

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2015

The Agricultural Services Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, May 4, 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
March 9, 2015**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Randy Perkins	Alberta Agriculture

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA

AG19 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 9, 2015 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

MINUTES

AG20 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG21 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 9, 2015 Agricultural Services Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Date, Time and Place
Of Board Meetings

The Agricultural Service Board meets every month except April and August. The Board will now select the day of the month and the commencement time for the monthly meetings. All members must be present to change the date, time and place of the meetings.

AG22 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize that regular meetings will be held the second Monday of each month except May when the meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month; meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m.; and no meetings will be held in April or September. At the call of the Chair, special meetings shall be posted 48 hours in advance. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Portable Weed

Incinerator	The Agricultural Service Board is requested to review options for incinerating weeds.
AG23 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to move the purchase of a portable weed incinerator to the 2018 capital budget. CARRIED.
AG24 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to rescind motion C47-15(01/13/15) regarding the tender for a Portable Weed Disposal Incinerator and recommend including funds in the annual operating budget to rent a portable incinerator. CARRIED.
Field Visit Study	The Board is presented with the Clear Hills County Field Visit report from the July 3, 2014 site visit by the Agricultural Service Board Program Manager.
AG25 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct an implementation plan be prepared for addressing the recommended actions contained in the <i>Agricultural Service Board Program Manager's Clear Hills County Field Visit report of July 3, 2014</i>, and bring the plan to the next meeting for the board's review. CARRIED.
Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	Chair Harcourt requested the Board be provided with an article on Genetically Modified Organisms, from www.newscanada.com , for discussion purposes.
AG26 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accept the www.newscanada.com article on Genetically Modified Organisms for information. CARRIED.
Water Management	Member Davis requested that water management and the protection of aquifers be included in the agenda.
AG27 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept the discussion around the protection of aquifers for information. CARRIED.
2015 Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour	The 2015 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour will be held in the County of Grande Prairie on July 14 to 17, 2015.
AG28 (03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all available Board members to attend the 2015 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour on July 14 to 17, 2015 in the County of Grande Prairie. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Community Development
Manager's Report

The Community Development Manager presented her report.

AG29 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross to include in the next newsletter a list of labs that producers can send non blended fertilizer samples to for efficacy testing. CARRIED.

AG30 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 9, 2015 Community Development Manager's report for information. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:48 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

The Agricultural Fieldman presented his report.

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 the Municipal District of Peace, Municipal District of Fairview and Peace County Beef and Forage Association to attend; and arrange to hold the event at the David Thompson Hall. CARRIED.

AG32 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Klassen that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 9, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman report for information. CARRIED.

Board Reports

The Board provided verbal reports or recapped their written reports.

- Member Ross: Visited two farms in Hawaii, Molokai Ranch and a ranch owned by the Beef Co-op.
- Western Canadian Grazing Conference report was handed out.
- Deputy Chair Ruecker: Attended the Peace Country Crop Production Workshop on February 12, 2015 in Spirit River.

AG33 (03/06/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board request Peace Country Beef and Forage Association setup a soy bean test plot. CARRIED.

AG34 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of March 9, 2015 for information. CARRIED.

AG35 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board research what benefits and cost savings there would be

if memberships were purchased for all Agricultural Service Board members
CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The following information and correspondence was provided to the Board:

1. V.S.I Services (1980) Ltd. – Letter – (63-10-40)
2. Don Thomas – Letter – (63-10-20)
3. Happy Harvest – Article – (63-10-02)
4. Bertha Armyworm 2014 – Map – (63-10-02)
5. Alberta Grasshopper Forecast for 2015 – Map – (63-10-02)
6. The Pest Insider – Article – (63-10-02)
7. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
8. 2015 Peace Agronomy Update – Poster – (63-10-02)
9. Safe Farm – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
10. 21st Century Homesteading Permaculture in the Peace Country – Poster – (63-10-02)
11. Producer Learning Day – Poster – (63-10-02)
12. Alberta Invasive Species Conference March 12th – Poster – (63-10-02)
13. Peace Country Ag Classic March 12th to 14th – Poster – (63-10-02)
14. Dugout Workshop March 17th – Poster – (63-10-02)
15. Clubroot, Blackleg, Fusarium Marth 19th – Poster – (63-10-02)
16. Smoky River Trade Show March 19th to 21st – Agenda – (63-10-02)
17. Willow Harvesting Field Day April 22nd – Agenda – (63-10-02)
18. Seeding the BioEconomy – Agenda – (63-10-02)
19. Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society – Article – (63-10-02)
20. Malathion Re-evaluation – Letter – (63-10-02)
21. Alberta Invasive Species Council – Newsletter – (63-10-02)

AG36 (03/09/15)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of March 9, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the Agricultural Service Board meeting at 1:40 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 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 May 4, 2015 ASB Activity Report as presented.

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



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

Activity Report for May 4, 2015 Page 1 of 2

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 To arrange for two composting demonstration sites for large animal composting.	AF	In the works
March 9, 2015				
AG25	(03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct an implementation plan for the recommended actions contained in the Agricultural Service Board Program Manager's Clear Hills County Field Visit report of July 3, 2014 be prepared for review at the next meeting.	AF	In the works
AG29	(03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that the Agricultural Service Board to include in the next newsletter a list of labs that producers can send non blended fertilizer samples to for efficacy testing.	AF	Going in June Newsletter
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	End of April or June mtg.
AG33	(03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board to request the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association do a soy bean test plot.	AF	DONE
AG35	(03/09/15)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board research the benefit of all Agricultural Service Board members having a Peace Country Beef and Forage Association memberships.	AF	In the works

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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	PEACE COUNTRY BEEF AND FORAGE ASSOCIATION
File:	63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board requested administration research the benefit of all Agricultural Service Board members having a Peace Country Beef and Forage Association membership

BACKGROUND:

AG35 (03/09/15) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board research what benefits and cost savings there would if memberships were purchased for all Agricultural Service Board members

CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association member services

BUDGET/COST:

- The current cost for Board members to attend Peace Country Beef and Forage Association workshops is the member rate at \$25.
- The total cost for all Board members to become a member \$180.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the benefit of becoming a Peace Country Beef and Forage Association member.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

ABj

AgFieldman:

AZ



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Membership

Interested in becoming a member of the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association? Download, print and fill out our [Membership Application](#). Return your completed form, along with your **\$30 Membership Fee**, to:

PCBFA, Box 3000,
 Fairview, AB
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Thank you for your interest in PCBFA!

Member Services

- Traceability and Age Verification Services
- Forage and Beef Information Clearing House
- Information Technology Transfer
- Workshops and Seminars
- Grazing Mentorship Program
- Pasture Assessments
- Feed, Soil Testing and Analysis
- Environmental Farm Plan
- Cowbytes Ration Balancing Course and Advice
- GPS Reading Capabilities
- Assistance with Growing Forward Programs

For Rent

- RFID Readers
- Gallagher Scale

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Upcoming Events

JUN 15 Mon (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/ug-events/action-oneday/exact_date~15-6-2015/)	10:00 am Field Day with Peter Donovan @ Maverick Livestock (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/event/field-day-with-peter-donovan/?instance_id=311)
JUN 29 Mon (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/ug-events/action-oneday/exact_date~29-6-2015/)	10:00 am Controlled Traffic Farming Field... @ Hillsboro Farms (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/event/controlled-traffic-farming-field-day/?instance_id=314)
JUL 28 Tue (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/ug-events/)	10:00 am A Day with Dr. Christine Jones @ TBA (http://peacecountrybeef.ca/event/a-day-with-dr-christine-jones/?instance_id=313)

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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	TRADE SHOW 2015
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show has past and the board is asked to evaluate its success.

BACKGROUND:

There were 73 booths at the trade show.

Total costs and revenue have not been finalized at this time.

The board is asked to present its "beefs and bouquets" for future Trade Show plans and evaluation of the 2015 Trade Show.

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion regarding the Clear Hills County 21st Annual Agricultural Trade Show.

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

ABJ

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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	PEST INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS
File:	63-50-02

DESCRIPTION:

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

BACKGROUND:

The board is requested to appoint the following individuals as inspectors to administer the Agricultural Pests Act for the Clear Hills County in 2015:

Kelsey Lund
Cindy Campbell
Shawnee Bettenson-Desfosses

Appointment of inspectors by local authority

10 (1) The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulations within the municipality.

(section 10, Agricultural Pests Act)

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board appoint Kelsey Lund, Cindy Campbell, Shawnee Bettenson and _____ as pest inspectors for the Clear Hills County for 2015 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

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

ABJ

AgFieldman:

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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS
File:	63-50-02

DESCRIPTION:

Weed Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act.

BACKGROUND:

The board is requested to appoint the following individuals as inspectors to administer the Weed Control Act for the Clear Hills County in 2015:

Kelsey Lund
Cindy Campbell
Shawnee Bettenson-Desfosses

The Weed Control Act, section 7, states:

Municipal inspectors

7(1) A local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the municipality.

Municipal inspectors — joint authority

9 An inspector appointed by a municipality may, with the consent of the local authority of another municipality, enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the other municipality.

The weed inspectors will also be appointed as weed inspectors for the Village of Hines Creek, as per section 9 of the Weed Control Act and pending the Village Council approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board appoint Kelsey Lund, Cindy Campbell, Shawnee Bettenson-Desfosses and _____ as weed inspectors for the Clear Hills County for 2015 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>AJ</i>	AgFieldman:
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ALBERTA FARM ANIMAL CARE
File:	63-50-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a membership opportunity with Alberta Farm Animal Care

BACKGROUND:

The Alberta Farm Animal Care suggested membership level for your organization is \$500. Membership in AFAC demonstrates an ongoing commitment to continuous improvement in animal care and welfare within Alberta's livestock industry.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Membership request letter
- Organization information and Member Values
- Membership information package.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board...

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	<i>abj</i>	AgFieldman:
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April 16, 2015

Aaron Zylstra
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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Dear Aaron,

Imagine an Alberta where farm animals are always handled calmly and patiently. Imagine a place where farm animals of all shapes and sizes are treated with respect and dignity while being raised for food, pleasure, and fibre. A place where resources are freely available to farmers and organizations that care to improve and want to make a difference in animal care and welfare within their own province and from within their own industry. And perhaps most important of all, imagine a place where people trust one another to do the right thing and to provide nutritious food for thriving communities. This is the scene that we at Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) strive to cultivate. But we can't do it without you.

Membership in AFAC allows us to continue the important work that we do here. Our focus on supporting and promoting best management practices on farm helps farmers across Alberta to learn about and adopt new technologies and procedures to improve the welfare on their farms.

AFAC helps the agricultural industry cultivate and maintain public trust, thereby earning social license and ensuring that producers have freedom to operate with minimal formalized restriction. We work hard to connect farmers with consumers through interaction, education, and awareness. As consumers become increasingly interested in where their food comes from and how it was raised, AFAC becomes increasingly important as a trusted source of information both within the livestock industry and with the public.

The majority of our organizational funding is membership based and we greatly value your support. Please see the enclosed information for more on membership levels and information on our programs, projects, and resources. The suggested membership level for your organization is \$500. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. If it would be helpful to meet or speak with the AFAC Chair or me, we would be more than happy to accommodate you. We are passionate about





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what we do here and are always happy to listen to new ideas or feedback on where we can help and how we can continue to make Alberta's livestock industry a better place.

One of the key strengths of AFAC is in our ability to represent the livestock and poultry industries with a collective voice. Working together, we can demonstrate strength in numbers and it's through the dedication and commitment of members that we can accomplish our goal of promoting responsible animal care. Please consider becoming a member of AFAC. We would love to have you on our team!

Sincerely,

Dr. Angela Greter
Acting Executive Director
403-652-5111
angela@afac.ab.ca

Enclosures:

- Organization Information and Member Value package
- Membership Information





Organization Information and Member Value

WHO WE ARE:

Membership in AFAC demonstrates an ongoing commitment to continuous improvement in animal care and welfare within Alberta's livestock industry.

AFAC's primary business is animal care and welfare

The value of AFAC lies in the focus on farm animals. Our staff have specialized in animal welfare and are skilled at understanding animal behaviour, being able to interpret research, and providing expertise to our members on animal care or welfare issues/concerns. While keeping aware of many related issues (production, markets, economics, etc.), we are spending our time and resources on high-level animal health and welfare topics that are beneficial to the industry as a whole. As such, we are uniquely equipped to keep our members informed on need-to-know topics in the field. Since we are able to focus on this area exclusively, we are experts on the topic!

AFAC believes that we are better together

Each of our members provides a unique perspective from their farm, business, or organization. By providing a forum for discussion, AFAC is able to strengthen the industry from within.



AFAC is a trusted source

The public views us as a third party source of information. Because of this, AFAC is uniquely placed to connect with individuals, students, youth, and communities. We are able to cultivate and maintain a deeper connection with skeptical consumers than a commodity organization can do on its own.

AFAC is made up of dedicated individuals

We are a small organization made up of knowledgeable, passionate and skilled individuals. We do not answer to a parent organization or a national body. This allows us to be open, honest, and transparent in all our communications. If desired, and in collaboration with our members, we can take risks where a member organization may not be able to do so on its own.

AFAC is driven on ethical principles

The emerging formula for effective communication with the public (Center for Food Integrity) starts with a solid grounding in ethical principles followed by verifiable science, and finished up with economic viability. AFAC was started by a livestock industry that recognized the need for moral consideration of farm animals in our care and, thus, is thoroughly grounded on ethical principles. We continue this tradition today.



WHAT DO WE DO FOR YOU:

Farmers, commodity organizations, agribusinesses, and other members of the agri-food value chain invest in AFAC each year. They do so because they believe in a community-based approach to building public trust in farming and continuous improvement in farm animal care. AFAC has developed a number of unique services and member benefits that provide value for its members, including access to specialized expertise and information. We are always open to ideas from our members on where we can help them as we move forward.

Annual Livestock Care Conference

- AFAC brings together industry experts, researchers, and innovative producers from around the world to present on topics around animal care and welfare
- An increased focus on the student agenda fosters interaction between industry and youth to cultivate a sustainable future for agriculture
- Provides unique networking opportunities with people from different sectors of the industry



Industry Resources

- The **ALERT Line** is a “producers helping producers” call-line that is designed to provide help and advice to producers on issues of animal care or welfare from within the industry. Increased usage of the ALERT Line keeps the workload of the Alberta SPCA down and helps cultivate a strong industry
 - AFAC has created illustrated **Humane Handling Guidelines** (beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and equine) for the industry. These booklets include information and sketches on health conditions, Codes of Practice, transportation concerns, relevant legislation/regulations, and euthanasia guidelines. Poultry Guidelines are

currently underway.

- A “How To” series for implementation of the Codes of Practice is a new initiative that AFAC has undertaken. Using a variety of communications and tools, AFAC will help to break down the Codes into easy-to-understand pieces, ready for implementation by producers on their farms.
- The Emergency Livestock Handling Equipment Trailers and Training Program is a program that was implemented in 2012 with the purpose of keeping both livestock and the public safe in emergencies (ex. truck rollovers, barn collapse, etc.)
- The AFAC NewsLines are a series of audio bytes, accompanied by a written article, designed to reach all areas of the livestock industry. These provide information on winter preparedness, new research, upcoming events, and more.

- Similar to the “How To” series, the Research Series will be focused on breaking research into usable information for farmers, providing advice on implementation on-farm, and attaching economic value to new information or technology

Expertise on Animal Care/Welfare

- AFAC staff are experts on animal behavior and welfare and can offer advice by serving on member committees or projects
- Where needed, we can also offer help, advice, or comprehensive services on creating animal care policies and/or programs for farms or organizations

Facilitating Discussion and Training

- AFAC can create, fund, and facilitate multi-commodity projects that examine issues relevant to more than one group, identify options for consideration, and drive change in the industry
- Similar to above, AFAC can provide a forum for discussion of industry issues affecting more than one commodity (i.e. euthanasia, transportation, biosecurity). By acting as a central coordinator, we can get the right players in the room to facilitate useful discussion
- AFAC also has the capability to coordinate/manage training workshops for our members (media training, handling, condition scoring)

Advocacy

- AFAC works at maintaining **social license** by telling the good story of animal agriculture through video, infographics, and other visual communication
- AFAC believes that the greater protection of our industry comes from being a community of groups that support one another while still acknowledging, where necessary, that there is a need for continual improvement
- The AFAC website is a one-stop shop for interested public/farmers wanting more information on farm animals. The website is currently in the process of being revamped so that we can make information more user-friendly and accessible.

Collaboration with Like-Minded Groups

- Strong collaborative relationships within and between provinces and into the USA allow AFAC to maximize the resources and information available to our members
- Sharing of resources across groups prevents wasteful spending and greatly benefits the agricultural community across North America



Discounted Services

- As a member of the management team for the Ag & Food Exchange, AFAC is able to provide discounted services to AFAC members (\$20,000+ membership) for services provided by the Ag & Food Exchange

*NOTE: The Ag & Food Exchange is an independent arm of the provincial Farm Animal Councils that provides the “reactive” coaching and expertise required when exposés or other activist-related propaganda hits the market. The Farm Animal Councils (including AFAC) are the “proactive” parents, focused on promoting the industry, facilitating discussion, and providing expertise on animal care and welfare before an incident occurs

Agriculture Education – student/youth engagement

- AFAC provides customized presentations to post-secondary educational institutions, educating on the principles of animal welfare, the purpose and drive of AFAC, and how member organizations work together to find solutions to complex issues that affect the industry as a whole
- AFAC has developed a number of resources for teachers to promote farming in Alberta (K-12)
- AFAC has established a working relationship with 4-H and many of the agriculture societies across Alberta – allowing us to disseminate information about the ways Alberta farmers and ranchers assure quality, safety, and humane care



Public Engagement

- AFAC engages with the public at many events, including the Calgary Stampede, FarmFair, Aggie Days, Agri-Trade, Open Farm Days, Breakfast on a Dairy Farm, and others
 - As we are a trusted source for information, we are able to connect well with the public at these events
 - We are also focused on the care of farm animals, not on markets, products, or economics
 - AFAC is in the process of developing simple, user-friendly fact sheets on different farm animal species – these will be easy to understand and directed at consumers; fact sheets may be co-branded with member organizations and will be distributed at public events

Active in Applied Research

- AFAC both facilitates and participates in consumer research on behalf of its members. Information that is discovered through this work is disseminated to members and can be used in future programs or communications.
- The Cattle Benchmarking Project is a multi-organization project that is aimed at determining the associated risk factors and the level of compromised cattle that are showing up at Alberta auctions and abattoirs. Once understood, this issue can be broken into a number of extension initiatives that can be disseminated by affected member groups.

Objective and Effective Communication

- The AFAC e-newsletter keeps AFAC members aware of the organization's activities as well as new initiatives of its members
- AFAC provides ongoing support to the NewStream Farm Animal Care e-newsletter, a service that provides producers with objective information on new developments in animal care and welfare
- On behalf of its members, AFAC is able to widely distribute information across the livestock industry as needed
- AFAC's social media is designed in order to engage in conversation with consumers and producers.

Alberta Farm Animal Care

Membership Information Package



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Who We Are

Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) was started by Alberta livestock producers in 1993. Over the last two decades AFAC has developed into the collective voice of the livestock industry on matters of farm animal welfare. AFAC has provided a coordinated approach for all areas of livestock production to work together to advance and promote responsible animal care.

AFAC's Guiding Principles

- 1) AFAC believes it is an ethical and social responsibility to raise and handle livestock in ways that result in a high state of welfare as indicated by the 5 freedoms.*
- 2) AFAC is an impactful, proactive organization that helps to identify and communicate about the principles of farm animal care and welfare. AFAC is committed to honest and fair communication. AFAC influences improvement in farm animal welfare through our discussions with animal agriculture organizations and the public.*
- 3) Collaboration with all animal agriculture organizations is crucial to the advancement of our vision and mission. Organizations involved with the farm animal industry include not only producers and single species groups, but also those in extension, research, enforcement, legislation, transportation, processing, and retailing.*
- 4) AFAC supports continuous improvement in farm animal welfare by encouraging implementation of science-based practices as well as demonstrating respect and compassion for farm animals in our care.*



Our Track Record

- ALERT line – resource call line of “farmers helping farmers”
- Livestock Care Conference – the latest innovations in farm animal welfare
- Livestock Emergency Handling Equipment Trailers and Training Program
- Information Leadership Initiative – the latest farm animal care news
- Canadian Livestock Transport and Certification (now housed nationally)
- Humane Handling Guidelines – booklets to help farmers/transporters make good decisions on handling, transport, and euthanasia
- How To's – a series to help you learn about and implement new practices on-farm
- Public and Youth Engagement – we talk to thousands of people every year about animal care in Alberta

What are we doing now?

- Consumer research on perceptions of animal welfare in Alberta
- “Heart of a Farmer” video series focused on telling the real story of farming – the good and the bad...and why we love it!
- Increasing awareness of animal care tools available in AB
- Speaking at agricultural institutions and public venues on animal welfare
- Partnering with like-minded organizations on Ag education



Martin Bowman, AFAC Board Member and Pig Farmer

How we are funded

AFAC’s current base operational funding is funded entirely from memberships and contributions from the farming and veterinary communities.

How Can YOU Help?

AFAC has strong goals for the future:

- To continue to be the strong collective voice of the livestock industry on matters of livestock welfare
- To improve farm animal care and welfare through education and engagement
- To improve and enhance engagement of the livestock industry in the care and welfare of farm animals
- To increase the public awareness of the principles of farm animal care, AFAC, its members and its mission.

To achieve these goals, we need **YOU!** You can help by:

- 1) *As a member, please consider making an ongoing financial contribution beyond your current membership dues.*
- 2) *As a member, if you are already making an ongoing financial contribution beyond your current membership dues, please consider increasing the amount of this contribution.*
- 3) *As a livestock industry supplier or organization, please consider becoming a **valued member** of AFAC. There are general membership opportunities as well as specific opportunities like those associated with our annual conference.*



Why should YOU be part of AFAC?

- People care more about animal welfare now than they ever have before – belonging to AFAC shows personal or organizational commitment to humane animal care
- We provide support to the industry, farmers, and consumers – we’re here to help!
- Opportunities to be involved with our ongoing projects and conferences as well as to support the industry-driven changes that are in motion
- Multi-species organization dedicated to livestock welfare – proactively communicating in a transparent manner on issues that are important to our society
- “Trusted voice” of welfare in the livestock industry and with the public

Contributor Recognition

AFAC is **committed** to recognizing our contributors. If there is anything else you would like to see us do, please get in touch with us!

Recognition	Sustaining Partner (\$30,000+ per year)	Supporting Partner (\$10,000 - \$29,000 per year)	Contributing Partner (\$1,000 - \$9,999 per year)	Contributor (Under \$1,000 per year)
Four Complimentary AFAC Conference Registrations	✓			
Two Complimentary AFAC Conference Registrations		✓		
Discounts on AFAC webinars and training sessions	✓	✓	✓	
Listing by Partner Level on AFAC Website	✓	✓	✓	
Easel Listing by Partner Level at all AFAC Events	✓	✓	✓	
Listing by Partner Level in All AFAC Publications	✓	✓	✓	✓
Subscription to AFAC e-newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free copies of AFAC public education resources	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free copies of new AFAC publications and resources	✓	✓	✓	✓

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2015
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	CDM REPORT
File:	63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Portable Weed Incinerator Update:

C157-15(03/24/15) RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to move the \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) for the portable weed incinerator from 2015 to 2018 Multi-Year Capital Plan. CARRIED.

C158-15(03/24/15) RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to rescind Resolution C47-15(01/13/15) regarding the tender for a portable weed disposal incinerator and include \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) in the 2015 operating budget to rent a portable disposal incinerator. CARRIED.

Agriculture: Pest & Predation Control

Beavers: to May 1,	2015	137 tails	\$4,110
	2014	188	\$5,460
Wolves: to May 1,	2015	19 wolves	\$ 4,750
	2014	58	\$14,500
	2013	78	\$19,500
	2012	118	\$49,550
	2011	93	\$44,750
	2010	46	\$22,250

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLUTION by _____ to accept the Community Development Manager's report to May 4, 2015 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager: <i>ABj</i>	CAO:
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 4, 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 May 4, 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:	May 4, 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
- Rental Equipment Usage summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 4, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

Clear Hills County Agricultural Fieldman Report

May 4, 2015

Aaron Zylstra

Pest Control

- 19 wolves, \$4,750 from January to April
- 1 producer required poison for coyote control
- 137 beaver tails were collected, \$4,110 since January
 - Total for last year – 188 beaver tails (\$5,460)

Trade show (April 11th)

- The trade show went very smooth this year. The main issues were relocating booths.
- Overall, attendance was down probably due to the numerous other shows happening the same weekend in Peace River, Ft St John and Grande Prairie.
- Breakfast plates sold – 420
- Banquet tickets sold – 104 (approx. an additional 35 people were there including staff & helping hands, entertainers, sponsors, etc)
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Rental Program

- I've have not had any successful applicants for the Agricultural Operations Assistant.
- Parts for the portal toilets trailer are here. The trailer needs the deck extended and a railing and everything installed.
- New hose reels have been built and water pump trailers are being modified.

Weed Program

- All weed inspectors have been hired.
- Training will begin May 18th.

Other Topics

- PCBFA will be doing soybean test plots in the Rycroft area.

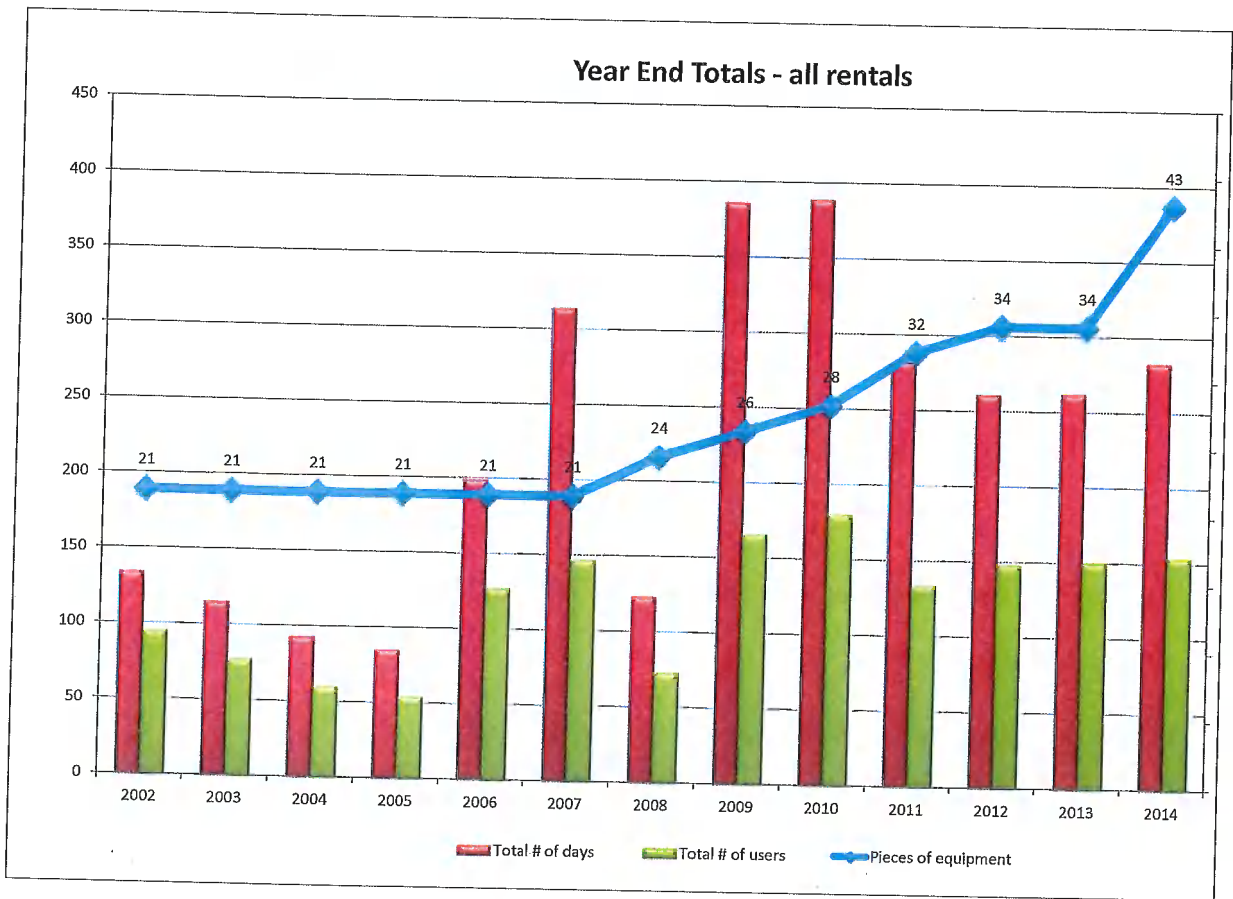
Events:

- Field Day with Peter Donovan, Maverick Livestock Farm, June 15th - 10AM
- Controlled Traffic Farming with Peter Gamache, late June
- Shelterbelt tree distribution - May 27th to 28th

Rental Equipment Use Summary(Dec - 2014)

Equipment	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	# of Users	# of days	# of Users	# of days	# of Users	# of days	# of Users	# of Days	# of Users	# of Days
Audio &Kitchen Equipment	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coyote Trap	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	7
Bale Tester	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quad Mount Rope Wick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hand Held Rope Wick	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pull/Push roller applicator	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	6	0	0
Rotowiper	1	1	4	10	1	1	2	2	1	1
Community Centre	11	13	5	6	11	14	10	22	10	15
Community Tables/Chairs	16	42	12	10	8	10	9	11	12	14
Corral Panels	8	14	6	6	9	16	14	21	6	9
Eco-Bran Applicator	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	2	0	0
Grain Bagger	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	6
Grain Bag Extractor	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	5
Grain Bag Roller	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
Grain Vac	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2
Grass Seeders-Hand Held	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Grass Seeders-Quad Mount	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Grill	11	29	7	9	8	13	5	3	8	12
Ball Hitch (2" & 2 5/16")	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magpie Traps	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Manure Spreader	5	17	2	6	5	27	5	17	2	11
Mulch Applicator	1	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Loading Chute	5	5	10	13	13	15	10	10	12	13
Post Pounder	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	17
Land Leveller	--	--	--	--	8	11	11	27	11	24
RFID Tag Reader	3	11	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rock Picker	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2.5
Rock Rake	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2.5
Roller Mill	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2
Bale Scale	8	8	7	6	3	3	3	3	4	4
Livestock Scale	2	7	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	2
Scare Cannon #91060254	--	--	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0
Signs	--	--	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0
Backpack Sprayer	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quad Mounted Sprayer	7	29	4	14	6	11	8	30	4	4
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	6	15	5	35	7	32	6	8	8	29
Skid Mount Sprayer	1	1	4	16	1	2	3	4	0	0
Steam Tables	--	--	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toilets	3	12	4	5	4	8	8	13	5	8
Tree Spade	--	--	4	6	7	10	10	16	7	12
Livestock Ultrasound	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Wash Station	3	8	5	6	3	4	4	8	2	4
Water Pumps	67	110	25	35	36	57	21	34	32	54
PTO Pump Only	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Extra Hoses	16	51	9	65	3	7	3	12	2	15
Zero Till Drills	--	--	2	2	6	10	4	5	2	6
Total # of days		389		282		261		262		283
Total # of users	180		134		148		150		154	

Rental Equipment Use Summary(Dec - 2014)



Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 4, 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:

- V.S.I Services (1980) Ltd. – letter – (63-10-40)
- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association – Newsletter – (63-02-02)
- Beef Cattle Conference – Registration Package – (63-02-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of May 4, 2015 as presented.

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

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD

A nonprofit organization providing veterinary care in Alberta

BOX 202

FAIRVIEW, AB T0H 1L0
PH 780 835 4531

April 30, 2015

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

Dear Allan

I am sending this letter as a follow up to the first quarter report of VSI expenditures, for your jurisdiction, that was e-mailed to aaron@clearhillscounty.ab.ca and sarah@chlearhillscounty.ab.ca.

Following is an estimate of your current VSI account status:

	Claims	Payments	Balance
Jan. 1, 2015			\$ 706
Payments in 2015 First Quarter	\$5,839	\$31,800	32,506 26,667

Your opening balance is subject to slight modification because we do not have the audited financial statement for 2014.

Administrative fees and investment income has not been calculated or included for the first three months of 2015.

Overall there is a 20.3% increase in total claims for the first quarter of 2015 compared to 2014. Total costs have increased 18.3% over the same time period. The increased value of cattle is considered to be the most likely cause of the increased demand.

Four (4) of the sixteen (16) VSI jurisdictions had a decrease in their first quarter costs. Decreases ranged from 1.9% to 39.5% of 2014 first quarter costs. Increases, in the other twelve (12) jurisdictions ranged from 1.0% to 140.0% of 2014 first quarter costs

Your 2015 first quarter claims are \$531 (**10.0%**) **higher** than for the first quarter of 2014.

If you have any questions or if you detect any errors in the report or in my calculations in this letter please let me know.

Yours sincerely

J. M. Henderson, Manager

cc Aaron Zylstra
Sarah Hayward

ASB Correspondence
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PCBFA Board of Directors

By Stacy Pritchard

Volume 11
Issue 123
April 2015

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The 2015 PCBFA AGM was held on Feb 20 in Fairview. We had 85 producers and members of industry in attendance for a great evening. Everyone enjoyed presentations on PCBFA projects from the past year as well as a video on the Australia Study Tour. We had a market outlook presentation from Ryan Copithorne from Cows in Control and finished of the evening with live music and dancing! A big thank you to everyone who came out and to all of our door prize sponsors!



The 2015 PCBFA AGM saw 2 directors, Elton Kauffman and Steve Johnson leave our board after serving for a great 4 years. We are sad to see them go, and have greatly appreciated all of their input and everything they have done for our association. Steve and Elton, we will miss you!

We are pleased to introduce our 2 new directors who were elected at the AGM: Preston Basnett and Nancy VanHerk.

Preston Basnett – Clear Hills County

Can you tell us a bit about your operation?

We have a primarily cow/calf operation of 150 of our own pairs and about 100 that we manage as well. We keep 10-30 heifers back every year. We own/rent 13 quarters, and all the cultivated land is used for feed production for our own use and we don't use any community pastures.

What direction are you planning for your operation over the next 5 years?

It's hard to say, it all depends on land prices. Will likely increase our land base by renting rather than buying land.

Where do you hope to see the beef industry as whole go over the next 5 years?

I hope it stays where it is, but that all depends on the dollar. I think it will stay strong for a couple years at least.

What types of projects and events are you interested in participating in over the next few years as you become more involved with the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association?

Different forages, Gabe Brown and cover crops. Improved management options.

Why did you decide to become a PCBFA Director?

It was suggested by a couple cousins. Figured there was lots to learn. Broaden how a person can use forages and learn more about forages.

Nancy VanHerk – Clear Hills County

Can you tell us a bit about your operation?

Farm with my husband Pieter. We have a 150 head cow/calf operation.

What direction are you planning for your operation over the next 5 years?

Still farming, want to retire eventually, while we can still enjoy retirement.

Where do you hope to see the beef industry as whole go over the next 5 years?

Enjoy the prices for a few years before they slide again.

PCBFA Board of Directors

By: Stacy Pritchard

What types of projects and events are you interested in participating in over the next few years as you become more involved with the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association?

Whatever the staff tells me to do! Interested in Riparian reclamation, forages and soil health.

Why did you decide to become a PCBFA Director?

Wanted something to do off the farm, have always been involved with the association and figured it was a good idea.

In the coming year we will see 3 more directors leave our board: Randi Kuriga, Gary These and Peter Tindall. We caught up with Randi and Peter to find out what their experience being a PCBFA director was like.

Randi Kuriga – MD of Fairview

Can you tell us a bit about your operation? What have you implemented on your operation that you learned from PCBFA?

We farm with my husband's dad on a small cattle operation with a breeding herd and grain to sustain the herd. We have learned to be more water and runoff conscious and also about soil health.

Why did you become a PCBFA Director?

I grew up in the forage association because my dad was a past president and I know the value of an association like this. To let Young Farmers know what is out there and that it's a viable industry.

What changes have you seen in the beef industry in the last 5 years?

People with smaller operations have left because its been tough and now there's interest in getting back in because of better prices, I'm hoping it continues

What was the best part of being a PCBFA Director?

Getting to see first-hand and having more involvement in projects and seeing differences along the way. I really enjoyed being on the board and have seen the impact and how successful PCBFA has been. Getting to see the excitement and enthusiasm about the projects and their impact and being a part of that excitement.

What would you say to our newest directors about your experience?

Don't be afraid to get involved. It might seem like there's a lot to get caught up on, but you'll catch up quickly. Pay attention – I got a lot out of being Secretary and the ARECA Representative because it gets you more involved. Farmers genuinely want to see you and the association succeed! It's great to be a part of.

How has PCBFA changed in the time you've been a director?

Younger people stepping onto the board. Changes in management, and even with the changes, everyone wants to be involved and the enthusiasm is building!

Keep Your Eyes Open between April 1st & 15th for Updates on Growing Forward 2 Programs!

Visit

**www.growingforward.alberta.ca
For Program Details and to
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Peter Tindall – MD of Big Lakes

Can you tell us a bit about your operation? What have you implemented on your operation that you learned from PCBFA?

I have a cow/calf operation of 300 plus cows and I background to spring, maybe August before selling my calves. My plan is to cut back this fall. I've started using more off-site watering, using wet wells with solar panels for watering my animals.

Why did you become a PCBFA Director?

It was suggested by neighbours and former board members.

What changes have you seen in the beef industry in the last 5 years?

Its profitable now with the prices being good!

What was the best part of being a PCBFA Director?

Getting to meet people, different ideas and people who have implemented them. The information is more personal and direct. You put more effort into going to events when you're part of the association.

What would you say to our newest directors about your experience?

Beef production is a full time job! Talk to neighbours and ask what they would like to see, or if they have projects or ideas. Take small steps, don't try to change the world overnight.

How has PCBFA changed in the time you've been a director?

More staff, more projects and extension, and the addition of the cropping program. PCBFA has a broader base now than before, but is still focused on beef and forage.

We couldn't offer the depth of programs and projects without the support of a great group of Directors. Our Board is made up of 10 producers from across the Peace Country, with 4 from North of the Peace River and 4 from South of the Peace River as well as 2 Directors at Large. Terms are 2 years long and a director can serve up to 2 terms in a row (4 years).

Our board meets about once a month, sometimes more, sometimes less depending on the time of year and what's going on with the association. These meetings alternate between Rycroft and Falher to even up the driving! Our board members are always ready and willing to help, whether its vehicle shopping, looking for project ideas and sites, hosting field days or helping out with projects.

Our 2015 Board of Directors:

Peter Tindall – High Prairie

Randi Kuriga – Whitelaw

Thomas Claydon – Valleyview

Conrad Dolen – Silver Valley

Nancy VanHerk – Hines Creek

Gary These – Peace River

John Prinse – Enilda

Jordan Barnfield – Sexsmith

Stan Logan – Cleardale

Preston Basnett – Eureka River

We'd like to take this chance to thank our Board of Directors, especially Steve and Elton for all of their help over the years and we hope to continue to see you at our events!



Contact us for:

- Project Ideas

- Feed Testing

- Environmental Farm Plans

- Growing Forward 2 Assistance

- Ration Formulation Help

- Past Project Information

Upcoming Events!

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Soil Health 101

Learn about soil health & biology with Dr. Yamily Zavala, Crop and Soil Management Specialist with the Chinook Applied Research Association In Oyen AB

\$15/Member, \$25/Member
Pair,

\$20/Non-Member,
\$25/Non-Member
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Sexsmith
April 23, 2015
Location TBA
1-3 pm

High Prairie
April 22, 2015
Ag Society
Hall 1-3 pm

For more
information &
to register, call
Kaitlin at
780-835-6799



Don't Forget to Renew Your PCFBA membership for 2015!!!

Mail your \$30 Membership fee to:

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
Box 2803
High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0

Include any contact information changes.

Peter Donovan Summer Tour Soil Carbon Coalition

Join us to learn about the Soil Carbon Coalition, Carbon Sequestration and the relationship between carbon, water and soil!

June 15, 2015
Clear Hills County

More Details to Come

Controlled Traffic Farming Workshop

Join us, with Peter Gamache for a day of learning about the benefits of CTF and how you can get started!

Clear Hills County
Late June

More Details to Come!

Dr. Christine Jones Returns!

Join us for a Field Day this summer with Dr. Christine Jones
Late July

More Details to Come!

For more information or to register for PCBFA events please call Stacy or Kaitlin
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UCVM Beef Cattle Conference 2015

Pushing the Frontiers
of Beef Cattle Health

June 17

Pre-Conference
Workshops

Clinical Skills Building
University of Calgary
Spyhill Campus

June 18-19

Deerfoot Inn & Casino

Calgary, Alberta

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

vet.ucalgary.ca/beef

You are invited to join us...

at the 5th Annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference.

This 3-day event will address important current beef industry issues. Topics to be presented this year include:

- Prudent drug use
- Applied animal welfare
- Hot topics in cattle health

The 2015 UCVM Beef Cattle Conference will begin June 17 with a full day of workshops (held at our Spyhill Campus), followed by a 2-day conference (June 18-19) at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in Calgary, AB.

Speakers this year include experts from University of Calgary (UCVM), University of Saskatchewan, Iowa State University, veterinary practitioners, beef industry leaders, and producers. Program details and other essential information are attached and can be also be downloaded at www.vet.ucalgary.ca/beef.

Plenty of time will be allocated for networking and interaction with conference presenters and beef industry stakeholders. On behalf of UCVM, we invite you to participate in our fifth annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference. We know you will take home valuable and applicable knowledge on current topics of concern to the beef industry and your farm or business.

If you have any questions, please contact our conference coordinator, Brenda Moore, at 403-210-7309 or email beef@ucalgary.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Drs. John Kastelic and Claire Windeyer, Conference Chairs

Department of Production Animal Health
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
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Wednesday, June 17

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

**UCVM Clinical Skills Building, Spyhill Campus
11877 – 85th St NW, Calgary, AB**

8:00 – 8:30 AM Coffee and Registration

Workshops will be offered morning and afternoon (8:30 AM – noon and 1:00 – 4:30 PM) to give registrants opportunity to attend both. Lunch is included with registration. Registration is limited to a maximum of 40 participants in each session.

1. Low-stress cattle handling: Creating production event success with movements cattle can read. What? Cattle can read?

Facilitator: Dr. Lynn Locatelli, Cattlexpressions

People's interaction with livestock can have either a negative or positive impact on animal health, performance, and subsequent handling ease. Plan to attend this Low Stress Cattle Handling Workshop to learn cattle handling techniques that will improve cattle health, wellbeing, performance, handler safety and profitability in your operation.

2. Managing cattle that are non-responsive to treatment, including proper techniques for euthanasia

A. Using a convalescent pen to manage cases intractable to treatment

Facilitator: Dr. Eugene Janzen, University of Calgary

Feedlot cattle that fail to respond to treatment are often removed from their large home pen and segregated in a smaller pen. The objective of this part of the workshop is to discuss when to segregate cattle and how to manage them.

B. Techniques for proper euthanasia of cattle

Facilitator: Dr. Jan Shearer, Iowa State University

Failed attempts at euthanasia of cattle occur far too often. The objective of this workshop is to ensure that participants know the correct location, firearm and bullet selection, and correct use of a captive bolt, to ensure that euthanasia is conducted appropriately.

4:30 – 5:00 PM Tour of Clinical Skills Building

Program subject to change



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Thursday, June 18

7:30 – 8:25 AM Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:25 – 8:30 AM Dr. John Kastelic, University of Calgary | Welcome and introductory remarks

Prudent Drug Use | Chair: TBD

8:30 – 9:20 AM Cherie Copithorne-Barnes, CL Ranches | *Science vs. passion – Who will win?*

9:20 – 9:40 AM Dr. Doug Inglis, AAFC, Lethbridge | Research in Progress: *Prebiotic and probiotic use in beef cattle: The good, the bad, and the benign*

9:40 – 10:30 AM Dr. Trisha Dowling, University of Saskatchewan | *One Health: Teaming up in the battle against the superbugs!*

10:30 – 11:00 AM Refreshment Break

11:00 – 11:50 AM Dr. Dorothy Erickson, Zoetis | *What does antimicrobial resistance mean to you?*

11:50 AM – 12:10 PM Dr. Tiphaine Crepieux, University of Calgary | Research in Progress: *Gaseous nitric oxide as an alternative to antibiotics for the prevention of BRD*

12:10 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

Applied Animal Welfare | Chair: TBD

1:00 – 1:40 PM Dr. Ed Pajor, University of Calgary | *Does animal welfare really matter? Recent developments that could impact your bottom line*

1:40 – 2:00 PM Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky, University of Calgary | Research in Progress: *Newborn beef calf vigour and colostrum consumption*

2:00 – 2:50 PM Dr. Lynn Locatelli, Cattleexpressions | *Partnering with cattle for fun and effective communication*

2:50 – 3:20 PM Refreshment Break

3:20 – 3:50 PM Dr. Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein, AAFC, Lethbridge | *Occurrence, characterization and risk factors associated with lameness within Alberta feedlots: Preliminary results*

3:50 – 4:20 PM Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed, Alberta Beef Health Solutions | *National feedlot animal care assessment program*

4:20 – 5:00 PM Student Poster Presentations

5:00 – 6:00 PM Cocktails and Poster Presentations

6:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner

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8:00 – 8:25 AM Continental Breakfast

8:25 – 8:30 AM Dr. Claire Windeyer, University of Calgary | Introductory Remarks

Hot Topics in Cattle Health | Chair: TBD

8:30 – 9:10 AM Dr. Cody Creelman, Veterinary Agri-Health Services | *Social media in agriculture #TeamBeef*

9:10 – 9:30 AM Daniela Melendez Suarez, University of Calgary | *Research in Progress: Pain assessment of castration in beef cattle at 3 different industry relevant ages*

9:30 – 10:10 AM Dr. Cameron Knight, University of Calgary | *Investigating fetal calf mortality*

10:10 – 10:40 AM Refreshment Break

10:40 – 11:00 AM Dr. Edouard Timsit, University of Calgary | *Research in Progress: Automated monitoring: What are the best parameters to detect BRD in feedlot cattle?*

11:00 – 11:40 AM Fawn Jackson, Canadian Cattlemen's Association | *Defining and providing sustainable beef*

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM Kelsey Gray, UCVN Class of 2017 | *Case Report: Suspected monensin toxicity at a cow-calf ranch*

12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 – 1:50 PM Dr. Bart Lardner, Western Beef Development Centre | *Revisiting heifer development*

1:50 – 2:10 PM Dr. Todd Gunderson, Foothills Veterinary Clinic and Country Vets | *Case Report: An unusual outbreak of infectious joint disease in young calves with possible involvement of Mycoplasma bovis: Findings, interventions, and outcomes*

2:10 – 2:50 PM Dr. Oliver Schunicht, Feedlot Health Management Services | *Preconditioning pays... in the right relationship*

2:50 – 3:30 PM William Torres, Cattleland Feedyards | *Beef, the other vegetable; why no longer is just the cattle being managed*

3:30 PM ADJOURN



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Hotel Information

Deerfoot Inn & Casino (Conference Location)

11500 – 35th Street SE
Calgary, AB T2Z 3W4

Local: 403-236-7529 | Toll-free: 1-877-236-5225

www.deerfootinn.com

Conference Room Rate*:

- Deluxe King (single and double occupancy):
\$169/night + tax
- Deluxe 2 Queen (single and double occupancy):
\$169/night + tax

At time of booking, please indicate that you are booking under the UCVM Beef Cattle Conference group.

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Group Code: **GTJUC1**

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**Based on availability – PLEASE BOOK EARLY!*



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(Please PRINT clearly)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
(As you would like it to appear on your name badge)

Company / Ranch (will be included on your name badge): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Affiliation to beef industry (Please check all that apply):

Producer Veterinarian AHT Government Research/Academia Industry Student Other _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS*	EARLY (BY May 15)	LATE (AFTER May 15)	AMOUNT
Pre-Conference WORKSHOPS** June 17:			
Low-stress Cattle Handling: <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	\$75	\$100	\$
Managing Cattle Non-responsive to Treatment: <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	\$75	\$100	\$
Low-stress Cattle Handling AND Managing Cattle Non-responsive to Treatment	\$125	\$175	\$
CONFERENCE June 18-19:			
Two-day Conference Registration	\$225	\$325	\$
One-day Registration: SPECIFY DAY <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, June 18 ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 19 ONLY	\$175	\$225	\$
Student 2-day Conference Registration (proof of current student status to accompany registration form)	\$100	\$150	\$
OPTIONAL:			
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$65	\$70	\$
Spouse/Guest, Thursday Evening Dinner Ticket	\$65	\$70	\$
		Sub-Total	\$

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION includes admission to conference sessions as indicated above; USB card with conference notes; continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks 5% GST \$

** Lunch is included with all workshop registrations. Registration for workshops will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each workshop session is limited to a maximum of 40 participants. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!** **TOTAL \$** _____

Please provide me with a CE certificate (up to 17.5 credits available)

Dietary restrictions _____

Registration fee non-refundable; delegate substitution is permitted upon written request

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Credit Card: Visa _____ MC _____ Amex _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature of cardholder: _____

Cheque Enclosed Please make cheque payable to: **University of Calgary**

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