

**AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2018**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting in the Council Chambers of the County Office, Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
May 7, 2018**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
MacKay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Julie Watchorn	Member
Garry Candy	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative

IN ATTENDANCE

Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA
AG20(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:

- 7e. Weed Inspector Appointments**
- 7f. Pest Inspector Appointments**
- 7g. Ag in Motion July 17-19**
- 7h. Consumer Information**
- 7i. Clubroot**
- 7j. No Till Conference**
- 7k. Design and plant your Edible forest and Garden**
- 7l. Agricultural Service Board Terms**

CARRIED.

AG21(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION

North Peace Applied Research Association

Nora Paulovich, with the North Peace Applied Research Association will be in attendance to present what they do, and a funding request for support of their programming.

AG22(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation by Nora Paulovich with the North Peace Applied Research Association and recommend Council approve \$5,000.00 in the 2019 operating budget to fund North Peace Applied Research Association projects in the County and region.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

<p>AG23(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Rental Equipment</p>	<p>The Board is presented with an analysis of the rental equipment fleet as requested by the Board.</p>
<p>AG24(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board to table consideration of keeping or disposing of the Zero Till Drill to the next Agricultural Services Board meeting, pending information on modifying the transport feature for better clearance. CARRIED.</p>
<p>AG25(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board table the Rental Equipment analysis to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.</p> <p>Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:17 p.m.</p>
<p>AG26(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service to change the order of the agenda and move to the VSI Services Update. CARRIED.</p>
<p>VSI Services Update</p>	<p>The Board is presented with a resolution from Council regarding lobbying the membership to include horses as eligible livestock under the program. Board direction is required for developing the formal request to VSI for this.</p>
<p>AG27(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around including commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. until the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Trade Show</p>	<p>The Board is requested to share feedback on the 24th Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 14, 2018 and suggestions for the 2019 Trade Show, which will also be the 25th anniversary for this event.</p>
<p>AG28(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the 24th Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 14, 2018 and ideas for the 25th Annual Trade Show that will be held on April 13, 2019. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Policy 6302 – written Report from Jeanne Lawrence</p>	<p>The Board is presented with a written report from Jeanne Lawrence who attended the Organic Alberta Conference on February 9-10, 2018 as per Policy 6302.</p>

- AG29(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the written report from Jeanne Lawrence who attended the Organic Conference on February 9-12, 2018 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta as approved under Policy 6302. **CARRIED.**
- Corrections to
December 11, 2017
Minutes
- The Board is presented with recommended corrections to the December 11, 2017 minutes. The corrections are noting when a Board Member entered the room after a motion was carried, and when a Board Member left due to pecuniary interest.
- AG30(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopt the December 11, 2017 minutes as corrected, the corrections are documenting when a Board member entered the room after a motion was carried, and when a Board member left due to pecuniary interest. **CARRIED.**
- NEW BUSINESS
Events
- The Board is presented with events for their consideration.
- AG31(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Candy the March 29, 2018 Soil Health Series Part 2 in St. Isidore, Alberta at the Cultural Centre. **CARRIED.**
- AG32(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Candy and Deputy Chair Ruecker that attended the Industrial Hemp Production Workshop that was held at the Triangle Hall in High Prairie, Alberta on April 17, 2018. **CARRIED.**
- AG33(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross that attended the Agriculture Finance Dinner and Evening at the Savanna Agricultural Ag Centre on April 10, 2018. **CARRIED.**
- Councillor Janzen left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.
- AG34(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Ross, and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend the Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop on June 19, 2018 at the Brownvale Hall. **CARRIED.**
- AG35 (05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend the Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop on June 20, 2018 in Wanham, Alberta. **CARRIED.**
- AG36(05/07/18)** RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ross and

Member Candy to attend the 2018 Soil Health Series with Kelly Sidoryk on June 23, 2018 at the Hanson Ranch in Valleyview, Alberta. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for a break at 1:20 p.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened from a break at 1:26 p.m.

AG37(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy to attend the Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour on July 10-13, 2018 in Strathcona County. CARRIED.

Livestock Predation
& Beaver Control
Policy Updates

The Board is presented with the revised Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307, Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315 and Beaver Control Policy 3234 that Council adopted at their February 27, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

AG38(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the updated Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307, Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315 and Beaver Control Policy 3234 as presented. CARRIED.

2018 Regional
Agricultural Service
Board Conference

Clear Hills County will be hosting the Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference in 2018, and the Board is requested to provide direction for planning the event for this fall.

AG39(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board schedules the 2018 Peace Region Agricultural Services Board Conference for October 30, 2018 at the David Thompson Hall from 10:00 am. to 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.

Add In:
Weed inspector
Appointments

Weed Control Inspectors are required to be appointed as per section 7 of the Weed Control Act. The Board is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Weed Control Act for Clear Hills County.

AG40(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor, and Roxanne Lefebvre as weed inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2018 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. CARRIED.

Add In:
Pest Inspector
Appointments

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act; and the Board is requested to appoint

	<p>Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Agricultural Pests Act for Clear Hills County in 2018.</p>
<p>AG41(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Gary Proctor, and Roxanne Lefebvre as pest inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2018 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add in: Ag in Motion</p>	<p>Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda. Ag in Motion is being held on July 17-19, 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.</p>
<p>AG42(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board Approve the attendance of Member Ross to attend Ag in Motion being held on July 17-19, 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add in: Consumer Information</p>	<p>Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.</p>
<p>AG43(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around purchasing Consumer Information statistics. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add in: Clubroot</p>	<p>Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.</p>
<p>AG44(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around Clubroot. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add in: No Till Conference</p>	<p>Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda. The National No Tillage Conference is January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis.</p>
<p>AG45(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information of the No Till Conference to the September August Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add in: Design and plant your Edible Forest & Garden</p>	<p>Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.</p>
<p>AG46(05/07/18)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the Design and Plant your Edible Forest and Garden to the September August Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.</p>
<p>Add In:</p>	

Agricultural Service Board Term

Member Ross requested this be added to today's agenda.

AG47(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Agricultural Service Board Term. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG48(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2018 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

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

Deputy Chair Ruecker attended the following:

- February 23, 2018 Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Annual General Meeting.
- February 28, 2018 Sainfoin in your Crop workshop
- March 8, 2018 Peace Classic Tradeshow and the Caribou Species at Risk information session in Grande Prairie, Alberta.
- March 14 & 15, 2018 Peace Region Forage Seed Association Production & Marketing seminar.
- March 29, 2018 Building Soil Health in St. Isidore
- April 17, 2018 Industrial Hemp Workshop at the Triangle Hall near High Prairie, Alberta.

AG49(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2018 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information & Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
2. Member Candy photo in Alberta Farm Press – (63-10-02)
3. Alberta Open Farm Days – Email - (63-10-02)
4. Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame – Information – (63-10-02)
5. Alberta Beef Producers call for nominations for the 2019 Environmental Stewardship Award – Nomination Information – (63-10-02)
6. Edmonton Journal – Veterinarian Shortage looms for Rural Alberta – (63-10-02)

AG50(05/07/18)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence as presented. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

DRAFT

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accepts the June 18, 2018 ASB Activity Report as presented.

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



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				
June 12, 2017				
AG63	(06/12/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board invite Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Fieldman to attend a future Agricultural Service Board meeting to discuss how the Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) program works within their municipality.	AF	Monitoring how Northern Sunrise County make out with program they started this year
September 11, 2017				
AG81	(09/11/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration investigate creating a library of video tutorials for operating the various equipment in the rental equipment fleet.	AF	In the works
November 6, 2017				
AG127	(11/06/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board recommend administration bring back further information on Predation Compensation to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting with the goal of developing a resolution for the 2018 Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference.	AF	In the works
February 12, 2018				
AG04	(02/12/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table discussion on further lobbying the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry for Genetically Modified Alfalfa to be elevated to a prohibited noxious weed until the September Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	
May 7, 2018				
AG22	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation by Nora Paulovich with the North Peace Applied Research Association and recommend Council approve \$5,000.00 in the 2019 operating budget to fund North Peace Applied	CDM	Aug. Mtg.



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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
		Research Association projects in the County and region.		
AG24	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board to table consideration of keeping or disposing of the Zero Till Drill to the next Agricultural Services Board meeting, pending information on modifying the transport feature for better clearance.	AF	June 18, 2018 RFD
AG25	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board table the Rental Equipment analysis to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	June 18, 2018 RFD
AG27	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around including commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. until the next Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	June 18, 2018 RFD
AG45	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information of the No Till Conference to the September August Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	Aug. Mtg.
AG46	(05/07/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on the Design and Plant your Edible Forest and Garden to the September August Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	Aug. Mtg.
Items in Waiting				
AG133	(12/12/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around the CombCut Selective Mower and bring back information once the University of Saskatchewan field trial study is complete.		2020 OR 2021



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EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
AG21	(02/13/17)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board table motion AG109(10/17/16) regarding Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat until new information is available.		
AG47	(03/13/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send a letter to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry requesting the province to investigate the benefit of implementing a Land Drainage Tile Program similar to the province of Ontario's.	AF	Sent to Alberta Ag. & Forestry

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	RENTAL EQUIPMENT
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Board tabled two motions regarding Rental Equipment at the May 7, 2018 meeting to this meeting.

BACKGROUND:

AG24(05/07/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board to table consideration of keeping or disposing of the Zero Till Drill to the next Agricultural Services Board meeting, pending information on modifying the transport feature for better clearance. CARRIED.

AG25(05/07/18) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board table the Rental Equipment analysis to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Recommendations
- Deposit & Rental Rates
- Policy 6310

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Resolution by.....that this Agricultural Service Board ...

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

AgFieldman:



Summary & Recommendations

Item	Cost Prohibitive	Innovative	Other Vendor	Recommendations
Corral Panels				Keep - due to use
Grain Bag Extractor			✓	Sell - available at another vendor
Grain Bagger			✓	Sell-available at another vendor
Grain Vac			✓	Sell-available at another vendor
Land Leveller	✓			keep-meets policy & used
Loading Chute			✓	Sell-available at another vendor
Manure Spreader	✓			Keep-meets policy & used
Post Hole Auger				Sell - lack of use
Post Pounder				Keep - due to use
Rock Picker	✓			Sell-lack of use
Rock Rake	✓			Sell lack of use
Roller Mill				Keep - low value, some use
Bale Scale				Keep-low value & some use
Sickle Mower				Sell - lack of use
Tree Spade	✓			Keep - shelterbelts & use
Wire Roller				Keep - low cost & some use
Zero Till Drill				Sell - lack of use

Clear Hills County Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
<i>BBQ (NEW)</i>	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Chem Wipe Applicators-				
Quad Mount (rope wick)	\$50.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Hand Held (rope wick)	\$50.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
Push/Pull Roller Applicator	\$50.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
Rotowiper (3)	\$50.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Eco Bran Applicator</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Extra Hose</i>	\$50.00 (if rented by itself)	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No charge 2 days
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$50.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grain Bagger & truck unloader.</i>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grills</i>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$260.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge
<i>Post Hole Auger</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	No charge 2 days
<i>Rock Picker</i>	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Rock Rake</i>	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Bale Spear Scale</i>	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge
<i>"SMOKE" Signs</i>	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Sprayers				
Backpack	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Quad Mounted	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
Quad Pull Type	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
Skidmount (3)	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
Truck Mount	\$200.00	No charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Sickle Mower</i>	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Steam Table</i>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Tables & Chairs</i>	\$50.00	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days
<i>Toilets</i>	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Tree Spade</i>	\$300.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Water Pump				
Summer (April - Sept)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
Winter (Oct - March)	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Zero Till Drill</i>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days

Round Plastic Tables: 12
 Rectangle Plastic Tables: 22
 Wooden Rectangular Tables: 31
 Folding Chairs: 154

updated February 16, 2018



Clear Hills County

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

1. Policy Statement:

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

2. Purpose:

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

3. Responsibilities

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

the rental rate of that equipment.

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

4. Reference to Legislation

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

5. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

Resolution C170(02/22/10)

Date: February 22, 2011

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Lobby to have Horses included in VSI
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board tabled developing a resolution to include commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Agreement until this meeting to allow members the opportunity to speak with horse owners in their areas.

BACKGROUND:

Past stalling points on getting horses included:

1. Definition of what a "commercial horse" is
2. What services to offer?

AG27(05/07/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around including commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. until the next Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

C220-18(04-24-18) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to lobby the VSI members to include horses in eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) program. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- May 7 RFD & background

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board develop a resolution to include commercial horses as eligible livestock under the VSI agreement with the following:

1. Commercial Horse definition.....
2. Eligible horses to qualify for the following services.....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: <i>GC</i>
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May 7 RFD

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 7, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	VSI Services updates
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a resolution from Council regarding lobbying the membership to include horses as eligible livestock under the program. Board direction is required for developing the formal request to VSI for this.

BACKGROUND:

C220-18(04-24-18) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to lobby the VSI members to include horses in eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) program. CARRIED.

Council has been approached by commercial horse producers in the County to lobby VSI membership to have horses included under the program as they feel they should be considered a commercial animal, no different from cattle or swine.

This request will need to be taken to VSI's annual general meeting in November. To do this a formal request must be developed and sent to VSI for inclusion on the AGM agenda. In the past the definition of what constitutes a commercial horse, as well as services and levels of support envisioned were the stalling points for having horses included.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Email from VSI Services re: horse issue

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board proceed on Council resolution C220-18 to lobby the VSI membership to include commercial horses as eligible livestock under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. program and direct a formal request be prepared for presentation at the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Annual General Meeting.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	AgFieldman:
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From: Greg Coon
Sent: May-02-18 7:56 AM
To: Audrey Bjorklund; Sarah Hayward
Subject: FW: VSI services coverage

Please include this in the agenda as an attachment to the VSI RFD

From: Rik Vandekerkhove [mailto:vsiservices16@gmail.com]
Sent: May-01-18 9:49 PM
To: Greg Coon
Subject: Re: VSI services coverage

Hi Greg,

I've been spending some time going over the minutes of past AGM to find anything further on the horse issue. Also contacted Jim Henderson, the previous manager. He mentioned the horse issue coming up in the past, but faltering on the resistance of the municipalities. Resistance was mostly based on the fact how to determine what horse is a commercial horse. In order to proceed the request must be formalized and brought to the VSI annual AGM for recommendation to the board of directors to include (commercial) horses. It should have a clear definition as to what constitutes a commercial horse, as well as services and levels of support envisioned. Let me know if you want me to keep digging further on past resolutions reg horse coverage.

Have a great day

Rik

On Mon, Apr 30, 2018 at 1:10 PM, Greg Coon <Greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Rik,

Our council was approached by one of our ratepayers to see if commercial horses could be included in the services agreement with VSI.

Does this request have to be formalized and brought to the VSI annual AGM?

Greg Coon

Agricultural Fieldman

Clear Hills County

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Ag Fieldman
Title:	Genetically Modified Alfalfa
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information from County of Northern Lights and the MD of Smoky River regarding followup work to the Province not approving elevating GMO alfalfa to a prohibited noxious weed under the Weed Control Act.

BACKGROUND:

- AG40(03/13/17) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council prepare a Bylaw elevating Genetically Modified Alfalfa to prohibited noxious weed status until such time as the product is accepted by all world markets. CARRIED.
- C162-17(03/28/17) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to give first reading to Bylaw 218-17, a bylaw for the purpose of elevating Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) when Genetically Engineered to a Prohibited Noxious plant under the Weed Control Act within the boundaries of Clear Hills County. CARRIED.
- C163-17(03/28/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to give second reading to Bylaw 218-17, a bylaw for the purpose of elevating Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) when Genetically Engineered to a Prohibited Noxious plant under the Weed Control Act within the boundaries of Clear Hills County. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. County of Northern Lights Letter to The Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
2. Municipal District of Smoky River Letter to The Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information. (no further action)
2. Recommend further lobbying by drafting a letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food in support of The County of Northern Lights...

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>AG</i> AgFieldman: <i>GC</i>



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May 15, 2018

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The Honorable Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Dear Honorable Minister:

SUBJECT: Restriction of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa

The Council for the County of Northern Lights, together with our surrounding municipal neighbors within the Peace Region of Northwest Alberta, have been trying to keep our area free of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa for the past 2 years. Up to this time, we have not received the support of our provincial government, and we are writing your department to request your support and consideration of our concerns.

The Peace Region of Alberta – the Peace Block includes the north east portion of BC and is a large forage product producer. Because of its geographical isolation, this area has the potential to prevent the establishment of GE Alfalfa. The Municipal District of Smoky River in northwestern Alberta, produced the first bylaw against GE Alfalfa, with many other municipalities following suit, as well as BC Peace Districts. We believe that with this Peace Region Block we can prevent the establishment of GE Alfalfa and secure a regional niche forage industry; however, the Department of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has denied the request to designate GE Alfalfa as Prohibited Noxious and they have stated that the Weed Control Act is “not meant to regulate commerce or the marketplace”.

The Canadian Forage and Hay Industries have built their foreign trade reputation on variety purity. There are many countries that our seed and hay are exported to that do not accept GE products. In other countries, only a very low percentage of GE will be tolerated. When our contracted shipments reach the country of destination, they do sample testing of the containers. If GE contaminants are found, the shipment is refused and sent back to Canada. The grower must then pay the shipping of their product both ways and loses a sale.

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The Honorable Lawrence MacAulay

May 15, 2018

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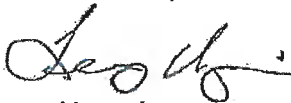
The Alberta Forage Industry is worth 1.6 billion dollars (foreign and domestic combined according to Stats Canada). This is the concern – once GE alfalfa is released for sale into our area, zero tolerant or low tolerant importing countries will enhance their scrutiny for GE contaminants. All forage and hay shipments from our region, not just alfalfa, will be closely monitored.

To assist us in protecting our producers, we are requesting that the Honorable Minister, do a full cost benefit analysis prior to opening up new markets or approving products such as GE Alfalfa.

We have enclosed for your information, a copy of a resolution which was passed at our 2016 Spring Convention of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (now Rural Municipalities of Alberta), and ask for your support in ensuring that Alberta's export markets continue to be successful in those countries not accepting GE alfalfa products, including China, Japan, the European Union and the Middle East.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Terry Ungarian

Reeve, County of Northern Lights

Cc: MP Chris Warkentin

Peace Country Municipalities

**Genetically Modified Alfalfa County
of Northern Lights**

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 4 (Northern)*

WHEREAS alfalfa is one of the largest crops in Canada in area with Alberta's output comprising approximately 30% of the country's total alfalfa hay and seed production; and

WHEREAS many of Alberta's forage seed producers sell products into countries that forbid the import of genetically modified (GM)/engineered alfalfa products; and

WHEREAS planting genetically modified/engineered alfalfa will pose a serious threat to the province's forage seed exports which included fourteen million kilograms of exported alfalfa seed (estimated at \$75 million) in 2014 as well as export hay, feed supplements and alfalfa sprouts for human consumption; and

WHEREAS alfalfa is the first perennial genetically modified/engineered crop that is pollinated by wild and tame insects; and

WHEREAS genetically modified/engineered alfalfa has the ability to cross-pollinate with non-GM alfalfa and there is a high risk of cross contamination due to seed escape and cross pollination which, once it occurs, will be impossible to contain; and

WHEREAS feral/wild alfalfa is rampant along ditches, fence lines, field edges, and uncultivated areas throughout Alberta and pollen and gene flow is unavoidable; and

WHEREAS alfalfa is a primary feed source for much of Alberta's organic animal agricultural production and as such contaminated feed and seed sources will jeopardize the organic status of the industry as well as threaten the booming organic export industry; and

WHEREAS neither the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) nor Health Canada has done a complete due diligence assessment prior to the approval of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa for release into Canada, having never done a quantified government economic impact assessment on the effects of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa on Canadian export markets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency work with Alberta's agricultural service boards, marketing groups, Forage Genetics Canada and other relevant stakeholders to prevent the introduction of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa to the province of Alberta until there is a marketplace and consumer acceptance in Alberta's export markets including China, Japan, the European Union, and the Middle East.

Member Background

Alfalfa is the single most predominant legume grown for forage in Canada (Canadian Forage and Grassland Association, October, 2012). Alberta is a valuable producer of Canada's alfalfa crop, comprising over 30% of the country's total alfalfa output. By area, it is the third largest crop in Canada with over 25 million acres in production and more than 80% of that production is located in the Prairie Provinces (Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, November, 2015). At 15 million pounds in 2012, alfalfa seed exportation ranked third in Canadian exports.

Roundup Ready alfalfa is a genetically modified (GM) crop. Although several GM crops have already been introduced into Canada, alfalfa would be the first significant *perennial* plant to be genetically engineered and introduced into the Western Canadian environment that is naturally cross-pollinated by insects and grows wild throughout the world. The economic benefits of GM alfalfa crops are unclear at this time – they

have not produced higher yields, herbicide costs have risen and exported alfalfa products have been rejected due to contamination.

As some countries have strict importation laws forbidding GM products, the presence of GM alfalfa in Canadian hay exports could potentially put an end to export markets for Canadian grass and forage seed growers. In 2014, China was Canada's second largest importer of alfalfa seed and China presently has *zero tolerance* for GM alfalfa products. China blacklisted three American hay exporters in 2014 and rejected hundreds of container loads of hay due to the detection of Roundup Ready alfalfa (The Western Producer, November, 2014). As hay is partially comprised of alfalfa, U.S. hay prices have dropped by about 12% due in part to the actions of China.

Mountain Sunrise Feed Co., a small hay exporter in the U.S., had been shipping about half its product (1,000 tons per month) to China but has now stopped because of the rejection of several of its cargoes. The owner has been forced to lay off employees and is only using 50% of its production capacity due in part to reduced exports. Anderson Hay & Grain, one of the largest U.S. hay exporters, stated that "it's had a huge impact on our business" (The Wall Street Journal, December, 2014).

Heather Kerschbaumer, president of Forage Seed Canada, personally experienced a \$20,000 loss three years ago when Japan detected a canola seed in a shipment of timothy seed from her farm and subsequently cancelled their contract. She is concerned about Roundup Ready alfalfa contaminating her alfalfa seed product, which would result in an additional loss of those markets. "We find alfalfa in 60 to 70 percent of the lots shipped out of the Peace [Region]. If it is genetically modified, we would lose all those markets as well."

Kerschbaumer recently visited the Imperial Valley in California, where the three blacklisted hay producers are located. "They told us *if you can't keep it out of Canada, keep it out of the West. If you can't keep it out of the West, you should keep it out of Alberta. If you can't keep it out of Alberta, you should keep it out of the Peace because there will be benefits and bonuses paid on the seed that is produced that is GE free*" (The Western Producer, November, 2014).

Canada's flax industry has been devastated due to contamination of GM material. In 2009, even though the GM variety of flax (CDC Triffid) had been de-registered by the University of Saskatchewan, about 3.5% of the farmer and elevator flax samples tested positive and contamination was found in exports to 35 countries that had not approved GM flax. As a result Canada's European market, which makes up 60% of its flax market, was closed. Canada's flax production declined significantly from 930,000 tonnes in 2009 to 518,200 tonnes in 2012. The source of GM contamination was never identified.

As illustrated, it is highly probable that GM alfalfa contamination will occur if it is introduced into Alberta. Non-GM alfalfa can be contaminated by GM alfalfa through seed escape, pollinator-mediation, and feral/volunteer alfalfa. More specifically, contamination can occur in purchased seed, seed spillage during planting, harvest and transport, insufficient cleaning of equipment, hay transport, animal vectors, dormant seed, and volunteer alfalfa growth.

Alfalfa is pollinated primarily by leafcutter bees but also by honeybees, wild bees and other native pollinators that are capable of traveling great distances and have unpredictable ranges. Cross-pollination occurs in nature when pollinating insects inadvertently transfer pollen from one plant to another while gathering nectar. Since perennial plants such as alfalfa are capable of flowering multiple times per year, the risk of genetic contamination by cross-pollination is significantly higher than annual crops.

In addition, Alberta's variable climate and annual precipitation (Alberta Water Portal) limit the 'best management practices' for production of GM alfalfa that indicate cutting hay prior to 10% bloom in order to contain gene flow and reduce contamination. Fields that are in hay production one year and then seed

production the next, or vice-versa, often due to the weather patterns, may also add to the problem of contamination.

New genetically modified varieties of alfalfa currently being marketed in the U.S., such as HarvXtra, a lowlignin/Roundup Ready, "stacked trait" alfalfa is being marketed as a great improvement over existing varieties, since the low-lignin trait allows hay to be cut later in the season (at least 50% bloom) without loss of feed quality, thus reducing the effects of weather on timely management and encouraging growers of mixed hay or alfalfa hay fields to take advantage of more tonnage per cut of hay. However, as noted earlier, this increases the threat of contamination through pollen transfer and gene flow from the blooming GM alfalfa fields to non-GM nearby fields or wild populations (even roadside alfalfa plants) within insect flying distance (from three to five miles). It is worth noting that there are currently non-GM alfalfas, such as the Alforex variety 'Hi-Gest', being marketed in the U.S. that have also been bred with low-lignin qualities and, therefore, the 'advantage' is available in non-GM alfalfas as well.

Alberta's thriving organic agricultural industry could be jeopardized by allowing the introduction of GM alfalfa into Alberta. As per the Canadian Organic Products Regulations and Standards, which came into force on June 1, 2009, GM ingredients in organic products is prohibited, regardless of whether or not those GM ingredients are registered (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada). The Canadian organic food market is positioned for exponential growth. According to the census completed on May 16, 2006 there were 2,629 farms with organic production in Alberta, 5.3% of all farms in the province. The predominant group of organic products grown in Alberta was hay or field crops (60.5% of the province's organic farms), (Statistics Canada). In 2012 organic food sales in Alberta totaled \$416 million which was second only to British Columbia in the organic fruit market and second only to Ontario in prepackaged groceries (Global News, August 2014).

In order to be classified as "organic", all agricultural products used for feeding livestock must be certified organic to the respective program and cannot contain any GM material (Alberta Organic Producers Association). Dairy cows, in particular, are fed large amounts of alfalfa feed; although beef livestock, hogs, poultry, sheep/lamb and goats may also consume feed containing alfalfa. Therefore, any traces of GM alfalfa found in organic hay or feed supplements would critically damage these markets, as well as the organic dairy industry.

Additionally, there is a significant market, both domestic and export, for organic alfalfa seed for hay production which would be destroyed if GM material was detected. **Canada currently has high quality seed and a reputation for clean organic products** (Saskatchewan Organic Directorate). However, the introduction of GM canola into Canada in 1995 has devastated the organic canola industry. The unintended presence of GM canola in organic canola fields was not detectable before harvest, nor could it be prevented due to the prevalence of GM canola on prairie farms (Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, April 2013). "Every organic grain farmer has lost the right to grow organic canola free of GMO contamination risk. Every organic grain farmer has lost the ability to sell organic canola into Europe" (Saskatchewan Organic Directorate, May 2006).

At this time there is a very real threat to Alberta's alfalfa industry if Roundup Ready alfalfa is introduced into the province. Indeed, despite assurances that Roundup Ready alfalfa would enhance weed control options and flexibility, it appears that the emergence and increased presence of herbicide-resistant weeds due to increased use of Roundup has created a need for the use of a wider variety of herbicides on a crop that typically does not require application of herbicides. According to USDA data, 90% of all alfalfa produced by farmers in the U.S. was previously grown without the use of herbicides.

The cost of herbicide is high, foreign export markets are tightening and, in turn, producers stand to lose millions of dollars in sales as markets become more limited due to contamination of genetically modified biotypes. At this time, genetically modified / engineered alfalfa must not be introduced into Alberta.

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AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions related to this issue.

SCANNED



Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130

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June 13, 2018

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Honourable Minister:

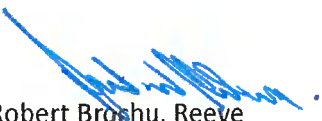
SUBJECT: Restriction of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa

The Council for the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 at their regular meeting today reviewed a letter dated May 15, 2018 which was sent to you by County of Northern Lights, signed by Reeve Terry Ungarian.

Council for the M.D. of Smoky River wish to offer our support to the positions and concerns raised by the County of Northern Lights. In our opinion market acceptance and the benefits to producers must be considered fully prior to the approval of products like GE Alfalfa. Allowing these products to be sold and having them potentially contaminate and reduce the salability of other farm products does not help our producers in their attempt to remain sustainable and economically viable.

Feel free to contact myself or our Agricultural Fieldman Normand Boulet, CCA at 780-837-2221 asb@mdsmokyriver.com should you have any questions or concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,


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cc: MP Chris Warkentin
MP Arnold Viersen
Peace Region Counties and M.D.'s

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Motions required:

1. David Janzen is seeking the Board's permission to attend Pasture Rejuvenation Field Walk on June 20, 2018 at the Wanham Provincial Grazing Reserve starting at 1:00 p.m.
2. Crops Cows, Creeks & Sloughs Managing Our Riparian Areas on June 26, 2018 at the Memorial Hall in Valleyview, Alberta starting at 10:00 a.m.
3. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Walk at the Research Farm in Fairview, Alberta on August 2, 2018.
4. Grazing School with Jim Gerrish on August 7, 2018 at Andrew and Vivian Miller's Ranch in Baytree, Alberta.

OPTIONS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Calendars (June, July & August)
- Pasture Rejuvenation Field Walk poster
- Crops, Cows, Creeks and Sloughs Managing Our Riparian Areas poster

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board....

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

ABj

AgFieldman:

[Signature]

June 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Mtg	13	14	15	16
17	18 ASB Meeting	19 Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop BH, MR, BR	20 Ranching for Profit GC Pasture Walk DJ	21	22	23 Soil Health Series MR
24	25	26 Council Mtg. Crops, Cows, Creeks & Sloughs	27	28	29	30

June 19th – Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop at the Brownvale Hall.

June 20th - Ranching for Profit & Grazing Workshop at the Dunvegan Provincial Park starting at 9:00 a.m.

June 20th Pasture Rejuvenation Field Walk at the Provincial Grazing Reserve starting at 1:00 p.m.

June 23rd – Soil Health Series with Kelly Sidoryk at the Hanson Ranch in Valleyview, Alberta.

June 26th – Crops Cows, Creeks and Sloughs Managing Our Riparian Areas at the Memorial Hall in Valleyview starting at 10:00 a.m.

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldur Ruecker

MR – MacKay Ross

GC – Garry Candy

JW – Julie Watchorn

DJ – David Janzen

All – All available members

July 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council Mtg	11	12	13	14
		ASB Summer Tour GC				
15	16 ASB Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Council Mtg.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

July 10th – 13th – ASB Summer Tour in Strathcona County

Legend:

- BH – Brian Harcourt
- BR – Baldur Ruecker
- MR – MacKay Ross
- GC – Garry Candy
- JW – Julie Watchorn
- DJ – David Janzen
- All – All available members

August 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Field Day at the Research Farm	3	4
5	6	7 Grazing School with Jim Gerrish	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council Mtg	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2nd - Field Day at the Research Farm in Fairview, Alberta

August 7th – Grazing School with Jim Gerrish at Andrew & Vivian Miller’s Ranch in Baytree.

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldur Ruecker

MR – MacKay Ross

GC – Garry Candy

JW – Julie Watchorn

DJ – David Janzen

All – All available members



PASTURE REJUVENATION FIELD WALK

*Join us to see the results of our 3 Year
Pasture Rejuvenation project on the
Wanham Provincial Grazing Reserve*

- DATE:** *June 20th, 2018*
- LOCATION:** *Wanham Provincial Grazing Reserve*
- TIME:** *1pm Registration*
- COST:** *Free!*
- RSVP:** *Please RSVP to PCBFA at 780-835-6799
ext. 3 or email info@pcbfa.ca*



Crops, Cows, Creeks & Sloughs

Managing Our Riparian Areas



Tuesday, June 26, 2018
10am- 3pm, Doors Open at 9:30am
Memorial Hall, Valleyview
Cost \$10

For more information or to register:
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	TRADESHOW
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Agricultural Service Board is presented with the 2018 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis for review.

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Service Board has set a goal of 70% overall cost recovery for the Tradeshow.

The 7 Year Cost Recovery percentages:

2018	43%
2017	47%
2016	51%
2015	60%
2014	97%
2013	71%
2012	65%

BUDGET/COSTS

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	Reason
Revenue	\$38,000	\$33,140.00	Sponsorship & Exhibitors
Expenses	\$90,000	\$77,776.17	

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2018 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

OPTIONS:

- Accept as presented
- Direct the following changes for 2018: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2018 Trade Show Revenue and Expense Analysis as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:



2017 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

REVENUES	2018		2017	
	Numbers	Dollars	Numbers	Dollars
Breakfast	450	\$ 900.00	302	\$ 602.00
Banquet	154	\$ 2,565.00	115	\$ 2,420.00
Booth Rentals	89	\$ 13,775.00	89	\$ 13,725.00
Sponsorship	18	\$ 15,900.00	25	\$ 20,100.00
		<u>\$ 33,140.00</u>		<u>\$ 36,847.00</u>
 EXPENSES				
Entertainment		\$ 7,945.00		\$ 6,919.00
Trade Show Direct		\$ 13,600.00		\$ 14,280.00
Food & Catering		\$ 7,882.66		\$ 6,069.76
Advertising & Promotion		\$ 7,230.48		\$ 9,359.44
Staffing		\$ 26,226.67		\$ 22,334.09
Helping Hands		\$ 2,200.00		\$ 4,550.00
Rent & Maint/Improvements		\$ 6,700.00		\$ 5,410.00
General Supplies		\$ 4,553.91		\$ 7,703.89
Subsistence		\$ 1,437.45		\$ 3,060.40
		<u>\$ 77,776.17</u>		<u>\$ 79,686.58</u>

Trade Show Revenue and Expenses Additional Information:

Booths: 44 Agricultural
 18 Non- Agricultural (Home Based Businesses, etc.)
 13 Public Services
 15 Other

Total booths: 89

Expenditures

Entertainment includes: Clown, Popvich's, DJ moves - soundman for day, wagons, petting zoo and reptiles

Tradeshow Direct includes: Framing, draping, tables, chairs, power cords

Food & Catering includes: Breakfast groceries, Banquet Catering, doughnuts

Advertising includes: Radio & newspaper ads, signage, County door prizes, mail outs, talent show winner prizes

Helping Hands includes:

\$500 Hines Creek Fire Department – Security for Tradeshow

\$1000 4H – exhibitor move in/move out, garbage and help with dining hall set up.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	AgFieldman:
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\$700.00 Worsley Central School for setting up and taking down

Building Rent & Improvements includes: The arena rent for one week, trailer rent from Fehr Tire and Jades Cash for the ATM use

General Supplies includes: Freight, helium, paint, sweeping compound, helping hands t-shirts, telephone expenses, ornaments, other misc supplies.

Subsistence includes: Meals for staff & helping hands

ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS:

Another way of looking at the numbers

Event	Attendance	2018			2017	
		Revenue	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Cost Recovery	Cost Recovery
Breakfast	450 (approx.)	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,374.23	-1,474.23	38%	32%
Tradeshow	speculative	\$ 29,675.00	\$ 68,276.94	-38,601.94	44%	48%
Banquet	154	\$ 2,565.00	\$ 7,125.00	-4,560.00	36%	34%
		<u>\$ 33,140.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,776.17</u>	<u>-44,636.17</u>	43%	47%

Breakfast revenue includes: Ticket sales

Breakfast expenses include: Groceries

Trade Show revenue includes: Booth rentals and sponsorship

Trade Show expenses include: Entertainment, Staffing, Subsistence, Trade show Direct, Advertising, General supplies, Donuts, Building rent & Helping hands

Banquet revenue includes: Ticket sales

Banquet Expenses includes: Entertainment & caterer

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

AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greg- Agricultural Fieldman Report-June 18, 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 2018 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AG

AgFieldman:

GC

JUNE 18, 2018

PEST CONTROL

- Coyotes Claimed:

Total #	Total \$
248	\$11,160.00

Note: The program has been suspended until fall due to budget overages

- Wolves Claimed:

Total #	Total \$
21	\$7,350.00

OTHER TOPICS

- Travelled to Northern Sunrise County with Public Works Manager to look at their mower mounted herbicide sprayers..
- Bertha Army Moth traps have been set out last week. There is one trap in each of the 6 white zone townships in the County. They are placed on the headland of canola fields. They will be checked weekly, with results given to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Traps will be taken down July 31st.
- ASB Grant annual reporting has been completed and copies of the report are included in your correspondence. This annual report is mandatory and a prerequisite to receiving our legislative and environmental stream funding from the province each year.
- I investigated a method for lifting the zero till drill up higher when in transport to avoid openers dragging on the road. The only economically feasible method is to install higher profile tires on the transport rims.
- 3 coulters and bearings were replaced on the no till drill, as well as a drive wheel tensioner spring and bushings.
- A new hugger cylinder was ordered for the post pounder.
- A seal kit for the manure spreader was ordered and will be installed when it arrives.
- The David Thompson Hall has been booked for Oct. 31st for the regional ASB conference. Resolutions need to be forwarded to the hosting municipality 4 weeks prior to the conference (October 2nd) or they will be considered late resolutions.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

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 June 18, 2018 for information.

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

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:


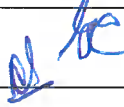
Attached are documents for the Board's information:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Clear Hills Completed ASB Grant Report – (63-10-02)
- Wheat Reclassification – Article – (63-10-02)
- Bill C-49 – Article – (63-10-02)
- Alberta Agriculture Insect Monitoring System Program – Article – (63-10-02)
- VSI Services – Letter – (63-10-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of June 18, 2018 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



Opinio

Respondent 10843166

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Single response: ASB Report
Respondent id: 10843166
Start date: 6/7/18 12:57 PM
Completed date: 6/7/18 2:18 PM
Response language: English [en]

1. Which county do you represent?

Clear Hills County

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2. Which program year is this report for?

1. 2017-18

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3. Contact Name & Title

Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman

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4. Contact Primary Phone Number

780-772-1776

6/7/18 12:59:36 PM MDT

5. Contact Email Address

greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

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6. Contact Mailing Address

Box 240 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

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7. Which of the following ASB Environmental Funding streams have you received funding from?

1. Enhanced

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8. A full time agricultural fieldman is employed by the municipality.

1. Yes

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9. The ASB provided a summary of its activities to the council for the previous year.

1. Yes

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10. The ASB appointed independent appeal committees for the: Weed Control Act

1. Yes

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11. The ASB appointed independent appeal committees for the: Agricultural Pests Act

1. Yes

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12. The ASB has an appeal committee for the: Soil Conservation Act

1. Yes

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13. The ASB reviewed and updated its Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

1. Yes

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14. How many Full Time positions are funded under the Legislative funding Stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

1.0

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15. How many Part Time positions (employed 6 months or more) are funded under the Legislative

funding Stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

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16. How many Seasonal Staff (employed 5 months or less) are funded under the Legislative funding stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

6.0

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17. How many Full Time positions are funded under the Environmental funding Stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

0.0

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18. How many Part Time positions (employed 6 months or more) are funded under the Environmental funding Stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

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19. How many Seasonal Staff (employed 5 months or less) are funded under the Environmental funding stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

0.0

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20. Over the past year have you supplied a grant, contract or donation to any Applied Research or Forage Associations across Alberta?

1. Yes

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21. What type of agreement did you enter into with the Research or Forage Association using Legislative funding?

4. None

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22. What type of agreement did you enter into with the Research or Forage Association using Environmental funding?

2. Contract

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23. How many pest inspectors did you appoint over the past year?

6.0

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24. How many pest notices were issued over the past year?

0.0

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25. How many fields were inspected for Clubroot over the past year?

25.0

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26. How many fields were inspected for *Fusarium* Head Blight over the past year?

0.0

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27. How many fields were inspected for Virulent Blackleg over the past year?

25.0

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28. In the table below, indicate the pest and the number of fields inspected for those surveyed. Select the species / type from the drop down box provided and include the number of fields inspected. If the pest is not included in the drop down list use one of the bottom rows of the table. Please only include those that apply to your municipality.

Type of Insect	Number of Fields Inspected
Grasshopper	10.0
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29. How many field soil conservation officers were appointed over the past year?

43

1.0

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30. How many Soil Conservation Act inspections were performed over the past year?

0.0

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31. How many Soil Conservation Act notices were issued over the past year?

0.0

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32. How many weed inspectors were appointed over the past year?

6.0

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33. How many municipal and portable seed cleaning plants were inspected within your municipality over the past year?

1.0

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34. What percentage of municipal and portable seed cleaning plants were inspected over the past year?

100.0

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35. How many Kilometers (Kms) of municipal right of ways were sprayed for control of regulated weed species?

3476.0

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36. What percentage of municipal right of ways were sprayed for control of regulated weed species over the past year?

100.0

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37. How many weed notices were issued over the past year?

25.0

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38. How many prohibited noxious weed sites were investigated over the past year?

0.0

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39. How many prohibited noxious weed sites were controlled over the past year?

0.0

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40. How many noxious weed sites were investigated over the past year?

1403.0

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41. How many noxious weed sites were managed over the past year?

1403.0

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42. How many reportable or notifiable diseases were reported to the office for the Chief Provincial Vet?

0.0

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43. **Environmental Funding Stream Questions**

Please complete all relevant questions relating to your ASB Environmental programming. Please only include activities that have been directly supported through your ASB Environmental Funding. If you have any concerns about any of the questions in this section please contact Dale Chrapko at 780-644-1969 or dale.chrapko@gov.ab.ca

This marks the beginning of the Environmental Funding section of the report. If you would like to send this to a colleague in order to complete this section please first click SAVE at the bottom of the page. After doing so input the email address you wish to have your report sent to. We would suggest that you send it to yourself and from there forward the email you will receive along to the individual who will be completing the environmental section. If

you will be the one completing the Environmental section, you do not need to select SAVE and you can simply proceed to the environmental questions.

44. Have you provided a grant, contract, donation or any other type of agreement to any of the following Extension Associations in order to meet the requirements/objectives of your environmental funding? Please select all that apply.

5. Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA)

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45.

Written Materials Created

Please do not list any written materials more than once. Written materials may cover a variety of topics, however we are looking to focus on the primary environmental area of concern that was addressed by the material.

Please also include any relevant materials that you did not create but did extend to your clients. Examples could be such things as the ESB News, or any CAP Fact Sheets that have been published by Agriculture and Forestry. If you have any concerns regarding what should and should not be included please contact Dale Chrapko or Scott McKie at 780-644-1969 and 780-415-2358 respectively.

For all written materials, please be prepared to provide the first page or links to each of these publications to serve as conformation that the material was produced. This may be requested by the program after your report has been submitted.

Name of Written Material	Type of Material	Environmental Concern Addressed	Date released	# of physical copies	# of digital copies
"What We Learned From Soil Health and Carbon Day"	Article	Soil Quality	March 2017	175.0	106.0
"Methods For Successful Soil Testing"	Article	Soil Quality	June 2017	175.0	106.0
"Multispecies Cover Crops (Cocktails) for Forage Production"	Technical Report	Soil Quality	February 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"ASB Environmental Project: On Farm Soil Nutrient & Health & Dugout Water Quality Assessments"	Technical Report	Soil Quality	February 2017	4000.0	6000.0
Growing Forward 2 Program Updates	Article	-----	February 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"ARECA's Paul Watson- Interim Chair of the National Environmental Farm Plan Steering Committee"	Article	-----	February 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"Alberta Environmental Farm Plans (Why Develop an EFP)"	Article	-----	February 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"A Word About Water"	Article	Water Quality	August 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"What Is Soil Aggregate Stability & Why Is It Important?"	Article	Soil Quality	August 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"Alberta Environmental Farm Plans (Why	Article	-----	August	4000.0	6000.0

Develop an EFP)			2017		
"Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Draft Integrated Watershed Management Plan"	Article	Water Quality	August 2017	4000.0	6000.0
Growing Forward 2 Program Updates	Article	-----	August 2017	4000.0	6000.0
"Preventing Water Pollution"	Article	Water Quality	May 2017	175.0	106.0
"Questioning The Beef Industry's Water Use"	Article	Water Quality	May 2017	175.0	106.0
"EnergyEfficiency"	Article	Air Quality	October 2017	175.0	106.0
"Lets Talk About Water Quality"	Article	Water Quality	November 2017	175.0	106.0
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46. The information above accounts for ONLY environmental materials created with support from your ASB Environmental funding.

1. Yes

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47.

In Person One-on-One Client Interactions

This is designed to capture all relevant in person interactions with producers. We understand that many of you meet in person with many of your local farmers, however we are only interested in one-on-one in person interactions as they relate to your environmental programming. We also ask that you group one-on-ones of a certain type in order to make reporting easier. An example would be EFP one-on-one discussions when you may do multiple in one year. We do not need to know any specifics from the meeting only a brief description of why the meeting was carried out. If you have any concerns about what should be reported in this section please contact Scott McKie at scott.mckie@gov.ab.ca

Name or Type of One-on-One client Interaction	Number of Clients met with	Environmental Concern Addressed
EFP	6.0	-----
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48. The information above accounts for ONLY environmental materials created with support from your ASB Environmental funding.

1. Yes

49.

Extension Events

Please do not list any extension event more than once. Extension events may cover a variety of topics, however we are looking to focus on the primary environmental area of concern that was addressed by the event.

For each event that you report please be prepared to supply the one page advertisement or the agenda associated with the event. This information may be requested by program leads and may be used as part of a grant review process.

Name of Event	Type of event	Environmental Concern Addressed	Date of event	Organizations role in delivering this event	Attendance #s
Winter Watering Systems Tour	Field Tour	Water Quality	February 10, 17	Host	28.0
Soil Health & Carbon Sequestration Day	Workshop	Soil Quality	February 21, 17	Host	34.0
Solar Power Workshop	Workshop	Air Quality	March 15, 17	Host	43.0
AAFC Climate Change in the Peace Presentation	Presentation	Soil Quality	June 14, 17	Host	6.0
Soil Health with Mike Dorion	Workshop	Soil Quality	November 18, 17	Host	26.0
Energy Efficiency on Your Farm	Workshop	Air Quality	November 28, 17	Host	3.0
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50. The information above accounts for ONLY environmental materials created with support from your ASB Environmental funding.

1. Yes

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51.

Capital Purchases (Under \$5,000)

What capital purchases were made this year?	Why was this purchase made?	Will/has this purchased be used as part of an extension event?
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52. The information above accounts for ONLY environmental materials created with support from your ASB Environmental funding.

3. N/A (No Capital Purchases Made)

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53.

Equipment Rentals

Please only include rental equipment that directly relates to your environmental program and that was paid for using funds from the ASB Environmental funding stream grant.

What equipment was made available to producers this year through your environmental program?	How many producers rented this equipment over the past year?
Solar Watering System	1.0
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54. The information above accounts for ONLY environmental materials created with support from your ASB Environmental funding.

1. Yes

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55. **Additional Performance Measures**

Having now completed all the environmental extensions sections, please use the space below to inform program staff about any additional performance measures you may have collected over the past year.

This can include (but is not limited too) on the ground practice changes, surveying or follow up with producers/extension event attendees.

We ask that you keep your responses as brief as possible and be sure that all information listed related directly to your ASB Environmental funding.

If you have any concerns on how to fill out this section, please contact Dale Chrapko at 780-644-1969 or by email at Dale.Chrapko@gov.ab.ca

56. In your opinion how successful was your program this year?

In our opinion, the program this year was very successful. Despite the fact that we were already more than halfway through the year before confirmation of funding, we were able to successfully pull together most of the events outlined in the application, with the exception of a few. Attendance numbers at events were generally quite good. We also found that because 2017-18 was the final year of GF2 and there was little opportunity for producer funding, this translated into very little demand for Environmental Farm Plan and Growing Forward application assistance from producers.

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57. What activities (extension events, In Person On-on-One, capital purchases, equipment rentals and written materials) proved to be the most effective?

Extension events proved to be most effective.

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58. In your opinion, what was the least successful component of your program this year?

In our opinion, the one on one assistance for producers was least successful, but that is only due to lack of demand for the service due to current circumstances.

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59. How do you plan to improve on these less successful areas going forward?

With the roll out of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs, it is expected that the demand for Environmental Farm Plans and CAP application assistance will increase quite substantially in 2018. Early in the year, we have already been seeing an increase in inquiries from producers.

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60.

Going forward, what support would you like to see from the AF Environmental Stewardship branch in order to help you/your program be successful?

61.

Please explain the reasons for any environmental extension activities in your application that were not completed.

Due to shortage of funding (amount received was less than amount applied for), we were not able to host one workshop on shelterbelts and one workshop on water quality, nor were we able to develop water quality risk management and shelterbelt demonstration sites. Due to the timing of funding notification, the workshop on cocktail cover crops and the publishing of the cocktail cover crop guide has been postponed until 2018. Due to lack of interest in 2017, the two workshops on Environmental Farm Plans were not held. Interest is expected to increase in 2018.

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62.

Did you have any events that were NOT identified in your original application that were carried out this year? If YES please describe the event and why you chose to carry it out.

1. Yes

We added one event that was not identified in the application. We had the opportunity to host several researchers from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, who are currently working on mapping the impacts of future climate change scenarios on agriculture in the Peace Country. This was a very low cost event to put together, and we felt it was beneficial information and fit well with the program.

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63.

For the coming year, do you foresee any changes needing to be made to your programming? If YES what are these changes and why are you making them?

1. Yes

We will need to cut either the number of events or the number of written materials created, or a combination of both, in order to fit into the new budget.

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Grain farmers need to be prepared for August 1 wheat reclassification

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat), the Alberta Wheat Commission (AWC) and the Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) are asking Prairie grain farmers to be prepared for the upcoming reclassification of 29 wheat varieties.

On August 1, 2018, 25 varieties of wheat currently classified as Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS) and four varieties currently classified as Canada Prairie Spring Red (CPSR) will be reclassified into the Canada Northern Hard Red (CNHR) class.

“We want farmers to have a plan to market any remaining wheat that is transitioning to a new class on August 1,” says Sask Wheat Chair Laura Reiter. “It is important farmers know what they have in their bins and that they communicate with their local elevator or buyers soon to make sure they are able to maximize the return on these varieties.”

In February 2015, the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) announced the Canadian wheat class modernization process. The process was undertaken to maintain the quality, enhance the consistency and support the marketability of Canadian wheat. In December 2015, the CGC announced the creation of the CNHR and Canada Western Special Purpose wheat classes.

Many producers have been preparing over the last two years by transitioning to varieties not designated for reclassification. However, according to the CGC’s 2017 Grain Varieties by Acreage Insured Report, 491,108 acres of wheat varieties which are designated for the CNHR class on August 1, including Harvest, Lillian and Unity, were still grown in Western Canada in 2017.

“The CGC is not allowing any grace period for producers after the July 31st deadline,” said Kevin Bender, AWC Chair. “We therefore think it’s important that farmers negotiate the best possible terms for the varieties being reclassified and be aware that grain companies will have until December 31, 2018 to ship any remaining stocks from the system as CWRS and CPSR.”

Producers who have a contracted delivery date after August 1 for a transitioning variety should contact their elevator or grain buyer as soon as possible to ensure their grain will be accepted as CWRS or CPSR. Wheat varieties classified as CNHR are expected to sell at a discount to the CWRS and CPSR classes.

“The MWBGA is happy to partner with our fellow wheat organizations in communicating to Western Canadian producers the importance of making a transition plan,” says Fred Greig, MWBGA Chair. “Maintaining the quality of the CWRS class is important to Canada’s reputation and will benefit farmers. While the reclassified varieties are still registered and can be grown, we strongly recommend that farmers arrange their marketing options for these varieties prior to future plantings.”

For more information on the reclassification, please go to the CGC website at grainscanada.gc.ca.

For more information, contact:

[Dallas Carpenter](mailto:dallas.carpenter@saskwheatcommission.com)

Communications Manager

Sask Wheat

306-220-7003

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Variety designation changes

Following the 2015 consultation, the Canadian Grain Commission continued discussions with affected value chain stakeholders including breeders, variety owners, grain companies, producer groups, and Cereals Canada.

On January 15, 2016, the Canadian Grain Commission announced the implementation of the Canada Northern Hard Red and Canada Western Special Purpose wheat classes.

These classes came into effect on August 1, 2016.

Varieties transitioning to Canada Northern Hard Red (CNHR) class

As of August 1, 2018

From Canada Western Red Spring

- AC Abbey
- AC Cora
- AC Eatonia
- AC Majestic
- AC Michael
- AC Minto
- Alvena
- Alikat
- CDC Makwa
- CDC Osler
- Columbus
- Conway
- Harvest
- Kane
- Katepwa
- Leader
- Lillian
- McKenzie

- Neepawa
- Park
- Pasqua
- Pembina
- Thatcher
- Unity
- 5603HR

From Canada Prairie Spring Red

- AC Foremost
- AC Taber
- Conquer
- Oslo



Alberta
Barley

Alberta Wheat

better together

Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions say passing of Bill C-49 is a historic turning point for the grain industry, thank Ministers Garneau and MacAulay for commitment to farmers



(Calgary, Alberta) May 23, 2018 – The Alberta Wheat Commission (AWC) and Alberta Barley say today’s news that Bill C-49, the Transportation Modernization Act, is about to receive Royal Assent represents a historic step forward for farmers. The Commissions have pressed hard for years to see a reformed transportation system that farmers can rely on to get their product to Canada’s global customers in a timely fashion.

The commissions are now looking forward to seeing key aspects of the legislation implemented including shippers’ ability to negotiate reciprocal penalties in service level agreements with the railways and access to long haul interswitching to open up better competitive rail options.

The commissions hope to see these mechanisms introduced in the system prior to the beginning of the crop year on August 1 and look forward to seeing the railways’ plans for moving the 2018 crop.

“We saw today that the government is listening to farmers,” said Jason Lenz, Alberta Barley Chair. “Bill C-49 is a monumental turning point – it not only provides the long-term competitive mechanisms to improve rail service that we’ve been working to see implemented, but also paves the way for Canada to maintain its status as a reliable supplier to our global customers.”

The commissions further note their gratitude to Ministers Marc Garneau and Lawrence MacAulay for their commitment to this file. The Senate Standing Committee on Transport

and Communications chaired by Senator David Tkachuk also played an instrumental role in bringing forward important amendments that strengthen the legislation.

“We are extremely pleased to see the government move this long overdue legislation forward,” said Kevin Bender, AWC Chair. “Bill C-49 lays the foundation for a transportation system where all players, including the railways, are accountable for their performance.”

The commissions look forward to monitoring the implementation of Bill C-49 through the Crop Logistics Working Group of which AWC is a member.

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Hello

This is an article that Scott wrote for you to use. The article outlines our surveys and how and when we do them.

It can be used anyway you want. We are hoping to better communicate with your rate payers on what we are doing when they see our truck on the field approach, and we are wondering in their fields. We are also hoping the this generates some interest in farmers offering their fields for our survey work.

Any questions, please feel free to talk to Scott or me.

We will also be sending you an email when we start our surveys in your area. If you would like an email to say when we enter your county we can do that as well.

Thank you for your continuing support of our program we value your participation and the program would not be as successful as it is without your assistance.

Cheers
Shelley

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To see current insect issues visit agriculture.alberta.ca/bugs-pest

**Alberta Insect Pest
Monitoring Network**



Alberta Agriculture Insect Monitoring Program

This program is coordinated by Scott Meers, Insect Management Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and his technician, Shelley Barkley.

There are seven main surveys. Pea leaf weevil, cabbage seedpod weevil, diamondback moth, bertha armyworm, grasshoppers, wheat midge and wheat stem sawfly. In addition we will be doing several smaller surveillance surveys including a survey of the new canola flower midge. This survey will concentrate in central Alberta and up into the Peace River region.

The pea leaf weevil survey, is conducted in late May and June and will be carried out throughout Alberta in 2018. This survey consists of is done by counting the number of feeding notches on 10 plants in each of 5 locations in the field. We work along the headland and do not enter the field at all. **If you have a pea field that we could survey please contact us at the email provided below.**

Bertha armyworm (June/July) and diamondback moth (May/June) surveys are pheromone based and are conducted by cooperators. Traps are place on canola field margins and checked weekly. Results are tabulated by cooperators, Trap counts are entered by cooperators using a web based reporting system and automatically reported via our web page. We are always looking to fill holes in our monitoring system. If producers or agrologists wish to participate, we welcome their assistance and will provide all needed supplies.

Cabbage seedpod weevil survey is done at early flower by taking a set of 25 sweeps with a sweep net. The number of cabbage seedpod weevils, lygus and diamondback moth larvae are reported. In addition we have a reporting tool which agrologists can report the cabbage seedpod weevil numbers they are finding.

The grasshopper survey is carried out by agriculture fieldmen (during early August) in their county each year. The results are tabulated by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. This is the most heavily utilized survey of the seven we help coordinate.

Wheat midge and wheat stem sawfly surveys are carried out after harvest each year. The sawfly survey involves assessing the percentage of sawfly cut stems in 4 locations, 1 meter long, in each field. This survey is done in the traditional wheat stem sawfly area of southern Alberta and eastern central Alberta. Wheat midge is surveyed in all wheat growing areas of Alberta. This survey involves taking soil cores and washing overwintering larvae out of the soil. From this a forecast is prepared on the risk of midge populations the next year. **If you have a wheat field that we could survey please contact us at the email provided below.**

We never drive in fields, rather parking on the roadside and walk in. We ALWAYS use sterilized boots or boot covers when entering fields and any tools that are used (ie soil sampler etc) are sterilized between fields. Our field entry protocol can be found on our website.

Agriculture Fieldmen receive a year-end report for their county. Any producer that volunteers a field (or fields) will also get a year-end report from our program on what was found.

The program email is bugs.r.us@gov.ab.ca Insect monitoring/information website: www.agriculture.alberta.ca/bugs-pest

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Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO
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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 greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca and sarah@clearhillscounty.ab.ca.

Following is an estimate of your current VSI account status:

	Claims	Payments	Balance
Jan. 1, 2018			\$ 5,970
Payments in 2018		\$47,500	53,470
First Quarter	\$13,494		39,976

Administrative fees and investment income has not been calculated or included for the first three months of 2018.

Overall there is a 17.8% decrease in total claims for the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017. Total costs have decreased \$28,587 over the same time period.

Ten (10) of the sixteen (16) VSI jurisdictions had a decrease in their first quarter costs. Decreases ranged from 7.3% to 70.3% of 2017 first quarter costs. Increases in the other six (6) jurisdictions ranged from 3.1% to 32.1% of 2017 first quarter costs.

Your 2018 first quarter claims are \$1,524 (12.7%) higher than they were in 2017. One clinic has not yet submitted their March claims, which may be reflected in the 2nd quarter.

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

Rik Vandekerkhove, Manager

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