of Procedure – last updated Jan. 21st, 2015
- Minutes from the October 24th, 2014 Regional Conference hosted by the M.D. of Spirit River

According to the Rules of Procedure, Resolutions for the Regional Conference are to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Regional Resolutions Committee four weeks prior to the Conference. October 8th is therefore the deadline for Resolutions to be submitted. Resolutions which are presented after October 8th will be considered as "Late Resolutions" and must be submitted to the Regional Conference with sufficient copies for all voting delegates and attendants.

The M.D. of Smoky River A.S.B. look forward to being your gracious hosts in Guy, AB Nov. 5th, 2015. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

Normand Boulet, CCA
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Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

October 24, 2014

Minutes

Rycroft Ag. Society Building Rycroft, Alberta

Present:

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	RETZLOFF, Pam	ASB Program Coordinator
	YODER, Calvin	Grass Specialist
	ULLMANN, Chris	AOPA Specialist
	PERKINS, Randy	AOPA
	VADNAIS, Maureen	ASB Program Manager
	FEINDEL, David	Pest Surveillance
	ANDRES, Brad	Emergency Coordinator
NRCB	BJORKLUND, Randy	Approvals Officer
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY		
	MANZULENKO, Gerald	Councillor/Member
	HANSEN, Kenneth	Member
	OUELLET, Amanda	Ag Fieldman
	GIES, Amelia	Asst. Ag Fieldman
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY		
	HARCOURT, Brian	Deputy Chair
	ROSS, MacKay	Member
	DAVIS, Leslie	Member
	RUECKER, Baldur	Member
	ZYLSTRA, Aaron	Ag Fieldman
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE		
	BECK, Corey	Councillor
	BEAUPRE, Leanne	Councillor
	RAVEN, Sonja	Ag Fieldman
	HENRY, Jill	REO
	HARRIS, Peter	Councillor
	SMITH, Brock	Councillor

COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS	GAUGLER, Blake	Ag Fieldman
	YASINKSI, Brenda	Councillor
	LOOGMAN, Arie	Councillor
MACKENZIE COUNTY	DRIEDGER, John	Member
	PETERS, Joe	Member
	SMITH, Grant	Ag Fieldman
	MARSHALL, Richard	Member
	DOERKSEN, David	Member
	JORGENSEN, Eric	Member
	NEUFELD, Bill	Reeve
MD OF BIG LAKES	STEWART, Ann	Councillor
	PODOLLAN, Ed	Councillor
	MATTHEWS, Ken	Councillor
	KLATT, Robbie	Ag Fieldman
MD OF FAIRVIEW #136	WIEBEN, Bev	Chair
	JOHNSON, Peggy	Member
	SAWCHUK, Fred	Ag Fieldman
	KUREGA, Garry	Member
MD OF GREENVIEW	PERKINS, Allen	Vice Chair
	SMITH, Bill	Councillor
	SMITH, Dale	Councillor
	SMITH, Larry	Member
	MITCHELL, Laurie	Member
	BERRY, Dave	Asst Mgr Ag Srv
	KING, Kristin	Ag Supervisor
MD OF PEACE #135	BLISKA, Veronica	Chairman
	KEILLOR, Rick	Member
	IQBAL, Nasar	Ag Fieldman
	LEGER, George	Member
	EASTMAN, Sandra	Member
MD OF SMOKY RIVER #130	BROCHU, Robert	Chairman
	DUMONT, Donald	V. Chairman

	TRUDEAU, Andre	Member
	BOULET, Normand	Ag Fieldman
MD OF SPIRIT RIVER #133	SEKULIC, Warren	Chair
	DENIS, Jim	Member
	SEKULIC, Carolyn	Member
	GARROW, Elaine	Councillor
	VAN ROOTSELAAR, Tony	Councillor
	BZOWY, Stan	Reeve
	HUDSON, Kelly	CAO/Ag Rep
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	DALLYN, Doug	Chairperson
	DUTRISAC, Sebastien	Ag Fieldman
	PETLUK, Kyle	Member
	SAUNDERS, Tony	Member
	BELZILE, Kristy	Member
	KOLEBABA, Carolyn	Member
	SOUCE, Stephanie	Asst. Ag
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	BALLARD, Brian	Mgr. Protect. Svs.
	ARMAGOST, Elaine	Mgr. Rural Svs.
	FITZSIMMONS, Willis	Member
	MOEN, John	Member

CALL TO ORDER

The Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference held in Rycroft, Alberta, October 24, 2014, was called to order by Warren Sekulic, MD of Spirit River ASB Chairman at 9:30 am.

A minute of silence was taken in remembrance of Reservist Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations to the delegation were as described by the attached agenda.

UPDATES FROM THE PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Regional Committee member, Corey Beck, from County of Grande Prairie, gave a short update on the activities of the Provincial ASB Committee. He was concerned that there are no opportunities to discuss the resolutions with the region except at this session. He was also concerned that there was only 26% responding back from the region on the responses.

ELECTION

Maureen Vadnais, Manager ASB Programs Alberta Agriculture, called for nominations for Regional ASB Representative. Peggy Johnson from MD of Fairview nominated Corey Beck, seconded by Peter Harris from the County of Grande Prairie. Maureen called a second and third time. Carolyn Kolebaba moved nomination cease. Corey Beck was declared the Regional ASB Committee representative.

Corey Beck assumed the Chairman of the Resolution session from Maureen Vadnais and called for nominations for Alternate Regional ASB Representative. Veronica Bliska, MD of Peace, nominated Peggy Johnson seconded by Bev Wieben, MD of Fairview. Carolyn Kolebaba nominated Doug Dallyn, Northern Sunrise County, seconded by Dale Smith, MD of Greenview.

Peggy Johnson withdrew her nomination.

Leanne Beaupre, County of Grande Prairie, moved nominations cease. Doug Dallyn was declared as alternate.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Moved by Leanne Beaupre to change 1.c) to read Election of the representative and alternate shall take place at the beginning of the Resolution session at each annual ASB Regional Conference, term of office to be one year. The representative (or alternate) shall assume the responsibilities of the chair immediately following the conclusion of the resolutions session. Seconded by Carolyn Kolebaba.

Carried

REVIEW RULES OF PROCEDURE

Corey Beck read sections of the Rules of Procedure.

EMERGENT RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Carolyn Kolebaba, seconded by Doug Dallyn to accept LEGAL OPINION ON THE JURISDICTION OF THE WEED CONTROL ACT ON CN RAIL as emergent resolution #1.

Carried

ORDER OF RESOLUTIONS

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the order of the resolutions. Alvin Hubert, Saddle Hills County, requested to withdraw Resolution No. 4 sponsored by Saddle Hills County.

Moved by Elaine Garrow, MD of Spirit River, seconded by Peggy Johnson to accept the order of the resolutions.

Carried

Resolution #1 PREVENTING LICENSING OF GLYPHOSATE TOLERANT WHEAT

Moved by Baldur Ruecker, Clear Hills County, seconded by Bev Wieben,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THE ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, together with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency prevent licensing of glyphosate tolerant wheat in Canada.

Moved by Warren Sekulic seconded by Doug Dallyn that the word transgenic replace the word glyphosate. Defeated

Carolyn Kolebaba recommended that the wording be changed in the Title and Whereas statements. Corey Beck said that the Provincial Committee can request wording changes prior to the Provincial Conference but they do not change at the regional conference.

Eric Jorgensen spoke against the resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THE ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, together with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency prevent licensing of glyphosate tolerant wheat in Canada.

Carried

Resolution #2 MANAGEMENT OF FARM AND AGRICULTURAL LEASES

Moved by Ken Mathews, MD of Big Lakes, seconded by Ann Stewart, MD of Big Lakes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development transfer Management of Farm Development leases and Agricultural leases to The Ministry of Agriculture.

Carried

Resolution #3 ELK QUOTA HUNT

Moved by Bill Smith, MD of Greenview, seconded by Allen Perkins, MD of Greenview

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resources implement an Elk Quota Hunt, based upon the principles of the former Chronic Wasting Disease Quota Hunt.

Moved by Elaine Garrow, MD of Spirit River, seconded by Carolyn Kolebaba, that the following be added to the therefore be it resolved: (, and/or other ways the ministry can develop to alleviate this problem.).

Carried

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resources implement an Elk Quota Hunt, based upon the principles of the former Chronic Wasting Disease Quota Hunt and/or other ways the ministry can develop to alleviate this problem.

Carried

Resolution #4 PEACE REGION CHAIR COMMITTEE

Moved by Leanne Beaupre, seconded by Alvin Hubert

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That a committee made up of the Chairs of the Peace Region ASB's be formed for the purpose of bringing forward important Regional issues to the Ministerial level of various provincial government departments as required.

Carried

Emergent Resolution #1 LEGAL OPINION ON THE JURISDICTION OF THE WEED CONTROL ACT ON CN RAIL

Moved by Robert Brochu, MD Smoky River, seconded by Andre Trudeau, MD Smoky River,

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

That the Association of Alberta Municipal District's and Counties (AAMD&C) obtain a legal opinion on the jurisdiction of the Weed Control Act of Alberta on CN Rail property, and that the opinion be shared with all of its member municipalities.

**Carried
INVITATION TO 2015 REGIONAL ASB CONFERENCE**

Robert Brochu, Reeve and ASB Chairman for the MD of Smoky River No. 130 gave the Invitation to 2015 Regional Conference in MD Smoky River 130 next October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm by Chairman Sekulic.

Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference

November 5th, 2015

Guy Community Hall, Guy AB

Proposed time	Event	Potential speakers
9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 - 9:45 am	Opening remarks	Smoky River, A.S.B. Chairman
9:45 - 10:30 am	Importance of the Honeybee to agriculture	Eric Stromgren, GPRC Apiculture Instructor
10:30 to 10:45 am	Coffee break	Sponsored by: Rocky Mountain Equipment Thanks Kevin Slinger
10:45 - 11:30 am	A.S.B. program and Acts update	Doug Macaulay, David Feindel
11:30 - 12 noon	Genetically Modified alfalfa	Heather Kirshbaumer
12 noon	Lunch	
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Surprise presentation	TBA
1:30 to 1:50 pm	Marketing Agricultural Plastics - Survey results	Laura Thygesen
1:50 to 2:10 pm	SARDA Update	Board of Directors
2:10 to 2:30 pm	M.D. of Smoky River shelterbelt program	Normand Boulet
2:30 to 3:00 pm	Coffee break - view Sponsor displays Set up for resolutions session	Sponsored by: Schulte Thanks Orval Steiestol
3:00 to 4:30 pm	Resolution session 1. Election of ASB Regional Rep 2. Updates from ASB Provincial Committee 3. Review Rules of Procedure 4. Call for amendments to Rules 5. Motion to accept Emergent resolutions (if any) 6. Motion to accept order of resolutions 7. Resolutions session	Doug Macaulay, AARD Corey Beck, Regional ASB Representative
4:30 pm	Invitation to 2016 Regional ASB Conference	A.S.B. Chairman, County of Northern Lights
4:35 pm	Adjournment	Smoky River ASB Chairman

Thank you to our Sponsors; KLon Vegetation

Rocky Mountain Equipment

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Foxtail Barley Control
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Agricultural Service Board directed administration to assess the cost and options for controlling Foxtail Barley on the roadside ditches.

BACKGROUND:

AG154 (11/10/14) RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agriculture Board recommend to Council to control Foxtail Barley on County roadsides.

BUDGET/COSTS:

Based on two locations(27 ditch miles) the process would involve:

1. spraying out all existing vegetation, (\$1,700)
2. reseeding using the hydroseeding method (\$ *unknown at this time*)
3. watering the reseeded areas as needed, for about 4 weeks (\$14,580)

ATTACHMENTS:

OPTIONS:

- Recommend Council include funds in the 2016 Operating Budget for a Foxtail Barley Control on County Roadsides Project to reseed 27 miles of ditch by hydroseeding. Vegetation establishment and foxtail barley control would be evaluated for further consideration in the 2017 budget cycle
- Accept for information (not recommend to Council)
- Recommend Council establish a policy for all future roadside rebuild, reshaping, and construction to include a seeding program including hydroseeding and watering to achieve excellent vegetation establishment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: <i>AW</i>
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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	2016 OPERATING BUDGET
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the first draft of the 2016 Agricultural Services Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The first draft of the 2016 Operating Budget will be presented to Council in late October.

Additional items/ included:

AG74 (08/10/15) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to include a one person post hole auger and plastic mulch rolls in the 2016 Operating Budget. CARRIED	\$4,100
NEW: Greenzone Weed Inspection Team – 2 Inspectors, tablets, vehicle each. Focus on weed inspection in greenzone (oil field and Chinchaga areas). Also Ortho for parts of the greenzone as needed for this team’s tablets.	\$38,500
Peace Country Beef & Forage Association – Projects outside the Environmental Stream program, used the same \$ as 2015 – PCBFA is a delegation at today’s meeting.	\$10,000
Rental Equipment Maintenance – replace Manure Spreader tires (up to \$7,000), replace carpets on 2 rotowipers \$2,000, Wiring and brakes on water pump trailers \$2,000 Tree Spade repairs \$2,500	\$13,500
VSI 12% increase was approved and applied in 2015 increased from \$30,250.	\$32,500
Annual contribution to Rental Equipment Reserve has been reduced from \$70K to \$30K. ASB Resolution AG60 (07/13/15). Contributions to Reserves appear in the budget document “below the line” so the amount doesn’t appear in the summary and detail provided.	\$30,000

ATTACHMENTS.

- 2016 Draft Operating Budget summary and detail

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend to Council the Agricultural Service Board 2016 Operating Budget as presented.
2. Recommend to Council with the following additions/deletions/changes....

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: <i>Ar</i>
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	2014	2015	2016
	Budget	Budget	Budget
FUNCTION			
Ag Svc - General	289,940	306,159	308,160
Ag Svc - Improvement - General	36,916	41,443	39,517
Ag Svc - Improvement - Rental Equipment	43,170	64,452	80,252
Ag Svc - Improvement - Public	13,021	19,410	13,732
Ag Svc - Improvement - Tradeshow	67,570	74,881	76,495
Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I.	30,250	30,250	32,500
Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos	-	-	-
Ag Svc - Improvement	190,927	230,436	242,496
Ag Svc - A.E.S.A.	67,500	67,500	67,500
Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease	100	175	175
Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation	31,700	31,700	31,700
Ag Svc - Control - Beaver	-	7,500	7,500
Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation	59,416	59,101	56,225
Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General	85,526	79,177	79,567
Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone	-	-	-
Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone	600	600	34,500
Ag Svc - Control - Weed Inspection	86,126	79,777	114,067
Ag Svc - Control	177,342	178,253	209,667
Agricultural Services	725,709	782,348	827,823

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		2014	2015	2016	2016 Notes
Expenditure		Budget	Budget	Budget	
Account	FUNCTION				
	Ag Svc - General	289,940	306,159	308,160	
2-63-10-02-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Wages				
2-63-10-02-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Employer Contributions			154	
2-63-10-02-159	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other Fees for Service	11,925	14,904	14,904	ASB 90 days (5 mbrsx(165.60x10migs+5days ASB conf+30ther c
2-63-10-02-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Travel & Subsistence	8,600	10,500	8,000	ASB conf, other conf, flights and/or mileage
2-63-10-02-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Membership & Conference Fee	3,000	3,000	3,500	ASB Conference Farm Tech workshops seminars, etc.
2-63-10-02-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Freight & Postage	160	-	-	
2-63-10-02-216	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Internet	-	80	-	
2-63-10-02-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Hospitality	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Advertising & Promotion	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-222	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Printing & Binding	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-223	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Subscriptions & Publications	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Municipal Membership Fees	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-232	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Legal	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Stationery Supplies	1,000	100	100	Day timers for ASB
2-63-10-02-515	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Catered or Prepared Foods	1,000	1,000	1,000	10 meetings @ \$100 per meal
2-63-10-02-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Safety Supplies	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other General Goods & Supplies	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-521	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze, etc.	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-523	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle Parts	-	-	-	
2-63-10-02-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Grants	11,000	11,000	11,000	4H Club Sale \$600, vet bursary 10,000 Farm Womens conference
2-63-10-02-793	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Amortization - Machinery & Equ	1,231	859	859	
	Ag Svc - Improvement - General	36,916	41,443	39,517	
2-63-10-10-11*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Wages				Rental Equipment position 8 mths AG112(09/08/14) (IF 1 yr ad \$
2-63-10-10-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Employer Contributions				Rental Equipment position
2-63-10-10-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Freight & Postage		5,000	5,000	
2-63-10-10-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Advertising & Promotion				
2-63-10-10-222	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Printing & Binding				
2-63-10-10-239	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Professional Services				
2-63-10-10-242	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Building Chargeback Chargebac	1,466	1,452	1,452	
2-63-10-10-243	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment Chargeback	22,900	20,394	20,394	
2-63-10-10-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment R&M				
2-63-10-10-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Licenses & Permits				
2-63-10-10-274	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Insurance		64	64	
2-63-10-10-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Stationery Supplies				
2-63-10-10-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Janitorial Supplies				
2-63-10-10-519	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other General Goods & Supplies	1,200			AG85(08/10/15)one person post hole auger & plastic mulch
2-63-10-10-521	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Gas, Oil & Lubricants				
2-63-10-10-522	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Tires, Batteries and Accessories				
2-63-10-10-523	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle	10,350	1,200	7,300	Manure spreader - radials see budget notes
2-63-10-10-524	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Consumable Tools	300	300	6,200	rotowiper carpets, water trailers maintenance,
2-63-10-10-529	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Equipment, Machines and	3,500	1,500		
2-63-10-10-771	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Grants			1,200	panel trailer - 4 more panels \$300 each, valves, etc.
2-63-10-10-793	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Amor Exp - Mach & Equip	3,455	6,542	6,542	

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Expenditure Account	FUNCTION	2014		2015		2016		2016 Notes
		Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
2-63-10-20-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Rental Equipment	43,170	64,452	80,252				
2-63-10-20-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Wages							
2-63-10-20-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Employer Contributions							
2-63-10-20-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Travel & Subsistence							
2-63-10-20-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Membership & Conference Fees	4,261	50	50				misc. mailout
2-63-10-20-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Freight & Postage	160	260	1,300				1200 bussing & weiner roast - fish release +\$100 for 1 extension
2-63-10-20-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Hospitality	500	850	850				Farm Safety posters & extension advertising
2-63-10-20-223	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Advertising & Promotion	350	5,500					
2-63-10-20-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Subscriptions & Publications							
2-63-10-20-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Municipal Membership	250	250	260				Farm Safety Just 4 Kids
2-63-10-20-229	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Information Services	1,000						
2-63-10-20-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Consultants							
2-63-10-20-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Professional Services	500	1,200	272				Farm Safety Centre - based on previous year # students presented
2-63-10-20-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Building Rental							
2-63-10-20-355	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Municipal Agencies	5,000	10,000	10,000				Delegation Oct 5/15 - PCBFA extension projects outside Env Str
2-63-10-20-514	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Bulk Foods		300					
2-63-10-20-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other General Goods & Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000				Farm Family Award sign
2-63-10-20-532	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Awareness Group							
2-63-10-30-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public	13,021	19,410	13,732				
2-63-10-30-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Wages	12,500	12,947	14,000				all staff, includes 4 seasonal @ \$24/hr
2-63-10-30-148	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Employer Contributions	1,000	1,059	1,120				
2-63-10-30-159	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Training & Education	200	200	200				Food Safe Training
2-63-10-30-211	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Fees for Service	200		300				Farm Safety Barn Assistance (PCBFA)
2-63-10-30-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Travel & Subsistence	750	750	750				
2-63-10-30-217	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Freight & Postage	1,400	1,400	1,500				offset by Alberta Tourism grant
2-63-10-30-219	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Telephone							
2-63-10-30-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Hospitality							
2-63-10-30-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Advertising & Promotion	13,000	14,500	14,500				offset by Alberta Tourism grant
2-63-10-30-223	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Subscriptions & Publications							2014 bought banquet ticket software
2-63-10-30-239	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Professional Services	23,600	24,000	24,000				entertainer/helpinghands/draping/bouncer/wagonrides/clown/sour
2-63-10-30-245	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Chargebacks							
2-63-10-30-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance							
2-63-10-30-255	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance							
2-63-10-30-262	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Building Rental	5,650	8,200	8,200				1 week rent for entire facility
2-63-10-30-263	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment & Furniture Rent							
2-63-10-30-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Licenses & Permits	50	50					
2-63-10-30-272	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Damage Claims							
2-63-10-30-279	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Miscellaneous Services	1,000	50	50				Dirver's abstracts for seasonal employees
2-63-10-30-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Stationery Supplies	20	20	20				replenish tub of stuff contents
2-63-10-30-512	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Clothing & Footwear	600	600	600				Helping hands t shirts
2-63-10-30-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Janitorial Supplies	130	130	130				sweeping compound, etc.
2-63-10-30-514	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Consumable & Bulk Foods	1,500	1,600	1,800				breakfast & donuts
2-63-10-30-515	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Catered or Prepared Foods	5,000	6,125	6,125				banquet 225x\$25 + meals for 20 staff & helping hands \$500
2-63-10-30-517	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Safety Supplies							
2-63-10-30-519	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - General Supplies	500	2,000	3,000				ornamentals from Ruby's (she donates 50%) door prizes, ribbons

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Expenditure Account	FUNCTION	2014		2015		2016		2016 Notes
		Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
2-63-10-30-521	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Fuel							
2-63-10-30-523	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Equipment, Machine & Vehicle Parts							
2-63-10-30-524	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Consumable Tools	100						200 paint, etc.
2-63-10-30-538	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Signage	500		750		500		update tradeshow signage
2-63-10-30-539	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Other Constr & Maintenance Mater							
2-63-10-30-560	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Exhibitors							
2-63-10-30-795	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshov - Amort Exp - Vehicles			500		500		booth refunds
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Tradeshov	67,570		74,881		76,495		
2-63-10-40-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Freight & Postage							
2-63-10-40-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Municipal Membership							
2-63-10-40-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other Professional Services							
2-63-10-40-355	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other municipal agencies	30,250		30,250		32,500		12.5% increase as per Board of Directors for 2015 onward
	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I.	30,250		30,250		32,500		
2-63-10-50-112	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Seasonal							
2-63-10-50-132	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - C.P.P.							
2-63-10-50-133	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - E.I.							
2-63-10-50-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Travel & Subsistence							
2-63-10-50-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Freight & Postage							
2-63-10-50-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Hospitality							
2-63-10-50-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Advertising & Promotion							
2-63-10-50-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consultants							
2-63-10-50-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Other Professional Services							
2-63-10-50-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Building Rental							
2-63-10-50-263	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Equipment & Furniture Rental							
2-63-10-50-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Stationery Supplies							
2-63-10-50-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Safety Supplies							
2-63-10-50-524	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consumable Tools							
2-63-10-50-532	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grounds							
2-63-10-50-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grants							
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos							
	Ag Svc - Improvement	190,927		230,436		242,496		
2-63-20-02-11*	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Wages							
2-63-20-02-13*	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Employer Contributions							
2-63-20-02-159	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other Fees for Service							
2-63-20-02-211	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Travel & Subsistence							
2-63-20-02-215	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Freight & Postage							
2-63-20-02-219	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Hospitality							
2-63-20-02-351	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other local governments							
2-63-20-02-355	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other municipal agencies	67,500		67,500		67,500		2014-2016 ASB Env. Stream (PCBFA delivers, CHC administrators)
2-63-20-02-771	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Grants							
	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A.	67,500		67,500		67,500		
2-63-30-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Wages							
2-63-30-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Employer Contributions							

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Expenditure Account	FUNCTION	2014		2015		2016		2016 Notes
		Budget		Budget		Budget		
2-63-30-10-215	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Freight & Postage							
2-63-30-10-239	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Professional Services	100		175		175		fusarium testing
2-63-30-10-279	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Misc. Services							
2-63-30-10-519	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other General Supplies							
2-63-30-10-524	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Consumable Tools							
2-63-30-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Chemicals & Salt							
2-63-30-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease	100		175		175		
2-63-30-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Wages							
2-63-30-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Employer Contributions							
2-63-30-20-148	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Training & Education	500		500		500		2 people 2 days Form 7 training Nordegg/Edmonton
2-63-30-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Travel & Subsistence	1,200		1,200		1,200		2 people 2 days Form 7 training 2 hites x \$140+ 1 day meals
2-63-30-20-221	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Advertising & Promotion							
2-63-30-20-232	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Legal							
2-63-30-20-239	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Professional Services	30,000		30,000		30,000		Wolf Hunt Incentive Policy 6307
2-63-30-20-511	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Stationary Supplies							
2-63-30-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other General Goods & Supplies							
2-63-30-20-529	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Equip, Veh & Mach Gen Supplies							
2-63-30-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation	31,700		31,700		31,700		
2-63-30-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Wages							
2-63-30-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Employer Contributions							
2-63-30-30-219	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Hospitality							
2-63-30-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Professional Services							
2-63-30-30-251	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Repair/Maint Infrastructure							
2-63-30-30-279	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Miscellaneous Services							
2-63-30-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other General Goods & Supplies							
2-63-30-30-537	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Culverts							
2-63-30-30-539	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Construction and Maintenance Materials							
2-63-40-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver							
2-63-40-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Wages	9,600		9,600		9,600		4W1 x 2 hours per day x 12 wks x \$20
2-63-40-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Employer Contributions	1,075		1,075		1,075		
2-63-40-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Training & Education	200		100		100		authorized assistant training
2-63-40-02-214	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Individual Memberships & Conference Fees							budgeted under 63-50-02
2-63-40-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Freight & Postage							freight on course materials
2-63-40-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Telephone							
2-63-40-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Advertising & Promotion	100		100		100		employment ads
2-63-40-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Subscriptions & Publications	420		420		420		weed and pest inspection books & course manuals
2-63-40-02-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Professional Services	10,000		10,000		10,000		contract spraying entire r-o-w on collector roads \$40/mile
2-63-40-02-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment Chargeback	3,886		3,806		1,300		
2-63-40-02-263	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment & Furniture	3,886		2,000		2,000		portable incinerator
2-63-40-02-512	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Clothing and Footwear							
2-63-40-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Safety Supplies	250		250		250		replenish PPE
2-63-40-02-518	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Furniture, ADP & Comm Purchases							
2-63-40-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other General Goods & Supplies							
2-63-40-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equip, Mach & Veh Parts							

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Expenditure Account	FUNCTION	2014		2015		2016		2016 Notes
		Budget		Budget		Budget		
2-63-40-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Consumable Tools							
2-63-40-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Supplies					1,000		Build or buy 2 more containers for weeds
2-63-40-02-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Chemicals and Salts	30,000		30,000		30,000		\$70-\$100 per hectare sprayed
2-63-40-02-541	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Water							
2-63-40-02-762	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Capital							
2-63-40-02-764	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - To Operating Reserve							
2-63-40-02-814	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Charges, Penalties and Other Charges							
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General	59,416		58,401		56,225		
2-63-40-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Wages							
2-63-40-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Employer Contributions							
2-63-40-10-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment Chargebacks							
2-63-40-10-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment, Machine & Vehicle Parts							
2-63-40-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Chemicals and Salts							
2-63-40-10-539	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Construction and Maintenance Materials							
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush							
2-63-40-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Wages							
2-63-40-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Employer Contributions							
2-63-40-30-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Freight & Postage							
2-63-40-30-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Telephone							
2-63-40-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other Professional Services							
2-63-40-30-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment Chargebacks							
2-63-40-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Safety supplies			700				
2-63-40-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other General Goods & Supplies							
2-63-40-30-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle Parts							
2-63-40-30-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Chemicals & Salts							
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder			700				
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation	59,416		59,101		56,225		
2-63-50-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Wages	44,800		43,921		43,921		
2-63-50-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Employer Contributions	5,018		5,074		5,074		
2-63-50-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Training & Education	200						H2S & First Aid Training
2-63-50-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Travel & Subsistence					115		115
2-63-50-02-214	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Individual Memberships & Conference Fees					500		Weed & Pest Inspector workshops
2-63-50-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Freight & Postage	100		250		250		
2-63-50-02-216	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Internet							
2-63-50-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Telephone	1,000		1,860		3,000		cell phones & data plans on tablets
2-63-50-02-219	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Hospitality							
2-63-50-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Advertising & Promotion	1,000		500		250		
2-63-50-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Subscriptions & Publications							
2-63-50-02-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Professional Serv	23,500		11,000		11,000		Enfrmnt\$5K picking\$3K VoHC\$3K
2-63-50-02-245	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle Chargeback	9,808		9,957		9,957		
2-63-50-02-265	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle Rental							
2-63-50-02-274	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Insurance							
2-63-50-02-511	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Stationery Supplies							
2-63-50-02-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable & Bulk Foods							
2-63-50-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Safety Supplies							

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		Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget			
2-63-50-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other General Goods &							
2-63-50-02-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze, etc.	100		6,000		4,000		NEW 2 tablets for Green Area weed inspectors
2-63-50-02-522	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Tires, Batteries & Accessories							
2-63-50-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze, etc.							
2-63-50-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable Tools							
2-63-50-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Equipment, Machines and Vehicle General Supplies							
2-63-50-02-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Chemicals & salt							
2-63-50-02-762	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - To Capital Programs							
2-63-50-02-795	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Amort Exp - Vehicles							
2-63-50-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General	85,526	79,177			79,567		budgeted General, coded Actual
2-63-50-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Wages							
2-63-50-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Employer Contributions							
2-63-50-20-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Travel & Subsistence							
2-63-50-20-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Telephone							
2-63-50-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Safety Supplies							
2-63-50-20-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other General Goods & Supplies							
2-63-50-20-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle Parts							
2-63-50-20-529	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Consumable Tools							
2-63-50-20-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other Equip, Machine & Vehicle General Supplies							
2-63-50-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone							
2-63-50-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Wages					24,000		NEW 2 Green Zone Inspectors
2-63-50-30-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Employer Contributions					2,400		
2-63-50-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Travel & Subsistence	600		600		3,600		Chinchage inspections 1 overnight per week 12 weeks x 300
2-63-50-30-263	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Other Professional Services					2,500		Ortho for greenzone as needed
2-63-50-30-265	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Equipment & Furniture Rental including hired services (Excavator)							
2-63-50-30-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Vehicle Rental					2,000		or Chargeback, 2 units for 3 month June, July, Aug
2-63-50-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Consumable & Bulk Foods							
2-63-50-30-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Safety Supplies							
2-63-50-30-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze, etc.							
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Consumable Tools	600	600			34,500		
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Inspection	86,126	79,777			114,067		
	Ag Svc - Control	177,342	178,253			209,667		
	Agricultural Services	725,709	782,348			827,823		

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, 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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 5, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *ABJ* AgFieldman: *[Signature]*

Clear Hills County

Agricultural Fieldman Report

October 1, 2015

Aaron Zylstra

Pest Control

- 25 wolves(Jan to Sep); 58(2014); 69(2013); 102(2012)
- 549 beaver tails were collected, \$16,380 since January
 - 2014 – 188 beaver tails (\$5,460)

Rental Program

- Summaries attached.
- I purchased a new suction hose for the grain vac for when the rubber one wears out.
- The rock picker had seals in the bucket cylinders changed.
- The tree spade is realizing significant wear, due to design problems and use. Pictures attached.

Weed Program

- We completed 1048 inspections this year. In 2014 we completed 871 inspections, and 2013 we completed 546. 2012 – 217 inspections. 2011 – 271 inspections. We've increased inspections by almost double in the last 3 years due to the weed inspection tablets and the weed inspectors have taken on the spray program also.
- This year was the first year with the new weed inspection tablets and again we had 4 weed inspectors this year. 2014 we had 4 weed inspectors.
- I issued 11 weed notices this year. 2 locations were issued weed notices twice this year.
- The County had to enforce on 4 notices this year. 1 site was Canada Thistle, and was sprayed. 1 site had Yellow Toadflax and was picked and sprayed. 2 sites were Scentsless Chamomile and were picked. The one site had Scentsless Chamomile spread through a 90 acre area. It will require follow up notices next year with spraying and picking to get rid of the infestation.
- A small sickle more would have helped significantly to manage and control the large Chamomile infestation or if similar infestations of Toadflax, Oxeye Daisy, etc were discovered.
- We took a day to inspect the Chinchaga road based on a tip about there being a Scentsless Chamomile problem up there. We found three sites with significant amounts of Scentsless Chamomile, but all we travelled was the main road and didn't check any of the lease roads. In the past AESRD(Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development) had inspectors to monitor compliance in the forested areas and lease sights on crown land.
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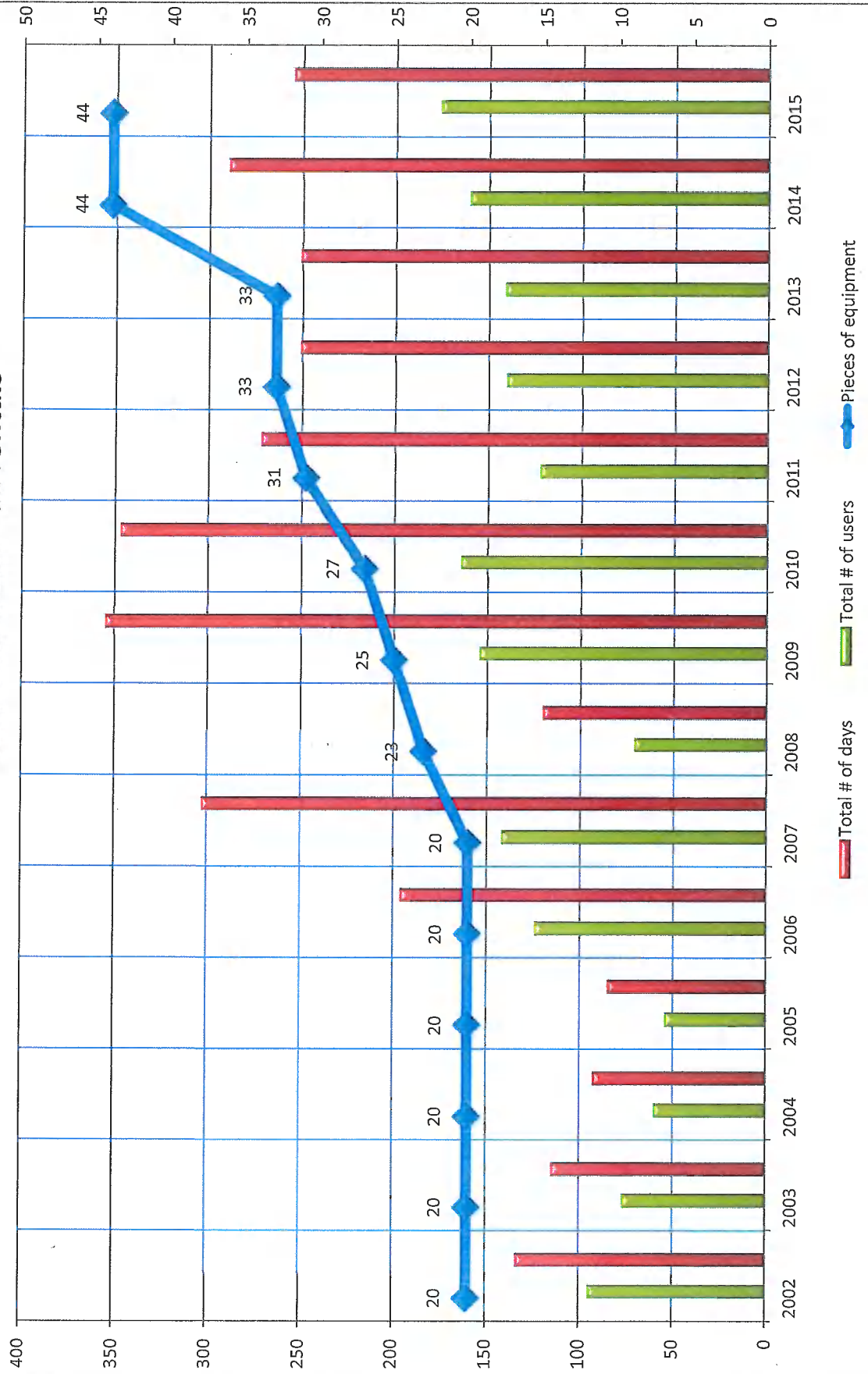
Other Topics

- We completed the grasshopper inspections, Clubroot inspections, Fusarium surveys.

2015 Rental Equipment Use and Revenue
as of September 30, 2015

Equipment	Totals		
	# of Users	# of Days	\$ Made
Backpack Sprayer	-	-	\$ -
Bale Scale	10	10	\$ 300.00
Bale Tester	1	1	\$ 10.00
Ball Hitch (2" & 2 5/16")	-	-	\$ -
Livestock Ultrasound	-	-	\$ -
Chairs	1	1	\$ 76.50
Community Centre	3	4	\$ 200.00
Corral Panels	9	11	\$ 500.00
Coyote Trap	-	-	\$ -
Eco-Bran Applicator	2	2	\$ 100.00
Grain Bag Roller	9	10	\$ -
Grain Bagger	-	-	\$ -
Grain Bag Extractor	2	2	\$ 700.00
Grain Vac	19	23	\$ 4,400.00
Grass Seeders-Hand Held	-	-	\$ -
Grass Seeders-Quad Mount	1	1	\$ 5.00
Grill	10	16	\$ 80.00
Hand Held Rope Wick	-	-	\$ -
Land Leveller	4	7	\$ 910.00
Livestock Scale	-	-	\$ -
Loading Chute	14	16	\$ 400.00
Manure Spreader	4	6	\$ 900.00
Mulch Applicator	-	-	\$ -
Extra Hoses	-	-	\$ -
Post Pounder	25	38	\$ 4,750.00
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	-	-	\$ -
Quad Mount Rope Wick	-	-	\$ -
Quad Mounted Sprayer	3	3	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	1	1	\$ -
RFID Tag Reader	-	-	\$ -
Rock Picker	-	-	\$ -
Rock Rake	-	-	\$ -
Roller Mill	1	1	\$ 20.00
Rotowiper	1	4	\$ 300.00
Scare Cannon #91060254	-	-	\$ -
Signs	-	-	\$ -
Skid Mount Sprayer	1	1	\$ -
Steam Tables	-	-	\$ -
Tables	8	12	\$ 65.00
Toilets	5	10	\$ 400.00
Tree Spade	5	7	\$ 1,050.00
Truck Mount Sprayer	-	-	\$ -
Wash Station	6	7	\$ 70.00
Water Pumps	28	58	\$ 4,725.00
Zero Till Drills	3	3	\$ 900.00
Totals rental(by month)	176	255	\$ 20,861.50

Year End Totals - all rentals



Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
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:

Farm Safety Centre Annual Report update: The Farm Safety Centre provides Safety Smarts presentations to elementary school students (Kindergarten to Grade 6) each school year. In 2015 Clear Hills County 3 schools were visited and a total of 76 students participated.

Bear Canyon Colony	1 class	8 students
Cleardale Colony	1 class	15 students
Cleardale Mennonite	7 classes	53 students

Presentation Topics for 2014-2015 were:

Kindergarten	One Seat-One Rider
Grade 1	To Stay Safe – Play Safe
Grade 2	Boats Float – I Don't
Grade 3	Hear, Hear – Listen up
Grade 4	It Can Happen to Me
Grade 5	Get a Grip – Safety's in My Hands
Grade 6	Bigger, Faster....But I'm Smarter
Colonies	Above topics are customized to meet their varied situations and expectations.

The report will be available at the meeting if anyone wants to review it in more detail

ATTACHMENTS:

- Farm Safety Centre letter

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution by Member _____ to accept the Community Development Manager's report to September 8, 2014 as presented.

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



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SEP 30 2015

265 East 400 South – Box 291 – Raymond – Alberta – T0K 2S0 – Tel: 403 752-4585 – Fax: 403 752-3643
Email: safetyctr@abfarmsafety.com Website: abfarmsafety.com

September 24, 2015

The Farm Safety Centre, promotes safety through best practice education. Our age appropriate Safety Smarts presentations are delivered in-class to rural students in each grade between K and 6.

Our youth, especially younger children are often not aware of the many potential hazards presented by rural living. Increasing their awareness and ability to make informed safety decisions is extremely important. In an effort to reduce farm-related injuries and fatalities involving children; our hands-on, interactive school-based farm safety program was launched in 1998.

This safety initiative has an 18 year history and is unique in both curriculum and reach. Presentations are offered free of charge to all rural elementary schools in Alberta each school year. Since its inception, more than 487,000 children have participated. We believe knowledge is power and know that this program has saved lives.

During the last complete school year (September 2014- June 2015) our team of dedicated regional instructors travelled tens of thousands of kilometers to deliver grade specific, meaningful safety messages to 51,144 students in 2507 elementary classrooms across our province.

Over the years Counties and MD's have become important contributors towards the long-term sustainability of this made in Alberta initiative. In the first 9 months of 2015, contributions in support of program delivery to children in their areas, has been received from 44 counties and MD's.

We would like to express appreciation for each and every contribution. The generosity of many makes the continued delivery of this program possible.

The enclosed report contains details of Safety Smarts delivery into your individual jurisdiction, as well other areas of the province during the recently completed 2014-2015 school year. (Your delivery details can easily be found on the last page of the report)

To align more closely with your fiscal year-end, funding requests will be made based on calendar-year delivery. 2016 funding requests will be sent to you in January 2016 and will be based on the number of children in your jurisdiction who received in-class farm safety presentations during 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura Nelson
Executive Director
Farm Safety Centre

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, 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:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of October 5, 2015 for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *Abj* AgFieldman: *[Signature]*

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 5, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, 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:

- Minister of Agriculture – Letter – (63-10-02)
- Government of Alberta – Article – (63-10-02)
- Jimsonweed Alert – Article – (63-10-02)
- Peace Country Beef & Forage Association – Newsletter (63-10-02)
- Ration Balancing Workshops– Poster – (63-10-02)
- Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue – Poster – (63-10-02)
- VSI Services – Letter – (63-10-40)
- The Pest Insider – Newsletter (63-10-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of October 5, 2015 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Whitecourt-St. Anne*

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AUG 20 2015

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Mr. Charlie Johnson
Reeve
Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your July 28, 2015, letter regarding Clear Hills County's declaration of an agricultural disaster. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

I certainly understand the difficulties many of Alberta's producers have experienced due to this summer's dry conditions. The Clear Hills County Weather Stations reported less than 54.4 per cent of normal for precipitation for July, and annual crops and hay fields are reported to be short and sparse. Thankfully, Clear Hills County producers insured approximately 156,897 acres or 78.2 per cent of total crop acres in the County. Producers are encouraged to continue to utilize agricultural business risk management programs available through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) as a first line of defense to protect against losses experienced during extraordinary conditions.

AFSC is currently working with clients who want to put their insured crop or hay to an alternate use, but producers must first contact their local AFSC office before proceeding. In response to the current dry conditions, AFSC is prioritizing claim processing, particularly for the Moisture Deficiency Insurance (MDI) and Satellite Yield Insurance (SAT) payments. To date, AFSC has paid out \$17.6 million for the MDI Early Split, and \$2.2 million to the SAT clients. The Late Split and Full Short season payments will be issued in early August. AgriStability 2015 and 2016 forms have been uploaded to www.afsc.ca so that participating producers can submit their information for interim advances. AFSC is also working toward advanced payments for clients who have submitted their Single Cut Hay Harvested Production Report. Weekly updates and information bulletins are also available at www.afsc.ca.

As you may know, on August 6, 2015, our government announced some targeted measures to complement AFSC's suite of business risk management programs. First, we have cut fees to use Agriculture and Forestry's (AF) emergency water pumping program in half. This program helps producers pump water from lakes, rivers, and other water sources to provide water for their livestock and for other uses. Information about the water pumping program is available on the AF website, www.agric.gov.ab.ca.

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In addition, I have been working with Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks (AEP), to identify hay and grazing opportunities on vacant and underutilized crown lands. AEP will be considering and approving applications for access to appropriate crown lands, and authorizing subleases in cases where the leaseholder is not fully utilizing the land. This will help producers who are struggling with inadequate pasture and high hay prices. Interested producers can contact the local AEP office to discuss these options with the Regional Rangeland Agrologist. Producers can also call the AEP information centre at 310-ESRD.

While there is no specified response for agriculture from the federal or provincial government when a municipality declares an agricultural disaster, it does raise awareness of the challenges facing area producers. The Government of Alberta has ensured that the federal government is up to date on the areas that have been most affected by these conditions, and I am pleased that it has assisted the federal government in their quick action to offer tax relief to our livestock producers. Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, released a list of designated regions in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba where tax deferrals have been authorized for 2015 (available at www.agr.gc.ca). I am also happy to report that Clear Hills County has been included in the list of municipalities where tax deferrals have been authorized. This designation allows cattle producers who are facing feed shortages to defer a portion of their 2015 sale proceeds of breeding livestock for one year in order to help replenish that stock in the following year.

AF will continue to monitor the conditions in Clear Hills County. Thank you again for writing to share your concerns.

Sincerely,



Oneil Carlier
Minister

cc: Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, MLA, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley
Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks



Alberta supports producers as they manage challenging growing conditions

The Government of Alberta is taking steps to help ensure agriculture producers dealing with dry conditions have resources to feed and water their livestock.

Rental fees have been cut in half for Agriculture and Forestry's Water Pumping Program. The program provides pumps and pipes to help producers get water for domestic and livestock use by filling their dugouts or other suitable catch basins from nearby water sources.

"It's clear that many producers are facing challenges because of the dry conditions this year, and that's why we are finding common sense ways to help out farmers during these difficult times."

- *Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry*

The emergency water-pumping program provides assistance to between 400 and 1,400 clients every year. The fee reduction will apply to anyone who uses the program in the 2015-16 fiscal year and will be retroactive to April 1.

Environment and Parks is also working with municipalities to identify additional public lands for grazing purposes to help increase producers' access to livestock feed supplies. The measures will allow temporary grazing or haying permits in suitable locations.

"We are committed to supporting farmers during this challenging year. Identifying more access to vacant public land for grazing is a practical way to help out farmers who are struggling with the high cost of feeding their livestock."

- *Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks*

In addition to these programs, a full suite of insurance and business risk management programs is available through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC). Provincially, 78 per cent of crops and 29 per cent of pasture acreage has been insured in 2015. For multi-peril crop insurance alone, AFSC estimates this year's claim payments to range from approximately \$700 million to \$900 million. To date, AFSC has already paid out approximately \$70 million as claims are being processed, and dollars are flowing to address priority areas. Producers also have access to approximately \$541 million currently deposited in their AgrilInvest accounts.

Alberta continues to work with the federal government to ensure that tax deferrals are available for livestock producers in affected municipalities. Those who need to sell livestock because of feed shortages can defer a portion of their 2015 sale proceeds of breeding livestock for one year to help offset the cost of replenishing that stock in the following year.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has a number of online resources at www.agriculture.alberta.ca to assist producers with decision making, including crop and

moisture reports, planning information for dry conditions and a hay and pasture directory.



Related information

Resources Available to Producers

Precipitation levels

Crop Comparisons of 2015 with 2014, 2009, 2002

Options for Producers during Dry Conditions

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Programs

Livestock Tax Deferral

Media inquiries

✉ Renato Gandia

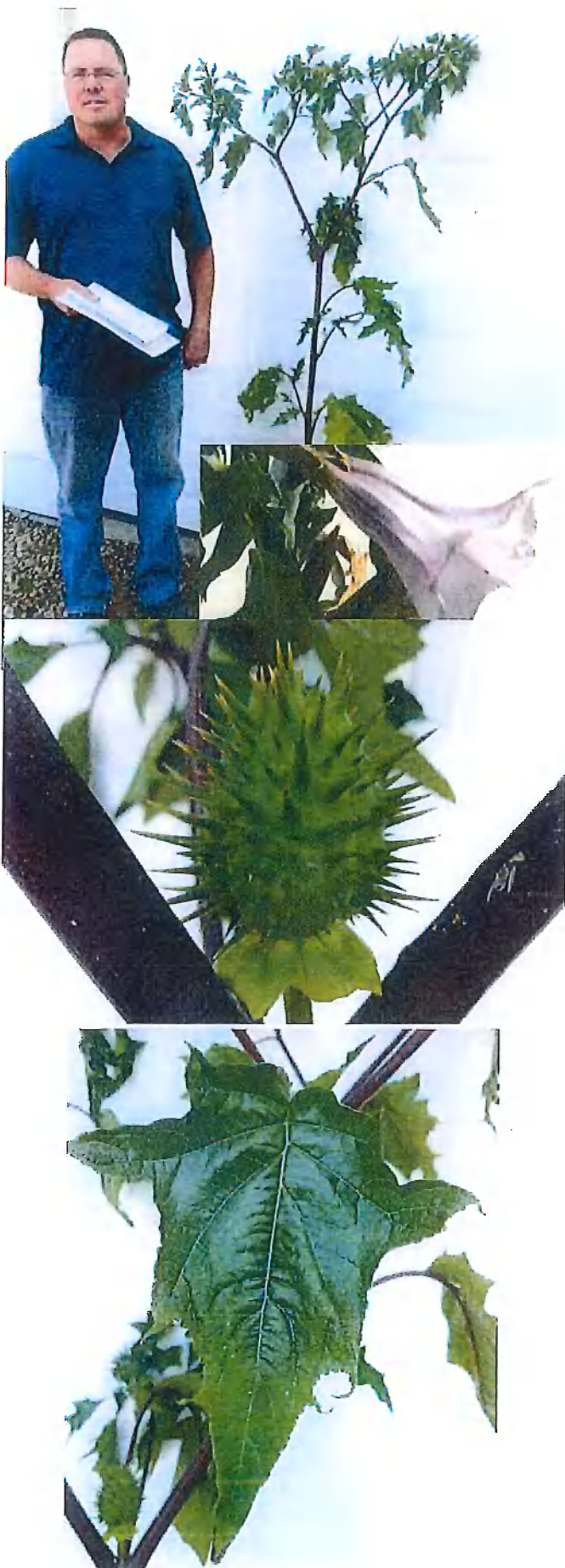
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Manager Communications, Agriculture and Financial Services Corporation



Weed Alert

Jimsonweed – Not Common to Alberta

ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT ARE POISONOUS

Concern: Jimsonweed (a.k.a Devil's Trumpet) is a serious weed in cultivated land in the United States and eastern Canada. The plant has toxic effects that have resulted in death to livestock and humans that ingest it.

Plant: The plant has smooth thick red to purple stems that can reach 2 meters tall. Leaves have irregular toothed margins 10-20 cm long. Flowers are white to purplish, 5 point trumpet shape, 7-10 cm long. Seed pod is 2-5cm wide, has spines, is egg shaped and may contain up to 600-700 seeds per capsule. The seed capsule will explode expelling the seeds once mature. Has distinctive sour repulsive odour.

Where to Find This Weed: This invasive weed has been showing up in canola fields. Jimsonweed has been reported recently in Barrhead, Leduc and Westlock Counties while producers are swathing canola.

Control: Jimsonweed seed is difficult to clean from canola, removal prior to combining is recommended. Jimsonweed should be pulled from fields prior to swathing down, once cut the seed capsules may mature into viable seeds for next year. When hand pulling, wear gloves and long sleeves and double bag the plants for the landfill disposal. In this year of feed shortages, canola stubble should not be baled up for feed where plants have been found. These practices will increase risk for poisoning in livestock feed.

Do not compost. Do not burn, as this will release toxins in the air and may cause secondary poisoning.

Early detection and eradication is very important to stop the spread.

Please report any sightings to Nicole Kimmel, Weed Specialist, Agriculture & Forestry at (780) 422 0885 or nicole.kimmel@gov.ab.ca.

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Weaning Calves Early

by Carly Shaw

During years of drought it becomes increasingly important to find a drought management strategy and implement it early on in the year. One of our last resort options could be weaning calves early. This is a strategy that takes a lot of close management and monitoring as early-weaned calves have high nutrient requirements and must get what is required in order to grow and survive.

Rumens of newborn calves lack the ability to process forage fiber via fermentative digestion until solid food consumption begins which is around 45 days of age so North

Dakota State University (NDSU) suggests that:

“Offering a creep feed three to four weeks prior to weaning will help the calves adjust to eating processed feeds and make the weaning transition period less stressful. Initially, calves should be offered long stem grass hay. Once the calves are consuming these feeds readily, begin offering mixed rations. Gradually adjust the calves to greater levels of grain and/or concentrates. Do not start calves on silages and other fermented feedstuffs. The fermented odor and flavor of these feeds can cause feed aversion in freshly weaned calves. Wait until the calves are consuming the ration adequately and then begin blending in these feeds.”



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There are many things to consider when thinking of weaning calves early and NDSU lays out some great advantages and disadvantages on their website of which some I have provided below.

Advantages of Early Weaning

Improved cow body condition. Lactating cows can lose body condition due to the increased nutrient requirements associated with lactation. When drought conditions exist, this situation is usually made worse by lack of forage in drought stressed pastures. By weaning early, the cow's nutrient requirements for lactation are eliminated and cows are able to maintain or increase body condition prior to the fall and winter feeding period.

Improved calf performance. During a drought, calves may not be able to successfully compete with cows for adequate forage. By weaning early and providing a highly nutritious diet, calves can reach their growth potential.

Improved conception rates. Weaning early can result in improved conception rates, provided the calves are weaned during the breeding season. This would require weaning calves at a very young age (calves need to be weaned at 45 to 105 days of age to allow increased conception rates). When weaned early enough, cows have a greater opportunity to rebreed in an optimum time frame and an increase in conception rate can be expected.

Improved forage availability for the cow. Early weaning reduces the cows dry matter intake and also eliminates the demand on the forage from the calf. Consequently, the cows remaining on the pasture have access to more forage and demands on the pasture are reduced, which can enhance sustainability and forage production in the future.

Disadvantages of Early Weaning

Increased attention to management is required. Early weaning requires greater attention to proper health, nutrition, and management practices.

Increased cash costs. Weaning calves earlier will result in increased cash costs for the rancher or beef cattle producer. Instead of pasture and their mother's milk, early weaned calves will eat high quality grains, hays, protein supplements and/or commercially prepared feeds. In addition, beef cattle producers must have facilities to feed calves.

Early weaned calves should consume 2.75 to 3.25% of their body weight in dry feed daily. Rations should be palatable and free of dust. The most nutritious rations won't work effectively if calves don't consume them.

Before deciding to wean calves early it's a good idea to do some more research on it as well as talk to your local vet to get help in implementing a plan that is best for both your cows and calves health.

Grasshopper Management in the Peace Country

We have all seen the damage that grasshoppers can do to crops, pasture and how they can impact yields. We also realize that at this point in the season, it's a little late to be dealing with grasshoppers now, but as we look towards the next growing season, we should be aware that all of the grasshoppers from this season have left eggs behind, and given the right conditions, next summer, they will hatch, and a new generation will be upon us.

So let's take a look at what we can do to manage grasshoppers.

The weather has a significant impact on how severe a grasshopper infestation can get. Rainfall and snowfall each year can impact the number of spring grasshoppers, although, temperature is the most important factor. In reality, the cold temperatures in winter have little effect on the hatchability of grasshopper eggs the following spring, but the conditions of the previous spring and summer will impact the following year by affecting growth and reproductive ability. The most limiting factor in eggs laid is the conditions in the fall. Weather in the fall will impact the number of eggs laid by female grasshoppers, as well as affect the embryonic development of these eggs, which will ultimately affect the hatching time of the grasshoppers next spring. The only winter conditions that can impact the spring hatch are wind and minimal snow cover, as typically the soil does not get cold enough (-15°C) to kill the eggs.

In the spring, during hatching, temperature doesn't typically have a direct impact on young grasshoppers. But temperature does impact both plant and grasshopper growth. In warm springs, grasshoppers develop rapidly due to both the temperature and good plant growth; in cool springs, grasshopper development is slowed, again, due to a combination of temperature and poor plant growth.

As we look for management options, cultural control is often the least expensive option, although it is difficult to measure its success. The methods typically used in cultural control of grasshoppers include:

- 1) **Seeding Crops Early:** This concept works on the notion that larger, more mature plants are more capable of withstanding grasshopper damage more than younger, smaller plants. This method definitely won't prevent damage, but can give your crops a better chance to withstand grasshopper feeding, and typically mature earlier as well. Early maturation is important, as typically grasshoppers prefer lush plants over matured plants.
- 2) **Crop Rotation:** By monitoring where the most severe grasshopper was in the previous year, and planning our crop rotation so that cereals especially are not planted on grasshopper egg infested stubble, can reduce the damage to cereal crops.
- 3) **Tillage:** Tillage of field is a type of cultural control, however excessive tillage can be harmful and result in loss of soil moisture, as well as increased risk of erosion. When tillage is used to eliminate the green plants the grasshoppers are feeding on, there can be success. However, tillage should not be used solely as a method to destroy eggs. Tilling summerfallow will disturb grasshoppers and this disturbance will discourage females from laying eggs. If tillage is going to be used, it is advisable to till in early spring to prevent spring growth of plants, essentially removing the grasshopper's food source.

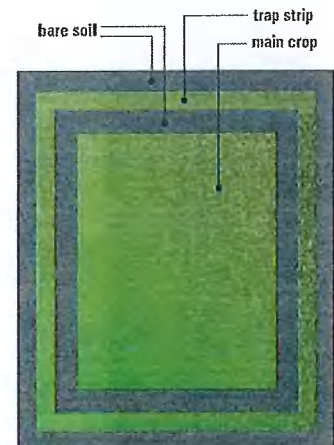
- 4) **Trap Strips:** Are effectively used when grasshoppers have already hatched and fed and are in the second stage of growth. Trap strip are used to collect the grasshoppers in a smaller area. By concentrating grasshoppers in a smaller area, insecticide use can be minimized by only needing to spray in a small area.

Trap strips are created by tilling a path around a field, leaving a strip about 10m wide, before tilling another path around the field. The green strip left in the middle is your "trap". The most important detail is to ensure that the tilled areas have no green vegetation, as this will ensure the effectiveness of the trap strip. The amount of green vegetation in the trap strip will not feed an infestation of grasshoppers for long (maybe 1-3 days) before they move on to the main crop. We can increase the amount of time that grasshoppers spend in the trap strip by seeding them to spring wheat or rye. Once the grasshoppers have migrated from the tilled guard strips then it is time to treat with an insecticide. This strategy will allow you to treat the trap strips instead of the whole field, decreasing the amount of pesticide used.



Grasshopper damage to rhubarb 2015!

Steve & Peggy Johnson



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By Stacy Pritchard

Once the insecticide has had a chance to work, and we've checked for efficacy, then it is time to till the trap strip, without fear of displacing the grasshoppers from the trap strip to the main crop.

Chemical Control

Using chemical control for dealing with grasshoppers is a choice that needs to be made on an individual operation level. What is best for your operation, may not be best for another operation. If chemical control is used on our operation, timing that insecticide application is crucial to ensuring the best efficacy of the chemical. John Gavloski from the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, suggests that the third to fourth instar is the best stage to control grasshoppers at, because at this stage, they are not yet causing major damage to plants. The stage of the plant is also important, as young plants can often outgrow damage done early, if the damage is not major. So, by watching both the stage of the crop, and the stage of the grasshoppers, we can make the best decisions for our operation.

There are a few options available when it comes to insecticides, and the Blue Book is a great place to start, however getting information directly from a chemical rep is going to be our best resource for information about specific chemicals. The chart to the right gives an over-

Insecticide	Use	Rate/Acre	Preharvest Interval	Grazing	How it Works
Eco Bran (Peacock Industries)	Pasture, rangeland, field borders, headlands	0.8-1.6kg	Barley (28) Oats, rye, wheat (14) Forage crops (2) Alfalfa (2)	May be applied when beef cattle are grazing	Works by ingestion. Residual effect depends on crop and climactic conditions.
Coragen (DuPont)	Pasture & Rangeland	51-101mL	Grass forage, clover, alfalfa (0)	Do not graze or cut for stock feed	Coragen moves into the leaf tissue, and feeding on the leaf tissue causes paralysis and death of grasshoppers.
Decis (Bayer)	Rangeland & Pasture	40-60mL	Alfalfa (20) Barley (40) Oats (31) Wheat (40) Canola (7)	Beef & dairy can graze immediately after application	Works by contact and ingestion. Toxic to bees & beneficial insects.
Matador (Syngenta)	Unimproved pasture, summer-fallow	25-34mL	Barley, Oats, wheat (28) Timothy (14)	Alfalfa - Livestock can forage 4 days after application Oats, Barley, Wheat - Wait 14 days for livestock to forage Timothy - May be fed to non-lactating animals after a 14 day interval	Fast-acting stomach and contact chemical. Toxic to bees & beneficial insects.

view of possible options and some of their restrictions in terms of re-entry periods, grazing, pre-harvest intervals and toxicity.

In summary, there are several options when it comes to chemical control, and each has different ideal situations where they are best used. For example, Coragen must be ingested by the grasshopper to be effective, therefore it's safe for other beneficial insects like bees, however, it cannot be grazed or harvested for winter feed. On the other hand, chemicals like Decis and Matador will both kill bees if they are in area where the chemical is applied, but after a period of a few days, cattle can graze those fields again. The decision to use insecticide is a completely individual decision, as is the choice of chemical you use.

Doing your research and making a decision that is best for your operation is an important management decision that no one else can make for you. There are several grasshopper control for our operations, and some of the best resources are the Alberta Blue Book, the Saskatchewan Crop Protection Guide, and the Grasshopper Management Agri-Facts, as well as local agronomists and chemical reps.

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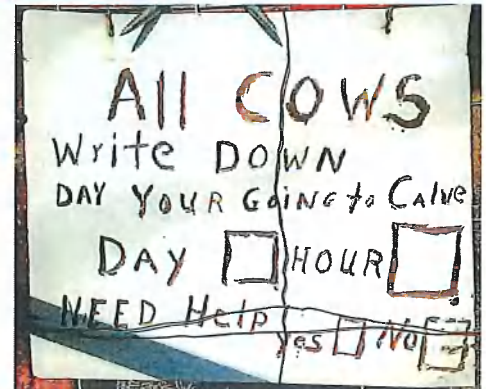
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Hi Laurie

My name is Kerry Cleave Im a Training Officer and Captain with the Fairview Fire Department,I was wondering if you could post this to the PRFC Members.They need 100 people to do this course.Its a great course .I work at GPRC Fairview ,I am working with our animal sciences Instructors and veterinary staff to do an animal rescue and CPR course for our department .I guess this is The closest to Fairview we are going to get,needing 100 participants .Thanks

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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Dear Jake

At the last V.S.I. Board of Directors meeting a motion was made to hold the meeting earlier in November so that we have a better chance of avoiding inclement weather.

In accordance with that motion I would like to hold the next V.S.I. meeting in Peace River on Friday November 6, 2015,

Please let me know, as soon as possible whether that date is suitable for you and if it isn't please let me know when you would prefer having the meeting.

An agenda and supporting documents will be sent out in early October.

A primary purpose of our annual meeting is to determine the level of support that will be provided to V.S.I. in 2016 thus I would like to remind you that your Council should determine your 2016 level of support before this meeting.

Thank you



J. M. Henderson, Manager

emailed to Jake Sept 15/15.

cc **Mr. Alan Rowe**
Mr. Aaron Zylstra
Ms. Sarah Hayward



THE PEST INSIDER

October 2015

CDC reports 11 cases of human plague in the United States since April

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on August 25, 2015, that there were 11 cases of human plague in the United States since April 1 of this year. A CNN article by Debra Goldschmidt describes that the naturally occurring bacterium that causes the plague is found in areas where there are wild rodents. A flea can become infected from a rodent such as a rat, squirrel or chipmunk, and then transmit it to a person by biting them. Learn more on the CNN website at <http://cnn.it/1Mww6Oo>

For more information about the plague and human health, visit the MyHealth Alberta website at <http://bit.ly/1iJOY16>

“Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.”
 – Steven Wright

The two types of Plague

Bubonic plague was the more common and was carried in the bloodstream of rats. Fleas bit the rats and become infected. They then hopped onto humans, bit them and passed on the disease.



Pneumonic plague was more deadly. It was caught by breathing in the germs when an infected person coughed or sneezed. They would cough up blood and their lungs rotted

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Wild Boar

Wild boar danger in Sicily

A news report all the way from Europe describes how a person was killed by a group of wild boar in Sicily. While we don't know how many of the animals we have in Alberta, we do know that wild boar can be a danger to property, other animals and even people. This article by Gavin Jones on the Globe and Mail website describes this extreme example of how dangerous wild boar can be. <http://bit.ly/1W93egS>

Wild Boar in Alberta

There are currently 14 known wild boar producers in Alberta. Wild boar containment standards were developed in the spring of 2014 to prevent the escape of farmed wild boar so that they do not become pests while at large and reproduce. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's inspectors and investigators have been working with the producers to ensure progress is being made toward full compliance with the standards by December 2018. The next phase planned will be to develop an eradication program for those wild boar currently at large.

South Georgia Island Baiting complete

The world's most extensive island rat eradication is complete. Two previous phases in 2011 and 2013 resulted in 2/3 of the island eradicated of rats, and they hope this final third phase will be the end of rats on South Georgia island. Almost 100 tons of specially manufactured Bell bait containing brodifacoum was employed in this last phase. The island is one of the world's most important breeding sites for unique bird species. Blue Petrels, Pipits, South Georgia Pintail, Albatrosses and Penguins all inhabit the island. Two additional years of follow-up monitoring are required before South Georgia can officially be deemed "rat free". The completion of Phase Three is a momentous event for the South Georgia Heritage Trust, Team Rat, and Bell Labs. With half the world's endangered species living on the islands, the need to stop damage done by invasive rodents and restore the ecological balance to these islands is a demanding but necessary responsibility. Read more about this success story in The Bell Report: North American Edition June 2015. http://www.belllabs.com/user_uploads/files/BR_040615_NA.pdf



Trapping bushy tailed wood rats from vehicles and motor homes.

According to a veteran pest control operator in Montana, pack rats (also known as bushy-tailed wood rats) always use the tires to get in and out of the vehicles.

Ninety nine per cent of the time a pack rat inhabits a vehicle the rat travels out of his nest to get food, unless he's been there long enough to store a winter food supply in his cache.

A trap placed on the inside of each tire with a little peanut butter has caused this PCO to catch many a pack rat for his clients. He says it's a sure thing if you can spare 4 snap traps.



Packrat Damage in vehicle

New Rat Resource Program

The rat control program continues to move forward and now has the assistance of Karen Carle, B.Ed who is the Agriculture Education Consultant for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Karen has done a considerable amount of work already which will lay the groundwork for the design of a rat education program that fits into school curriculum so that it is more likely that teachers will pick it up.

Karen and Phil attended the "City Slickers Harvest" in Stony Plain for grade 4 and 5 students on September 18. Approximately 50 classes attended and were treated to a 20 minute presentation about the rat free status, signs of rats, rat recognition and rat prevention.

A lot of positive feedback was received and more than one teacher said ours was the best presentation they had attended.

RAT UPDATE

The past summer continued to be a busy time for confirmed rat reports. We did not find any infestations but single, and multiple confirmed rat reports kept us busy. Roof rats from the west coast were the main source of rat activity. The first was a dead roof rat found on the street in Calgary. As mentioned in the last Pest Insider two more roof rats came in a tote bag to an Edmonton landfill, causing staff there to be on high alert. A dead Norway rat was spotted in the parking lot of the West Edmonton Mall by an observant shopper. The person who reported the rat had great credentials as she was a University lab worker who studied rats.

On July 31, Agriculture and Forestry (AF) investigated a complaint from a health worker, of live rats at a residence in Morinville. The investigator found live colorful pet Norway rats be-

ing raised for snake food. All rats were subsequently euthanized. The Cypress County investigated a rat in the Desert Blume subdivision. This rat was a healthy, sleek, roof rat found by a local resident. No origin of this rat has yet been determined.

Three roof rats found over the summer in the area around Bon Accord had Sturgeon County staff on the lookout. To date we think they originated from the infestation we had in Bon Accord this spring. On Sept 10 and 11 a crew of 3 expert PCO's from the Rat Control Zone and 3 AF staff helped the County Ag Fieldmen do a rat Blitz in the area to ensure no rat activity had been overlooked. We spent 2 long days combing the area and found no other rat activity.

Our last rat report was of a nest of live baby rats arriving in from a shipment from Utah to a business in Gasoline Alley. Red Deer County

investigated and fresh tracks of a adult rat was noticed in the shipment. Bait was set out and traps laid but nothing has been captured yet. That's nine different confirmed rat reports this quarter. There has been no rat activity found in the rat control zone (RCZ) so far this year. Fall rat checks are still in progress in some of the RCZ but all inspections should be finished by November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 20, 2015 a Form 7 training is scheduled in Dunmore to be held at 10:30AM in the County of Cypress board room. Anyone needing their Form 7 is invited. Other Form 7 trainings further north will be planned as requested this fall. Call Phil Merrill for further information.

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Noteworthy

On Sept 9, Phil Merrill had the opportunity to host Eanna Ni Hamhna who is an Irish environmental consultant, biologist, radio and television presenter, author and educator, and a well known figure in Ireland. Eanna one of the presenters on the Irish radio program "Mooney Goes Wild" and her husband spent two days touring the rat control Zone learning about Alberta's Rat Control Program. She met PCO's Rod Gabrielson (Wainwright), Stacey Scheuerman (Acadia Valley), and Lisa Monkman (Cypress County), in the field doing their rat checks. Eanna was impressed with Alberta being rat free and enjoyed learning how we accomplished this. She was astounded that we had no resident rat population. You can listen to the radio program at <http://bit.ly/1PMc0xp>

