

**AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2019**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., meeting in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
May 7, 2019**

PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

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

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

AG63(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

AG64(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG65(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION

Cleardale Colony
10:15 a.m.

Henry Stahl with the Cleardale Colony will be in attendance at 10:15 a.m. to present their solar powered water buggy.

AG66(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation from Henry Stahl with the Cleardale Colony presenting their solar powered water buggy.

CARRIED.

AG67(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County on their Portable Solar Waterer program.

CARRIED.

Trade Show

The Board is requested to share feedback on the 25th Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 13, 2019 and provide suggestions for the 2020 trade show.

AG68(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the 25th Annual Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 13, 2019 and ideas for the 26th Trade Show that will be held on April 18, 2020. CARRIED.

Farmer Exemption for
Class 1 Driver
Training

The Board is presented with information about the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) requirements for attaining a Class 1 Driver's license and the criteria for farmers and farm workers.

AG69(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board advertise the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) program specific to farmers and farm workers in the next newsletter. CARRIED.

AG70(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for a farmers and farm workers exemption similar to Saskatchewan for farmers on their Class 1 licenses instead of requiring full Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training. CARRIED.

Board Reports

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

AG71(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2019 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG72(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross, Member Candy and Chair Harcourt to attend the Woodlots and Forested Areas Workshop on May 11, 2019 at the Manning Legion Hall. CARRIED.

AG73(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend Solstice Collaborative Forage Tour on June 20, 2019 at the Beaver Lodge Research Farm. CARRIED.

AG74(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the June 26, 2019 CanolaPALOOZA workshop at the Lacombe Research & Development Centre to the next meeting. CARRIED.

AG75(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Councillor Janzen, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Ross to attend Ag in Motion on July 16-18, 2019 in Saskatoon, SK. CARRIED.

AG76(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Member Ross, Deputy Chair Ruecker, Councillor Janzen and Member Watchorn to attend Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams on July 22-23, 2019 at the Lac Cardinal Hall and Grounds. CARRIED.

AG77(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize Chair Harcourt, Member Candy, Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to attend NPARA Field Day on July 24, 2019 at the Research Farm near Manning, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG78(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board table the August 13-15, 2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference in Calgary to the next meeting. CARRIED.

AG79(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board table the August 14, 2019 NPARA Harvest Tour at the Research Farm near Manning to the next meeting. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

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, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the *Weed Control Act* for Clear Hills County in 2019.

AG80(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as Weed Inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2019 as per Section 7 of the *Weed Control Act*. CARRIED.

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 Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanna Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the *Agricultural Pests Act* for Clear Hills County in 2019.

AG81(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as Pest Inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2019 as per Section 10 of the *Agricultural Pests Act*. CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Team Site Visit

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Program Team is planning 15 field visits across Alberta this year, and Clear Hills County is one of the municipality's they will be visiting. The Board is requested to select a date and time between late May and late September to have a short meeting with the Team. The Team will then spend the rest of the day with the Agricultural Fieldman on an office and field tour to review the legislated and non-legislated Agricultural programs and services the County provides.

AG82(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board propose June 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting with the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Program Team prior to their office and field tour with the Agricultural Fieldman to review the legislated and non-legislated Agricultural programs and services the County provides

CARRIED.

African Swine Fever Threat to Canada

The Board is presented with information on African Swine Fever, and how the current epidemic in China is a threat to Canada and the rest of the world. African Swine Fever only affects pigs.

AG83(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the article on African Swine Fever in China and the threat to the global hog industry, including Canada if the fever should spread beyond China's borders. CARRIED.

Veterinary Services Incorporated

Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Service Board is seeking support for beekeepers to be eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program for veterinarian visit costs as they also need to have a relationship with their local vet in order to get prescriptions or purchase antibiotics.

AG84(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to request further information from Northern Sunrise County regarding their request for support to have beekeepers added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program, CARRIED.

AG85(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board request adding the following agenda item be added to the next Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Annual General Meeting: Including mileage for veterinary herd health visit costs in the Agreement Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI). **CARRIED.**

July Meeting

The Board is requested to select an alternate meeting date for the month of July as the third Tuesday of the month conflicts with the July Council meeting, July 16, 2019.

AG86(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the July 2019 meeting to July 9, 2019, because July 16, 2019 conflicts with Clear Hills County Council's scheduled Council meeting. **CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG87(05/07/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
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 19, 2019 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *AB* 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				
October 15, 2018				
AG93	(10/15/18)	RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approach the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to investigate planning a No-Till Conference for northern Alberta for the winter of 2019-2020.	AF	
AG110	(10/15/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approach Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to host a conference or workshop on economic field rotations and organic farming alternatives within Clear Hills County.	AF	
February 20, 2019				
AG30	(02/20/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back costs and information on developing an Alternative Land Use Service Program.		In the works – Developing Business Plan
AG32	(02/20/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to approach the Peace Country Beef and Forage about holding a Gate to Plate Marketing workshop in Clear Hills County to assist producers in direct marketing their produce and other farm products.		
AG43	(02/20/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back information on the relocation of live beaver legislation and what is and isn't allowed.		June 19 RFD
March 18, 2019				
AG59	(03/18/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to research costs associated with planning a tour to the Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) Soil Sampling Lab in Oyen, Alberta.	AF	In the works – emailed on June 7
AG67	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County on their Portable Solar Waterer program.	AF	June 19 RFD



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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AG69	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board advertise the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) program specific to farmers and farm workers in the next newsletter.	CDC	Complete – advertised in June newsletter
AG70	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for a farmers and farm workers exemption similar to Saskatchewan for farmers on their Class 1 licenses instead of requiring full Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training.	AF	June 19 RFD
AG74	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the June 26, 2019 CanolaPALOOZA workshop at the Lacombe Research & Development Centre to the next meeting.	CDC	June 19 Events RFD
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AG84	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to request further information from Northern Sunrise County regarding their request for support to have beekeepers added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program.	AF	June 9 RFD
AG85	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board request adding the following agenda item be added to the next Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Annual		



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
		General Meeting: Including mileage for veterinary herd health visit costs in the Agreement Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI).		
AG86	(05/07/19)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the July 2019 meeting to July 9, 2019, because July 16, 2019 conflicts with Clear Hills County Council's scheduled Council meeting.		
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
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.		As of Nov 9 2018 no new info

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	TRADESHOW
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Agricultural Service Board is presented with the 2019 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:

2019	40%
2018	43%
2017	47%
2016	51%
2015	60%
2014	97%
2013	71%

BUDGET/COSTS

	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	Reason
Revenue	\$34,000	\$32,875.00	Sponsorship & Exhibitors
Expenses	\$89,294	\$88,685.78	

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2019 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

OPTIONS:

- Accept as presented
- Direct the following changes for 2020: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2019 Trade Show Revenue and Expense Analysis as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i>	AgFieldman: <i>GC</i>
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2019 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

REVENUES	2019		2018	
	Numbers	Dollars	Numbers	Dollars
Breakfast	Sponsored	\$ 1,000.00	450	\$ 900.00
Banquet	168	\$ 2,850.00	154	\$ 2,565.00
Booth Rentals	89	\$ 13,825.00	89	\$ 13,775.00
Sponsorship	19	\$ 15,200.00	18	\$ 15,900.00
		\$32,875.00		\$ 33,140.00
EXPENSES				
Entertainment		\$ 9,732.30		\$ 7,945.00
Trade Show Direct		\$ 13,600.00		\$ 13,600.00
Food & Catering		\$ 8,529.79		\$ 7,882.66
Advertising & Promotion		\$ 11,958.63		\$ 7,230.48
Staffing		\$ 26,560.98		\$ 26,226.67
Helping Hands		\$ 3,200.00		\$ 2,200.00
Rent & Maint/Improvements		\$ 5,156.25		\$ 6,700.00
General Supplies		\$ 2,307.69		\$ 4,553.91
Subsistence		\$ 1,640.14		\$ 1,437.45
		\$ 82,685.78		\$ 77,776.17

Trade Show Revenue and Expenses Additional Information:

Booths: 43 Agricultural
 18 Non- Agricultural (Home Based Businesses, etc.)
 21 Public Services
 7 Other
 Total booths: 89

Expenditures

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

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

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

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

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: _____

\$1,700 Grande Prairie Regional College Animal Health students – for setting up and taking down – Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

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			2018	
		Revenue	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Cost Recovery	Cost Recovery
Breakfast	Sponsored	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,638.67	-638.67	61%	38%
Tradeshow	speculative	\$ 29,025.00	\$ 72,947.11	-43,922.11	40%	44%
Banquet	154	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 8,100.00	-5,250.00	36%	36%
		\$ 32,875.00	\$ 82,685.78	-49,810.78	40%	43%

Breakfast revenue includes: Sponsorship of \$1,000

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 Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	FARMER EXEMPTION FOR CLASS 1 DRIVER TRAINING
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a draft letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for farmers and farm workers be exempt from the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training.

BACKGROUND:

AG70(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to draft a letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for a farmers and farm workers exemption similar to Saskatchewan for farmers on their Class 1 licenses instead of requiring full Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Letter
- Letter from Brazeau County

OPTIONS:

1. Approve draft letter as presented
2. Accept for information. (no action taken)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board approve the draft letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for farmers and farm workers be exempt from the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Class 1 training.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager: <i>ABJ</i>	AgFieldman: <i>GC</i>
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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

June 19, 2019

File No. 63-10-02

Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Transportation, Deputy House Leader
Office of the Minister Transportation
320 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

RE: Farmer Class 1 Training Exemption

On behalf of Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board, we are writing to request that agricultural producers and farm workers be exempt from the Class 1 Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT).

Agriculture is one of Clear Hills County's key industries and the key to get their products to market is essential for all of Alberta's producers. The new Class 1 training requirements are an added cost and time commitment for producers looking to obtain their Class 1 license. Margins and time are already tight for agricultural producers in Alberta.

We understand and agree that the safety requirements for Class 1 drivers licensing is utmost importance for all our citizens; however, we feel the requirements should not be the same for commercial drivers compared to agricultural producers due to the distance and frequency differences in the industries.

Saskatchewan has provided an "F" exemption for farmers on their Class 1 licenses. Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board encourages the Government of Alberta to minimize the red tape for Alberta's farmers and implement a similar exemption for Alberta's agricultural producers and farm workers.

Sincerely,

Brain Harcourt
Chair

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CC: Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Todd Loewen, MLA for Central Peace-Notley
Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards
Brazeau County



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May 15, 2019

Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Transportation
10800-97 Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6



Dear Minister McIver;

RE: Farmer Class 1 Training Exemption

On behalf of the Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board (ASB), we are writing to request that agricultural producers be exempt from the Class 1 commercial driver training requirements. We have contacted the previous Minister and wanted to reach out to you in your new position to ensure continuity in our advocacy for Brazeau County's agricultural producers.

Agriculture is one of Brazeau County's key industries with 655 farm operators reported in the 2016 census. The ability to get their products to market is essential for all 57,605 of Alberta's producers. The new Class 1 driver training requirements are an added cost and time commitment for producers looking to obtain their Class 1 license. Margins and time are already tight for agricultural producers.

We understand and agree that the safety requirement for Class 1 drivers licensing is of utmost importance for all of our citizens; however, we feel the requirement should not be the same for commercial drivers compared to agricultural producers due to the distance and frequency differences in the industries.

Saskatchewan has provided an "F" exemption for farmers on their Class 1 licenses. Brazeau County's ASB encourages the Government of Alberta to minimize the red tape for Alberta's farmers and implement a similar exemption for Alberta's agricultural producers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Sara Wheale
Brazeau County ASB Chairperson

cc: Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	PORTABLE SOLAR WATERER
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board requested administration to bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County on their Portable Solar Waterer.

BACKGROUND:

AG67(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County on their Portable Solar Waterer program. CARRIED.

The Portable Solar Waterer that is in use at Northern Sunrise County was not purchased from Cleardale Colony. If they have ALUS projects going forth requiring solar waterers, they will purchase them from the Colony.

Renters are only able to use the waterer for a maximum of 30 days. On dry years the waterer is booked for the whole summer. Northern Sunrise County is also promoting the waterer to get ranchers to utilize it to see how getting their livestock out of the dugout and steams have great benefits for the water supply and cattle performance.

On average the number of producers that use the Portable Solar Waterer is 1 – 2 per year.

ATTACHMENTS:

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around Northern Sunrise County Portable Solar Waterer.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager: *AG*

AgFieldman: *GC*

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BEAVER RELOCATION
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board requested administration bring back further information in the relocation of live beaver legislation.

BACKGROUND:

AG43(02/20/19) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back information on the relocation of live beaver legislation and what is and isn't allowed. CARRIED.

Relocation of live beavers on private land: Landowner/occupant is able to relocate live beavers by live trapping and placing them somewhere they will not become a problem.

Relocation of live beavers on public land: Must be issued a damage control trap and must relocate to somewhere they will not become a problem.

ATTACHMENTS:

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around relocation of live beavers.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager:

MBj

AgFieldman:

GC

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	VETERINARY SERVICES INCORPORATED
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board requested administration bring back further information from Northern Sunrise County regarding their request for support to have beekeepers added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI).

BACKGROUND:

AG84(05/07/19) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to request further information from Northern Sunrise County regarding their request for support to have beekeepers added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program. CARRIED.

Under Schedule "A" of the VSI agreement herd health visits are covered. Mileage is not included in the schedule.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. VSI Schedule "A" & Schedule "B"

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information.
2. Request Beekeepers be added to the list of eligible producers under the Veterinary Incorporated Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board...

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager:



AgFieldman:



V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD.
 Schedule "A" 50/50- Effective Jan 1 2019

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2019 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes local anaesthetic procedures (including the drug), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

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A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	45.10	22.55	22.55

Note: This fee can only be claimed in conjunction with another VSI claim. It may only be charged once per occurrence. It is not a per animal fee.

Epidural	1	34.80	17.40	17.40
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Note: Epidurals can only be claimed in conjunction with dystocias (code 21), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52.

Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	6.30	3.15	3.15
Intravenous Injections	4	12.60	6.30	6.30
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	32.50	16.25	16.25
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	49.40	24.70	24.70
Oral Drug Administration	5	35.10	17.55	17.55
Subconjunctival injection	7	12.60	6.30	6.30

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 may only be claimed once per animal and only in conjunction with a code 20, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

X-ray (2 views)	2	144.30	72.15	72.15
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	30.00	15.00	15.00
X-ray - Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	40.40	20.20	20.20

Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray will not add to the diagnosis. Rather than a course of treatment e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves.

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	185.70	92.85	92.85
Claw Amputation	17	266.10	133.05	133.05
Epididymectomy	20	285.50	142.75	142.75
Eye Enucleation	16	397.30	198.65	198.65
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	462.30	231.15	231.15
Omphalitis - Intra-abdominal debridement	35	277.60	138.80	138.80

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 38.

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	515.90	257.95	257.95
Rumen Fistula	24	186.80	93.40	93.40
Sole Abscess	29	143.30	71.65	71.65
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal - calves < 200#)	14	293.90	146.95	146.95
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calve)	18	293.90	146.95	146.95
Urethrostomy	15	231.90	115.95	115.95
Vasectomy	19	313.30	156.65	156.65

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	530.00	265.00	265.00
Dystocia	31	240.40	120.20	120.20
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	359.00	179.50	179.50
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	424.00	212.00	212.00

Note: Code #1 repudials can be added, as appropriate, with codes 3, 44, 45 & 52.

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	24.70	12.35	12.35
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Note: This fee only applies for bulls eliminated from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1" bull)	60	106.00	53.00	53.00
Semen Test (2" to 10" bull)	61	75.00	37.50	37.50 each
Semen Test (11" to 50" bull)	62	68.40	34.20	34.20 each
Semen Test (51" bull plus)	63	61.90	30.95	30.95 each

Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	5.40	2.70	2.70 each
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Note: A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the ABVMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.

Prolapses				
-Rectal	74	124.90	62.45	62.45
-Uterine	71	237.20	118.60	118.60
-Vaginal	81	162.20	81.10	81.10
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	186.80	93.40	93.40
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	261.90	130.95	130.95

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: Rates are quoted for 1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals -- All of the services in this section are fully inclusive and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.

Note 12A/12B or 13A/13B claims CAN'T EXCEED 1 1/2 hours (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	93.40	46.70	46.70
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	56.20	28.10	28.10
Surgery (minor)	13A	63.00	31.50	31.50
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	56.20	28.10	28.10

Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post-surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.

Professional Services (general)	25	56.20	28.10	28.10
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Note: This fee is used:

- a) For herd health visitations and/or problems (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
- b) In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 as specified in section "E"
- c) When more than two postmortems are conducted
- d) When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- e) Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager

Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of average competence.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	131.20	65.60	65.60
Cast Removal	27	61.90	30.95	30.95
Examination	50	106.00	53.00	53.00
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	72.40	36.20	36.20
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	36.20	36.20
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor (1 st visit)	53	72.40	36.20	36.20
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	118.60	59.30	59.30

Note: This code includes the examination and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	185.70	92.85	92.85
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Note: Only for calves up to two months old. It includes the exam and professional services for the first 24 hours. Code 53 should be used to cover professional services in subsequent 24 hour periods.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 53 will be claimed under code 25 in the following situations:

- a) When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 29, 31, 52 & 53 or
- b) When more than one (1) of the above codes are claimed wholly or partly in a water meter claim to two (2) code (2) claims.

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	70.30	35.15	35.15
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	111.30	55.65	55.65
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	119.70	59.85	59.85
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	180.20	90.10	90.10

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim

Technovit Block - Application of	30	92.90	46.45	46.45
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Note: Materials are included in this service.

PIGS

All Services

Note: With the exception of the following services, all to be billed by the farm under codes 42, 43, or 23, as appropriate.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	106.00	53.00	53.00
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	72.40	36.20	36.20
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	36.20	36.20

Note: Codes 50, 51 & 52 can be claimed with codes 93, 94 & 95 as appropriate.

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	75.00	37.50	37.50
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	80.30	40.15	40.15
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	98.10	49.05	49.05

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim

SHEEP & GOATS

All Services

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 2, 3, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive, with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

• Cesarean and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	336.30	168.15	168.15
Dystocia	33	149.60	74.80	74.80
Examination	50	106.00	53.00	53.00
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	72.40	36.20	36.20
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	36.20	36.20

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 9 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	89.80	44.90	44.90
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	68.20	34.10	34.10
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	96	75.00	37.50	37.50
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	80.30	40.15	40.15
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	98.10	49.05	49.05

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

Prolapse - Rectal	76	106.00	53.00	53.00
Prolapse - Uterine	73	154.80	77.40	77.40
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	106.00	53.00	53.00

ELK & BISON

All Services

Note: The only services covered for elk & bison are pregnancy tests, semen tests and postmortems. Pregnancy & Semen tests can be charged at the flat rates for cattle or by the hour under code 25.

Assuming that the hourly rate will only be used when the flat rate is not adequate you are asked to consider whether the extra amount is justified due to the inherent difficulty in working with these animals or whether it is due to poor facilities or inadequate help. If the problem is poor facilities or poor help then the producer should assume 100% of the extra fees.

The following codes apply to postmortems for elk & bison:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	70.30	35.15	35.15
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	111.30	55.65	55.65
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	120.70	60.35	60.35
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	181.60	90.80	90.80

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2019**

Following are some of the services not payable by V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd

- a. castrations
- b. dehorning
- c. dockings
- d. spaying heifers
- e. embryo transplants
- f. routine trimming of feet
- g. meat inspection
- h. scrotal hernias - all species
- i. umbilical hernias - all species
Note: With the exception of eviscerated hernias in newborn calves
- j. cryptorchid surgery- all species
- k. insurance examinations (including mortality, loss of use exams & reports)
- l. listed herd and dispersal sales
- m. shows & sales
- n. endorsement fees
- o. export testing
- p. parentage sampling
- q. routine vaccinations
- r. all drugs and medicines
- s. all laboratory fees
- t. waiting time
- u. after hours or holiday fees
- v. mileage
- w. services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSH.
- x. internal fracture fixation procedures
- y. hospitalization for any **service not listed in Schedule "A"**
- z. Services under codes 12A/B & 13A/B over & above 1½ hours
 - aa) Exams for non-conventional treatments and those treatments. (Examples: adjustments, acupuncture etc)
 - ab) **VCPR consultations for a period longer than 2 units of code #25**

All "Schedule A" services for species not specifically identified on "Schedule A"

Note: All jurisdictions cover "Schedule A" services for the bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine species. Some jurisdictions cover some, or all, "Schedule A" services for alternative livestock species (e.g. elk, bison, deer, etc.). The specific species and services covered will be identified on the "Schedule A" that was approved by that particular jurisdiction.

Any other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ASB Review Update
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with an update from the ASB Review Steering Committee

BACKGROUND:

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has been conducting a review of the existing ASB Program. They have collected information and feedback through online surveys of the Ag Fieldmen in the province, as well as face to face meetings with ASB members throughout the province. The Committee is now in the process of developing recommendations based on the information collected.

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information (no further action taken).

ATTACHMENTS:

- ASB Review Committee Email
- ASB Review Standouts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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

ABJ

AgFieldman:

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Subject: ASB Review Update

Attachments: ASB Review_Stand Outs.pdf

SENT ON BEHALF OF THE ASB REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE

"Good Afternoon ASB Board Members and Agricultural Fieldmen,

Firstly, thank you all for your participation in the review. We received some fantastic feedback that has led to some great discussions during our recent meetings.

We last met on May 17th to review the 30 page summary report that Cindy, our consultant / facilitator, had developed for us. This report contains all the information that was collected through the Ag Fieldmen Survey and at the Face To Face meetings. Jake Kotowich, the Executive Director from the Crop Health and Assurance Branch, was able to join us in the morning as we went through the summary report.

In the afternoon, we began the process of developing recommendations based on all the information we received from ASBs and Fieldmen that is highlighted in the summary report.

Overall the day went well but there is much more work to be done as we continue the recommendation development process. The goal is to have two additional face to face meetings to develop, polish and finalize these recommendations. Our ambition is to have a final draft of these recommendations completed at the end of the month.

We would like to share the following "Stand Outs" that highlight and summarize some of the main themes in the Summary Report.

Sincerely,

ASB Review Steering Committee"

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ASB Grant Program Review Engagement – “Stand Out’s”

- ☛ The points that follow are by no means a comprehensive or definitive response to what surfaced in the Program Review. What follows is simply what stood out to the Consultant-Facilitator and the Project Team (Core Group).

Program Impact – Achieving the ASB Grant Program Purpose

- From the standpoint of ASB Grant Program mandate and operations, stakeholder feedback indicates that the Program functions well. As expected, there are opportunities to improve the Program in select areas.
- It is challenging to assess Program impact in the absence of defined, quantifiable success indicators or outcome measures, i.e. strategic level. Program evaluation experience is needed to identify appropriate impact/outcome measures for the Province (and potentially for ASBs).
- Longer-term economic impact assessment of the ASB Program would go a long way to demonstrate credibility and viability.

“Telling Our Story”,

- There was considerable interest in this topic, especially around the ASB Program *economic impact*, the *value proposition* in ASB programming. Credible data, relevant measures are important in telling the story.
- Communication, advocacy, and education were seen as essential to getting the story out to Albertans – rural and urban population, youth of all ages.

ASB Grant Program – Moving Forward,

- It is important the Program remains flexible, accommodates both provincial and distinct local or regional concerns.
- A variety of bold, emerging or new ideas came forward for ASB Grant Program funding.

Strengthening AF ↔ ASB Working Relationship,

- Many practical ideas were raised for how to better understand or utilize the Key Contact Program. There is concern about a dwindling AF presence in rural Alberta, i.e. succession plans for AF staff including Key Contacts.
- Communication and the working relationship are generally good and hinge on trust and 2-way communication.

Ag-Fieldmen and ASB Member Common Concerns,

- The data analysis revealed common thinking between the two target audiences, most notably around outcome and operational measures, “telling our story”, desire for flexibility in the Program (accommodate regional differences), support for the Key Contact Program, concern with timeliness in the resolution process, and the need to better identify, track and communicate results/outcomes of the resolution process, i.e. changes to programming, practices, legislation, policy.
- Government of Alberta Ministries and other agencies that have a role with the ASB-governed legislation and compliance need to better integrate, align requirements and support of ASBs and municipalities.

Resolution Process,

- ASB Members want to more fully understand how the resolution process works and the outcomes – change in policy, operations, practices. A number of practical ideas surfaced for streamlining or improving the resolution process.
- The purpose of resolutions beyond input to policy development caught the attention of ASB members, i.e. Resolutions *inform* the AF and other relevant agencies about issues/concerns that ASBs view as important.
- Both stakeholder groups are concerned with the timeliness of the resolution process, especially around reporting back standings and outcomes. Striving for high quality and prioritized resolutions is a concern.

Regional Differences,

- *South*
 - Invasive species (e.g. Knapweed) are a big concern.

- *Central*
 - Concerned about two-way communication between AF and ASBs.
 - Had ideas around Ag-Fieldmen “resource officers”, farm safety insurance packages, and Sustainable Certified Farms.
 - The spread of Clubroot is an issue.
- *Northwest*
 - Concerned with government downloading, the loss of AF extension services (District Agriculturists and District Home Economists, other local and regional Specialists).
 - Introduced the concept of a “Centre of Excellence for Agriculture”. Region with the most concerns about urban sprawl and the loss of agricultural land.
 - Raised points on a Resolution banking system (i.e. inventory), ASB economic impacts, Seed Cleaning Plant upgrades, and mounting weed issues on abandoned oil field reclamation sites.
- *Peace*
 - More access to Key Contacts. Feel isolated and disconnected.
 - Concerned about the effects of the global market on the region.

(Note: Opinio-generated survey results with all the qualitative and quantitative details – province-wide and by Region, are stored in the ASB Grant Program Review (2019) SharePoint folder.)

“We Have Common Diverse Problems within the Regions”,

- ASB Members appreciated the opportunity to mix with other ASBs in their region, hear and understand both common and distinct issues. Ag-Fieldmen expressed the same view.

Feedback & Evaluation – Indicators of Engagement Success

- ✓ Target response rates for both the Ag-Fieldmen Survey and the ASB Member participation in the Face-to-Face Sessions were met: 80% survey response rate; minimum of 20 ASB Member participants registered.
- ✓ Overview Report to ASB Member Face-to-Face Session participants and continuous communication with the target stakeholders through the duration of the Grant Program Review, supported awareness of the process and a feedback loop.
- ✓ **“Return on Investment for This Session”** evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. For example:
 - “I was glad to be included in this process and to be able to be heard and have input to the direction of the ASB.”*
 - “(I) appreciated the process and the ability to hear from board members on what’s good and what could be better.”*
 - “All worked very well – a wealth of information.”*
 - “Such sessions should be mandated every 5 years minimum.”*

Participants frequently expressed their appreciation for mixing ASB representation through the day and with different topics. They were very pleased with the opportunity to hear the concerns and interests of other municipalities in their region, both common ground and unique perspectives. There was obvious comfort in the realization that many ASBs share the same concerns.

(See Appendices for a compilation of ASB Member “Return on Investment” session evaluations.)

- ✓ The Steering Committee has a comprehensive Summary Report to verify past and emerging issues, inform and guide development of Recommendations to the Minister.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Member Watchorn report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of June 19, 2019 for information.

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

Peace Country Beef Cattle Days

Grimshaw Alberta

March 26/19

By: Julie Watchorn

Three Principals of Adaptive Stewardship

Allen R Williams, Ph.D.

Understanding Ag LLC

Soil Health Academy

Joyce Farms Inc.

South Carolina, Mississippi

We know 10% of what happens in our soil...

-Reduce disturbance

-Increase diversity

- Increase living roots

It starts with MICROBES

Rhizophagy-

- Ability of plants to take in soil bacteria, dissolve the bacteria membrane and consume nutrients locked inside
- Plant roots suck in soil bacteria
- Powerful root enzymes dissolve bacterial membranes
- Plants eat nutrients
- Membrane less bacteria spit back out into the soil
- Reform membrane

We are all standing on soil

We are standing on a rooftop of another world

Power of Mycorrhizal Fungi –

- Far better than plant roots at picking up nutrients in the soil (6-10xs)
- Solubilize bound nutrients (especially P)
- Most natural P tightly bound with Fe and Al in recalcitrant compounds

P inputs derived from most fertilizers often react with ambient soil cations to form insoluble salts

- The Mycorrhizal system extends 40-60 cms beyond the plant roots themselves
- Mycorrhizal fungi increase the absorptive surface area of plant roots hundreds to thousands of times

Principle of Compounding

- Never singular effects or impact
- Never neutral –always positive or negative
- Everything we do causes a series of compounding and cascading events
- Also creates epigenetic effects

Principle of Diversity

- Want highly diverse and complex pastures and annual mixes- not monocultures

- Functional groups-Grasses, Legumes and Forbs

Why??

Compounding and Cascading Effects

-Always occur –positive or negative

Secondary and Tertiary compounds

- Dr. Fred Provenza and others

Diversity in microbial species

Diversity in macro organisms

Exponential rather than linear

No effect or impact is singular

Principle of Disruption

- Nature has tremendous resilience and responds well to challenges
- Planned, purposeful disruptions
- Creates hosts of positive compounding effects
- Every cell in every organism has a memory

Best tool in your toolbox

- Observe! Observe! Observe!

- Use all you senses

- Sight
- Taste
- Sound
- Touch
- Smell

Constant observation develops –Intuition

Livestock Behaviour

- An animals nutritional wisdom is very different than our perception of what it should be
- Plants are very good at organic chemistry and mediate relationships among soil, other plants and herbivores
- No person can select by hand a diet as nutritious as an animal can free ranging (in a diverse environment)
- Herbivores will eat 30-60 different foods daily if given the opportunity. A lot of some, a little of others; changes during different seasons
- Study after study show that an animal can detect deficiencies within hours or even minutes and will adjust what they eat or drink *IF* they have options

Resources

www.soilcarboncowboys.com

www.understandingag.com

www.soilhealthacademy.org

www.pastureproject.org

www.grassfedexchange.com

Grazing Management

*Duane McCartney, Forage Beef Systems Research Scientist
Lacombe, Alberta*

Don't graze until 3- leaf stage in spring

Need litter

- Provides shade
- Increase snow traps
- Reduce raindrop impact
- Increase infiltration

Resting plants is the only way to sustain high production year after year

2 different legumes most beneficial, grasses alone are the lowest yield

Italian Rye Grass- no problem putting calves on it in the fall

-Cheaper than feedlot feed

Feed your best feed after calving

Swath graze

Bale Graze

Don't graze too long

Don't graze too much

Animals gain better when drinking from a trough

If you get short of grass...

-Graze just during breeding season

-Wean early, making sure all calves drink and eat by themselves, feeding high energy feed

-Let cows graze wanting them to go into winter in good condition

Planned Grazing

Pam Iwanchysko

Livestock Farm Production Extension

Primary Agriculture Branch

Manitoba Agriculture

Dauphin, MB

We are in the business of capturing sunlight and water and converting it to food!!

Why plan your grazing?

Long term ecosystem health and profits

Planned grazing is a powerful tool

Biological N fixation and nutrient cycling

Carbon Sequestration

Re-graze every 90 days (wont work here!)

Graze before too mature

Benefits: why we do this-

Possibly better cattle performance and forage production (biological nitrogen fixation and carbon sequestration)

Improve water quality (healthy perennial pastures protect against erosion)

Enhanced wildlife habitat (perennial pastures provide food for birds, animals, earthworms and many other soil organisms)

Amber Moskalyk

Canadian Beef Sustainability Acceleration Pilot

VBP+

Sustainable Beef -

- Social Responsible
- Economically Viable
- Environmentally Sound

Five Principles of Beef Sustainability

- 1- Natural Resources
- 2- Community and People
- 3- Animal Health and Welfare
- 4- Food
- 5- Efficiency and Innovation

The CBSA is an initiative to deliver a credible, assured supply of beef from certified sustainable sources

It will allow for future consumer-facing claims about sustainable beef production in Canada, which will help strengthen consumer trust in the Beef Industry

Which in turn will help Canadian Beef in the global markets

VBP+ workshops on-line or In-person

5 year renewable

Return is approximately \$18 per head amount varies per quarter

Bill Wilson-Forage Friendly Enterprises

200 cow/calf pair (Beef Booster) Dawson Creek, BC

Calves May 1 Pastures June (ish)

All rented pasture land

Uses creeping Red Fescue / Red Clover

Fall/winter Grazing/Swath

Bred heifers go on the best grass had too many open

Late June grazing gives pasture rest time

Winter grazing improves soils

After Sept. 15 you save \$1.40 per day

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Paul Kinnee-Berwyn. AB

Calves may/June

Weans March/April

Pasture Map.com not phone compatible

Graze June come back 90 days later
Swath graze oats and Italian Rye grass
Not sold on cover crops
Pastures legumes/brome/timothy
\$1100/year Pasture Map.com

Clay Armstrong-Hythe, Ab

Planned and not so planned grazing
How often to move cows day/week/month
Depends on Water supply, Shelter and/or Escape plan
You can use bush pasture instead of letting cows punch out pasture

Julie Watchorn

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

- The Board requested CanolaPALOOZA be added to the June meeting. CanolaPALOOZA workshop is being held at the Lacombe Research & Development Centre on June 26, 2019 in Lacombe, Alberta.
- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Day at the Research Farm on August 1, 2019 near Fairview, Alberta.
- Wheat Stalks workshop is being held on August 8, 2018 in Teepee Creek, Alberta.
- The Board requested the 2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference in be added to the June meeting. The 2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference is being held on August 13-15, 2019 at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park in Calgary, Alberta.
- AgSmart Growing Profits with Data on August 13-14, 2019 at Olds College in Olds, Alberta.
- The Board requested the NPARA Harvest Tour be added to the June meeting. The NPARA Harvest Tour is being held on August 14, 2019 at the Research Farm near manning, Alberta.

OPTIONS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Event Costs
- CanolaPalooza Poster
- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Day at the Research Farm Poster
- Wheat Stalks workshop information
- 2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference agenda
- AgSmart Growing Profits with Data poster & agenda
- Calendars (June/July/August)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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

ABJ

AgFieldman:

GC

Upcoming Events Cost estimate per day per individual

Event	Location	Dates	# of days	Registration	Kms roundtrip from Worsley	Mileage	Room	Meals	Personal Allowance	Per Diem	Total Cost per person per day
CanolaPALOOZA	Lacombe Research and Development Center	June 26, 2019	1	\$0	1484	\$860.72	\$260.00	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$192.84	\$1,428.56
PCBFA Field Day	Fairview, Alberta	August 1, 2019	1	\$0.00	170	\$91.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.84	\$284.64
Wheat Stalks Workshop	Teepee Creek, Alberta	August 8, 2019	1	\$0	360	\$194.40	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$192.84	\$432.24
2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference	BMO Centre at Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta	August 13-15, 2019	3	\$578	1754	\$947.16	\$390.00	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$192.84	\$3,903.18
AgSmart Growing Profits with Data	Olds College, Olds, Alberta	August 13-14, 2019	2	\$165	1578	\$852.12	\$260.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$192.84	\$2,162.80
NPARA Harvest Tour	Manning, Alberta	August 14, 2019	1	\$0	390	\$210.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.84	\$403.44
											\$8,614.86

June 26th, 2019 | Lacombe, AB

5th Annual Alberta canolaPALOOZA

The Agronomy Event of the Summer



GET AN EXPERT ANSWER TO EVERY CANOLA QUESTION

Join over 100 of Western Canada's leading researchers and agronomy specialists for an interactive and engaging day with more than 25 learning stations featuring everything from stand establishment right through to harvesting your canola, plus information on winter wheat, pulses and wheat.

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Thursday, August 1st 2019



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Field Day at the Research Farm

Fairview Research Farm

Wheat Stalks



The wheat centric field day, WheatStalk, is heading north!

Join Alberta Wheat Commission and Peace Country Beef and Forage for WheatStalk - a day full of agronomy learning and fun in the sun!

This build-your-own-adventure event features a soil health expert, tips and tricks on identifying pests and four different trial plots including canola, pulses, barley and wheat as well as an intercropping demonstration.

All growers will be able to find useful information on their favourite crops to implement on their farm.

Be one of the first 50 to pre-register for the event and get our famous wheat socks upon check-in!

Event Properties

Event Date	08-08-2019 9:00 am
Event End Date	08-08-2019 3:00 pm
Registration Start Date	05-27-2019
Cut off date	08-08-2019 3:00 pm
Individual Price	FREE
Location	Teepee Creek

CANADIAN BEEF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Monday, August 12, 2019

7:45 AM – 5:00 PM	Explore Alberta Beef hosted by Alberta Beef Producers (extra ticket) For full tour details CLICK HERE
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL) Selections - CLOSED

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL) Selections - CLOSED
7:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Canada/US Roundtable - CLOSED
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	National Communications Managers Meeting - CLOSED
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency AGM
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CCA Environment
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	CCA FEATURE SPEAKER
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Young Cattlemen's Council (YCC) AGM
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CCA Food Policy
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	CCA FEATURE SPEAKER
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	CBBC Technical Forum
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	NCFA General Session with featured speakers
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	SECURING OUR FUTURE #1 – THROUGH INVESTMENT
	Panel Discussion What do your check-off dollars really provide? This case study will follow how groups work together on your investment, where the money flows and what does the return really look like for Canadian producers.
4:00 PM	<i>TRADESHOW OPENS</i>
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Happy Hour presented by MNP
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Opening Reception
	Cattlemen's Young Leaders 2019 Graduation Ceremony Highlights from the class of 2019: CYL's will be recognized for their excellence in leadership within the beef industry

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

7:30 AM	TRADESHOW OPENS
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<p>SECURING OUR FUTURE #2 – THROUGH PERCEPTION</p> <p>Confusion around Nutrition?</p> <p>Timothy Caulfield - Host and co-producer of the hit documentary TV show, <i>A User's Guide to Cheating Death</i> Professor of Health Law & Science Policy</p> <p>There is a ridiculous amount of science-free health and nutrition advice floating around popular culture. In this presentation Professor Caulfield will explore why and how health information gets so twisted.</p>
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	BREAK AND TRADE SHOW
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>Bov-Innovation 1.0</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE TO ANTIMICROBIALS</p> <p>Featuring: Dr. Steve Hendrick and TBA</p> <p>If you are a beef producer in Canada, you now require a prescription from a licenced veterinarian before purchasing a medically important antibiotic. While not every issue can be avoided, preventative measures can reduce the need for antimicrobials. During this session you will discover the strategies that can be used on your farm to reduce the need for antimicrobials and how this can benefit your operation.</p>
10:15 AM – 2:00 PM	CCA FOREIGN TRADE
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	CCA FEATURE SPEAKER
10:15 AM – 2:00 PM	CCA ANIMAL HEALTH
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	CCA FEATURE SPEAKER
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Bov-Innovation 2.0</p> <p>DROUGHT PREPARATION</p> <p>Featuring: Dr. John McKinnon and Graeme Finn</p> <p>In 2018, drought conditions negatively impacted beef production in Canada, and severely impacted in some locations globally. Projections suggest that the frequency and severity of drought will continue to increase in several areas that are already dry, such as the Southern Interior of British</p>

Columbia and the Prairie provinces.

<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p>		<p>Whether in the form of pasture, stored forage, or supplements, feed is the largest variable input cost in cow-calf operations. A big challenge is to feed the cow in a way that meets her current and future nutritional requirements for maintenance, lactation, and reproduction as cost effectively as possible. This challenge is obviously much greater during drought, when feed is scarce and expensive. This session will uncover ways to prepare your operation to lessen the impact of dry conditions on cattle and forages.</p> <p>EMERGING LEADERS presented by <i>Young Cattlemen's Council</i> Discover from a feature panel how to start a business in the beef industry from scratch. Learn from their determination, the ups and downs, what they knew and what they wish they knew when starting their business.</p> <p>BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS presented by <i>Canada Beef</i> Learn how the Canada Beef business team work with key industry partners to build and drive consumer demand for Canadian beef.</p>
<p>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</p>		<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>1:00 PM – 2:00 PM</p>		<p>SECURING OUR FUTURE #3 – THROUGH TRADE PERSPECTIVES FROM ABROAD - Panel Discussion Opportunities for Canadian beef exports are rapidly growing. Panelists from key International markets will provide insight on what is shaping global demand for Canadian Beef and how we can become leaders in the international market place.</p>
<p>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</p>		<p>SECURING OUR FUTURE #4 – THROUGH INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY IN MODERN DAY RANCHING Dr. Eric Behlke, Feedlot Health Management Systems How does technology fit into your business operation? This discussion will look at different systems, electronics and more that will make a difference to your bottom line and advance agriculture.</p>
<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p>	<p>2:45 PM – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Bov-Innovation 2.0 DROUGHT PREPARATION Featuring: Dr. John McKinnon and Graeme Finn In 2018, drought conditions negatively impacted beef production in Canada, and severely impacted in some locations globally. Projections suggest that the frequency and severity of drought will continue to increase in several areas that are already dry, such as the Southern Interior of British Columbia and the Prairie provinces.</p>

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	2:45 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) EMERGING LEADERS presented by <i>Young Cattlemen's Council</i> Discover from a feature panel how to start a business in the beef industry from scratch. Learn from their determination, the ups and downs, what they knew and what they wish they knew when starting their business.</p>
	2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	
	3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<p><i>BREAK AND TRADE SHOW</i></p>
CONCURRENT SESSIONS	4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>Bov-Innovation 1.0 ALTERNATIVE TO ANTIMICROBIALS Featuring: Dr. Steve Hendrick and TBA If you are a beef producer in Canada, you now require a prescription from a licenced veterinarian before purchasing a medically important antibiotic. While not every issue can be avoided, preventative measures can reduce the need for antimicrobials. During this session you will discover the strategies that can be used on your farm to reduce the need for antimicrobials and how this can benefit your operation.</p>
	4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>BEEF FROM THE CONSUMER PERSPECTIVE presented by <i>Canada Beef</i> Come and join the conversation and learn how we are connecting and building trust with consumers to communicate about Canadian beef.</p>
		<p>TRADESHOW Happy Hour presented by UFA <i>Banquet and The National Environmental Stewardship Awards and Outstanding Research and Innovation Award</i> Evening Entertainment and Socializing</p>
	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	
	8:30 PM – 11:00 PM	<p>Pete Zedlacher 20+ year veteran of the comedy scene and one of the premiere headliners in the country. Zedlacher, who proudly hails from Wawa, a small mining town in Northern Ontario, draws heavily from his Canadian working-class roots.</p>

Thursday, August 15, 2019

7:30 AM	TRADESHOW OPENS
7:30 AM – 7:55 AM	BREAKFAST
7:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Canadian Beef Advisors (CLOSED)
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Provincial Managers Meeting (CLOSED)
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:15 AM – 10:15 AM	SECURING OUR FUTURE #5 – THROUGH INSIGHTS CanFax Market Updates brought to you by MNP
8:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Canadian Cattle Market Update Key Factors to Watch
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Brian Perillat , Manager/Senior Analyst – Canfax Global Protein and Beef Outlook Randy Blach , CEO - CattleFax
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Canadian Economic Outlook –BMO TBA
10:15 AM – 11:00AM	BREAK and TRADESHOW
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Poster Competition Winner Presentations
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	SECURING OUR FUTURE #6 – THROUGH PERSEVERANCE
	KARL SUBBAN Former school principal in one of Toronto’s toughest neighbourhoods, and the father of five children, including three NHL players. He’s dedicated his life to helping others reach their potential—to be better at their careers, and as people. In his gregarious, powerful talks—and in his brand-new memoir, <i>How We Did It</i> —he explores teamwork and leadership and offers a fresh take on what it means to succeed.
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	LUNCH
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Tri-Lateral Meeting – National Cattle Organization Leadership from Canada, USA and Mexico meet to discuss strategies to benefit global beef trade. CLOSED
1:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) Open House
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	CCA Domestic Ag
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	CCA FEATURE SPEAKER
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	SECURING OUR FUTURE #7 – THROUGH COMMUNICATION LIVE CATTLE DEMO presented by MERCK Animal Health
	Creating Connections presented by Merck Animal Health Dr. Kip Lukasiewicz The way cattle are managed varies from operation to operation but with the same goal function effectively. This live presentation will give you tips on low-stress handling.

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	techniques and the best practices on how to keep your cattle calm and methods to help your calves acclimatize to the feedlot.
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	SECURING OUR FUTURE #8 – THROUGH KNOWLEDGE
	TED TECHNOLOGY HOUR – The Ag Version These four short, powerful talks will feature some of the upcoming best in technology and design.
5:30 PM	Shuttles depart The Westin for Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Out to Pasture – Wind-up Party @ Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall (extra ticket)

Friday, August 16, 2019

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Canadian Cattlemen's Association AGM (The Westin)
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Field to Can – The Story Behind the Beer (extra ticket) For full tour details CLICK HERE



August 13-14, 2019
Olds College, Olds, AB

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A hands-on demonstration and education expo for farmers focused on technology and data across the agriculture sector – how to gather it, and how to use it to enhance productivity and profits.

Keynotes:

Robert Saik: Agriculture 5.0 (Aug 13)

Greg Johnson: The Tornado Hunter, Risk Assessment & Management (Aug 14)

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**Schedule and Sessions Subject to Change*

Tuesday, August 13

- **7:45 am - 8:30 am - Registration**
Registrants can check in to receive their passes, schedule and enjoy a light refreshment & snack
- **8:30 am - 9:40 am - Welcome & Keynote Address**

“Agriculture 5.0 – The Convergence of the Farm”

Robert Saik, P.Ag., CAC

Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre

- **9:40 am - 9:55 am - Transition & Networking**

Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre

- **9:55 am - 10:55 am - Concurrent Sessions - Block 1**

“Soil, Water, and Topography as the Foundation of Managing Crop Variability”

Wes Anderson & Jeff Branschi – CropPro

“Disrupting Precision Agriculture: Making VRF Simpler”

Phillip Clancy – Next Instruments

“Genetic Selection Tools and Genomic Technology in the Canadian Beef Industry”

Kajal Devani – Canadian Angus Association

“Leveraging Industry Leading Traceability for Advanced Product, Supply, and Sector Risk Analysis”

Michael Gibbons – Provision Analytics

“Pasture & Hayland Viagra”

Grant Loszywka – Alberta Agriculture & Forestry

“Using Drone Imagery and On-Farm Data to Drive ROI in Precision Agriculture”

Jacobs Nederend – Deveron UAS Corp

“FCC AgExpert: Building a Foundation of Trust for Data Management in Canadian Agriculture”

Laurier Poirier – Farm Credit Canada

- **10:55 am - 11 am - Transition**

Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre

- **11 am - 12 pm - Concurrent Sessions - Block 2**

“Data and Technology for Grain Storage”

Dr. Joy Agnew, Olds College

“I’ve Been Told I Should Feed Test – Now What?”

Andrea Hanson – Alberta Agriculture & Forestry

“Trade and Technology: An Important Piece of the Global Puzzle”

Cherilyn Joly-Nagel, The Global Farmer Network

“Innovation in Agriculture – My 10 Years in Precision Ag”

Brent Nicol, Narvio

“Self Driving Ag: Who’s in the Drivers Seat?”

Brian Tischler, Genetic Potential Ltd.

“Traceability, Data Use and Protection”

Mike Witkowitz, Ag Exchange Group

“Nitrogen Fixation in Crops as an Alternative to Nitrogen Fertilizers”

Alicja Ziemienowicz – Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

- **12 pm - 12:45 pm - Lunch**

- **12:50 pm - 1:50 pm - Concurrent Sessions - Block 3**

“Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Manage Livestock from Above”

Dr. John Church – Thompson Rivers University

“The Synergy Between Variable Rate Fertility And Variable Rate Seed On Your Farm”

Garth Donald, Decisive Farming

“Managing Your Post-Harvest Data”

Ian Meier, Agrimatics

“Preparing for the Future....What You Will Need to Know About the CLTS”

Lisa Pawlick, Canadian Cattle Identification Agency

“From Cloud to Cab – Building a Platform that Works Where Farmers Work”

Marvin Takema, The Climate Corporation

“Self Driving Ag: Who’s in the Drivers Seat?”

Brian Tischler, Genetic Potential Ltd.

Cervus Equipment

- **1:50 pm - 5 pm - Exhibits and Demonstrations**
Location: Exhibits Space
- **5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Great Albertan BBQ (Seperate Ticket)**

Location: Olds College Wetlands

Taste some local Albertan fare served up BBQ style along with a side of entertainment the evening of August 13. All Full Access Passes include a ticket and individual tickets are available for purchase for \$40, [click to purchase](#)

Full Access Pass

(Option of 2 Day Pass or Single Day Passes)

Session Descriptions and Speaker Bio's Available [HERE](#)

*Schedule and Sessions Subject to Change

Wednesday, August 14

- **7:45 am - 8:30 am - Registration**
Registrants can check in to receive their passes, schedule and enjoy a light refreshment & snack
- **8:30 am - 9:40 am - Welcome & Keynote Address**

“Risk Assessment & Management”

Greg Johnson, Fire Tornado Hunter

Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre

- **9:40 am - 9:55 am - Transition & Networking**
Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre
- **9:55 am - 10:55 am - Concurrent Sessions - Block 4**

“GrainViz – The Future of Grain Storage”

GrainViz

“Managing Your Post-Harvest Data”

Jou Meier, Agrimatics

“Using Drone Imagery and On-Farm Data to Drive ROI in Precision Agriculture”

Jacob Nederand – Deveron UAS Corp

“Preparing for the Future....What You Will Need to Know About the CLTS”

Elisa Pawlick – Canadian Cattle Identification Agency

“Weed Resistance – Tips on How to Manage”

Trout Paarlack – FMC

“Turning Data into Decisions”

Evan Shout, Maverick Ag

ATB

- **10:55 am - 11 am - Transition**
Location: Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre
- **11 am - 12 pm - Concurrent Sessions - Block 5**

“Soil, Water, and Topography as the Foundation of Managing Crop Variability”

Wes Anderson & Jeff Bronsch – CropPro

“Data Science on the Farm”

Matt Meisner – Farmers Business Network

“Challenging the Capital Paradigm”

Jonathan Small, Global Ag Risk Solutions

“Self Driving Ag: Who’s in the Drivers Seat?”

Brian Tischler, Genetic Potential Ltd.

“Livestock Digital Value Chains & Their Evolution: Australia”

Kelly Hawley, Darren Price & Sean Starling, Meat & Livestock Australia

BushelPlus

Weather INnovations

- **12 pm - 12:45 pm - Lunch**
- **12:50 pm - 1:50 pm - Concurrent Sessions - Block 6**

“Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Manage Livestock from Above”

Dr. John Church – Thompson Rivers University

“AI in Reality: Transforming AI-Driven Insights into On-Farm Profitability”

Heather Clair – Farmers Edge

“Disrupting Precision Agriculture: Making VRF Simpler”

Phillip Clancy – Next Instruments

“Alberta Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program”

Al Kemmere & Tammy Schwass, Agricultural Recycling Plastics Group

“FCC AgExpert: Building a Foundation of Trust for Data Management in Canadian Agriculture”

Laurier Poirier – Farm Credit Canada

Bio-Cycle

Cervus

- **1:50 pm - 5 pm - Exhibits and Demonstrations**
Location: Exhibits Space

June 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Council	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 P&P Meeting (Council)	19 ASB mtg.	20 Solstice and Collaborative Forage Tour MR, BR	21	22
23	24	25 Council	26 CanolaPALOOZA	27		

June 26, 2019 – Solstice and Collaborative Forage Tour at the Beaverlodge Research Farm
 June 26, 2019 - CanolaPALOOZA at the Lacombe Research & Development Centre

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

July 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 ASB mtg.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Council Ag in Motion DJ, MR, BR	17	18	19	20
21	22 Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams MR, BR, DJ, JW	23	24 NPARA Field Day BH, GC, MR, DJ	25 County BBQ George Lake Campground	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July 16-18 – Ag in Motion in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

July 22-23 – Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams at Lac Cardinal Hall & Grounds

July 24 - NPARA Field Day at the Research Farm near Manning, Alberta

Legend:

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

August 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
				PCBFA Field Day at the Research Farm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference	NPARA Harvest Tour			
		AgSmart				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Council				
25	26	27	28	29		

August 1st – PCBFA Field Day at the Research farm near Fairview, Alberta.

August 13th – 15th – 2019 Canadian Beef Industry Conference at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park in Calgary, Alberta

August 13th – 14th – AgSmart Growing Profits with Data at Olds College in Olds, Alberta.

August 14th – NPARA Harvest Tour near Manning, Alberta.

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldur Ruecker

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All – All available members

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ASB Grant Yearly Report
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the yearly ASB Grant report that is filed with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

BACKGROUND:

This report is a requirement by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry as yearly tracking of how the ASB Grant funds are being used by the ASB.

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information (no further action taken).

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2018 ASB Statement of Income and Expenditures
- 2018 ASB Yearly Report *will be handed out at the meeting.*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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

ABJ

AgFieldman:

GC

ASB Statement of Income and Expenditures 2018

Municipality: Clear Hills County

	Amount
ASB Grant Legislative Funding Stream	\$ 168,359.46
ASB Grant Environmental Funding Stream	105,000.00
Total Income	\$ 273,359.46

Expenditures	
Manpower	
Legislative Stream Program Staff	\$ 274,982.03
Salary, wages and benefits for Legislative Funding Stream Staff. Agricultural Fieldman, assistant agricultural fieldman, equipment operators, inspectors, etc. associated with the Legislated Funding Stream. Do not include Professional Development.	
Environmental Stream Program Staff	\$ 274,982.03
Salary, wages and benefits for environmental program staff (i.e. Rural Extension Specialist). Do not include Professional Development.	
Total Manpower	\$ 274,982.03

Program	
Legislative Funding Stream	\$ 343,074.39
All expenses, other than manpower and capital, related to Legislative Funding Stream Activities. Professional development, operating expenses for vehicles, equipment parts, safety supplies, herbicide and other non-capital supplies required to carry out activities related to the Legislative Funding Stream.	
Environmental Funding Stream	\$ 343,074.39
All expenses, other than manpower and capital, related to Environmental Funding Stream Activities. Professional development, supplies for extension events, operating expenses for vehicles, safety supplies and other non-capital supplies related to Environmental Funding Stream activities.	
Total Program Expenditures	\$ 343,074.39

Capital Expenditures	
Legislative Funding Stream	\$ -
Capital expenses for trucks, tractors, mowers, spray trucks, computer systems, etc. Operating and repair expenses should be put in with Legislative Funding Stream Program Expenses.	
Environmental Funding Stream	\$ -
Capital expenses for trucks, solar waterers and other equipment. Operating and repair expenses should be put in with Environmental Funding Stream Program Expenses.	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 618,056.42

Municipal Contribution	
Legislative Funding Stream	\$ 449,696.96
Automatically calculated	
Environmental Funding Stream	\$ (105,000.00)
Automatically calculated	
Total Municipal Contribution	\$ 344,696.96
Automatically calculated	

I certify the amounts indicated accurately reflect program activities for the period specified and the Minister may at any time request supporting documents for audit purposes.

Verification:

(a) The costs described in this claim and considered eligible were incurred according to the terms and conditions of the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program for 2017-2019.

Signing Authority: _____
(Signature of authorized signing authority)

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ALBERTA AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY – WEED CONTROL ACT APPEAL PROCESS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in regards to the appeal process under the *Weed Control Act*.

BACKGROUND:

To address the concerns raised, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry piloted a new Ministerial Review process for Weed Control Act appeal reviews in the spring of 2019. Given the success of the pilot, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has decided to adopt this new process. Effective immediately, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will begin an in-person hearing process. It is their intention to reduce response rate for Ministerial Review of appeals significantly through this revised process. This will assist Agricultural Service Board partners in their efforts to take the appropriate measures for better weed control, ensuring landowners have a fair process to prevent the spread of weeds that can negatively impact crop production and put markets for our crops at risk.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry letter to Corey Beck, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee.

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry *Weed Control Act* Appeal Process amendments.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager:

ABJ

AgFieldman:

GC



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MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

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Mr. Corey Beck
Chair, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
Box 490
Two Hills, AB T0B 4K0

Dear Mr. Beck:

I understand that prolonged timelines to conclude Ministerial Review of appeals under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* (WCA) has been a concern for your organization for some time. I would like to thank the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Provincial Committee and their member ASBs for raising this issue of mutual concern. The work that ASBs and Agricultural Fieldmen do to protect our farmers and ranchers from weed and pest threats is invaluable so I am happy to announce that Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is launching a new system to improve this process.

AF has developed a new appeal process for the WCA in response to the recent 2018 Resolution, "Appeals to the Minister under the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act*", and through conversations we have had with the ASB Provincial Committee, the Association of Agricultural Fieldmen, and with municipalities.

To address the concerns raised, AF piloted a new Ministerial Review process for WCA appeal reviews in spring 2019. Given the success of that pilot, AF has decided to adopt this new process. Effective immediately, AF will begin an in-person hearing process. It is our intention to reduce the response rate for Ministerial Review of appeals significantly through this revised process. This will assist our ASB partners in their efforts to take the appropriate measures for better weed control, ensuring landowners have a fair process to prevent the spread of weeds that can negatively impact crop production and put markets for our crops at risk.

Thank you again for raising this issue. ASBs are key advisors to AF and provide a key service to the agriculture industry by managing and preventing the spread of weeds and other threats. I look forward to the opportunity to work together on future matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Devin Dreeshen
Minister
Agriculture and Forestry

cc: Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville
Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldmen



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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake*

APR 16 2019

Mr. Elden Kozak, President
Alberta Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen
c/o Beaver County
Po Box 140
Ryley, AB T0B 4A0

Dear Mr. Kozak:

I understand that prolonged timelines to conclude Ministerial Review of appeals under the Alberta *Weed Control Act* (WCA) has been a concern for your organization for some time. I would like to thank the Alberta Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) for working with the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Provincial Committee and their member ASBs on raising this issue of mutual concern. The work that Agricultural Fieldmen and ASBs do to protect our farmers and ranchers from weed and pest threats is invaluable, so I am happy to announce that Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is launching a new system to improve this process.

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Thank you again for raising this issue. Agriculture Fieldmen provide a key service to the agriculture industry by working with ASBs to manage and prevent the spread of weeds and other threats. I look forward to the opportunity to work together with the AAAF on future matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Devin Dreeshen
Minister
Agriculture and Forestry

cc: Rick Wilson, MLA, Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin
Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
ASB Provincial Committee

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Ag Plastics Recycling Update
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information from regarding Cleanfarms being selected as the program operator for ag plastics collection and recycling.

BACKGROUND:

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG) through Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) have selected Cleanfarms as the program operator for a three-year pilot program to collect agricultural grain bags and twine for recycling. Cleanfarms is looking for 20 sites across the province to become collection sites.

This is an item on the next North Peace Regional Landfill Commission meeting agenda.

OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information (no further action taken).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ag Plastics Site Info
- Cleanfarms Ag Plastics Recovery Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

ABJ

AgFieldman:

GC

The Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group and Alberta Beef Producers have selected Cleanfarms to operate a three-year pilot program in the province to collect agricultural grain bags and twine for recycling.

The first phase of the project is to establish up to 20 collection sites across the province that are intended to be operational by fall 2019.

Information Sessions Last Week of June

Cleanfarms will host two in-person information sessions with interested organizations in the last week of June to discuss the program in more detail. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Cleanfarms will be in touch with those who registered to discuss required criteria.

Typical Requirements

Typical requirements for a site may include but aren't limited to:

- Location (project requires up to 20 sites covering all major regions of the province)
- Accessibility for a 53-foot semi
- All-season suitability
- Loading capabilities (i.e., loading dock and forklift, grappler, etc.)
- Fencing
- Vector control

Cleanfarms will provide communications and educational support for the program.





Cleanfarms Posts Increases in 2018 Ag-Plastic Recovery Programs

Cleanfarms continues to demonstrate that Canada's agricultural community is committed to managing farm waste responsibly.

In its 2018 annual report just released, Cleanfarms recorded an increase in recovery of its Canada-wide empty small plastic container collection program of 14% by volume over 2017. In total, farmers brought back nearly 5.8 million empty containers (23L and under) for recycling into new products such as farm drainage tile.

Cleanfarms is a national non-profit industry stewardship organization that is funded by the Canadian crop protection, fertilizer, seed and agricultural plastics industries. The collection and recycling of empty agricultural pesticide and fertilizer containers is the best known and longest running of its ag-waste recovery programs. Overall, Cleanfarms' mandate is to contribute to a healthier environment by recovering agricultural and related industry plastics, packaging and products for recycling or safe disposal.



“Despite the challenges of shrinking overseas markets for recycled commodities, Cleanfarms continued to meet its goal of sending all materials collected for recycling to end markets to be remanufactured into new products. This is a prime example of the circular economy at work in the agricultural community,” said Cleanfarms General Manager Barry Friesen.

Other Cleanfarms programs also posted increases in recovery. The collection of empty agricultural seed, pesticide and fertilizer bags in Eastern Canada climbed by 22% by volume over 2017. The largest increase occurred in Quebec where recovery numbers jumped to nearly 194,000 kg from about 110,000 kg in 2017.

Fueled by the success of this program in Eastern Canada, Cleanfarms is pilot testing the collection of seed, pesticide and fertilizer bags in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 2019. Empty bags are recovered for proper disposal instead of being buried in landfill sites.

At the core of Cleanfarms' commitment to help farmers manage agriculture packaging and products responsibly is its unwanted pesticides and livestock medications collection program. Operated in partnership with the Canadian Animal Health Institute, the program provides an essential service to farmers allowing them to take old, obsolete and unwanted pesticides and livestock/equine medications to Cleanfarms drop-off locations. These materials are transported by a licensed waste hauler to specialized facilities where they are disposed of safely. The program rotates to all regions of Canada every three years. In 2018, 74 ag-retail partners in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Northern Saskatchewan, Southern Alberta and British Columbia collected for safe disposal a total of about 181,000 kg of unwanted commercial pesticides and nearly 2,500 kg of unwanted and obsolete livestock/equine medications.

2018 also marked the first year of the provincially-regulated grain bag recycling program in Saskatchewan. Though this program is just getting underway, it has already collected nearly 1,260 tonnes of grain bag plastic for recycling. The primary use for this recovered material is in the manufacture of garbage bags.

"Thanks to our industry members, Cleanfarms operates in the Canadian agricultural community as an important partner in helping farmers manage their farm operations responsibly and sustainably. That's what drives us to develop and expand programs that offer continuous improvement in access and convenience," Friesen said.

From: Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group [<mailto:tammy@albertaplasticsrecycling.com>]
Sent: June-04-19 8:55 AM
To: Audrey Bjorklund <Audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>
Subject: Cleanfarms Named Recycling Pilot Program Operator



June 4, 2019

Attention: Municipalities, waste commissions, agricultural fieldmen and managers of agricultural plastics

We are pleased to share with you that the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG) through Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) have selected Cleanfarms as the program operator for a three-year pilot program to collect agricultural grain bags and twine for recycling.

Cleanfarms was successful in meeting the qualifications set out in an expression of interest for the provincial program. Cleanfarms will handle program logistics including collection and transportation to recycle the materials. Other responsibilities include market research for all types of agricultural plastics, a waste characterization study to determine plastic volumes and materials, surveys to producers, and education about the

program. Cleanfarms is a Canadian non-profit organization that delivers recycling and disposal solutions that help farmers and their communities safely manage farm waste.

The success of Cleanfarms' programs highlights the commitment of farmers, manufacturers, retailers, distributors, municipalities, and provinces to agricultural environmental responsibility and sustainability. Cleanfarms draws on over 30 years of experience implementing programs to collect and divert agricultural waste from landfills, waterways, and on-farm burning.

We have had an extremely positive response from municipalities across the province who want to participate in this program. The project budget will support up to 20 collection sites across the province for the first year of the pilot.

The next step will be to engage those groups to determine the site locations with the goal to start material collection by early Fall.

Cleanfarms has asked that all interested sites go to their website at <https://cleanfarms.ca/alberta-ag-plastic-recycle-it-program/> to register interest in becoming a site. You will hear from Tammy Shields and/or other staff from Cleanfarms in the following weeks about the site selection process. An in-person information session for collection sites is also being scheduled for the last week in June.

Thank you for your continued interest and support to make this pilot project a success.

Sincerely,

Al Kemmere
Chair, APRG

Info about the program

Funds for the pilot project were granted by the Government of Alberta and are administered by Alberta Beef Producers.

About the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group

The APRG is a group made up of over 20 stakeholder organizations from sectors across the province representing municipalities, producers, non-profits, recyclers and retailers among others. For a full list of members and more details please visit www.aprg.ca.

About ABP

Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is the democratic and representative organization that speaks and works on behalf of close to 18,000 cattle and beef producers in Alberta. It is an organization of producers, run by producers, working for producers in all sectors of the cattle and beef industry and all areas of the province. The mission of ABP is to strengthen the sustainability and competitiveness of the beef industry for the benefit of beef producers in Alberta.

About Cleanfarms

Cleanfarms is a Canadian non-profit industry stewardship organization committed to environmental responsibility through the proper management of

agricultural packaging and product waste. Emulated internationally, Cleanfarms develops, implements and operates:

- Canada-wide programs that collect and recycle empty, single-use pesticide and fertilizer containers, and collect and safely manage unwanted pesticide and old livestock medications;
- seed and pesticide bag collection programs in eastern Canada with pilots in western Canada; and
- a regulated grain bag recycling program in Saskatchewan.

Recovered agricultural plastics are recycled into new products such as farm drainage tile, flexible irrigation pipe and garbage bags. For more information, or to register interest in becoming a collection site, visit www.cleanfarms.ca

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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
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 19, 2019

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 19, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

JUNE 19, 2019

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2019 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
24	\$8400.00

OTHER TOPICS

- Will be modifying water pump trailers to include a hose reel holder mounted permanently on each trailer in June.
- Parts costs for the zero till drill from the wheel coming off came to \$2321.00. The parts are ordered.
- Weed inspectors have been out inspecting.
- Bertha Armyworm traps were put out in 6 locations on June 10th. Weekly counts will be done for the next 6 weeks and reported to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- I have completed the Program Administration and Legislation Course from Alberta Agriculture. Achieved a final mark of 94%
- The Peace region weed inspector and spray crew workshops were held in Rycroft on May 29th and 30th.
- Have updated the landowner layer of our weed inspection database and have archived the 2018 data.
- The annual ASB grant reporting is due to the provincial government by June 30th. This is being covered in an RFD.
- The ASB field visit has been rescheduled to August 20th.

January 1 - June 10, 2019

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	1	1	\$ 30.00
BBQ Trailer	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	6	6	\$ 250.00
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	3	6	\$ 377.00
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	4	4	\$ 200.00
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Exta Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	3	4	\$ 27.00
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	17	17	\$ -
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	6	10	\$ 3,150.00
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	18	25	\$ 4,000.00
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	1	1	\$ 5.00
Hand Held Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Land Leveller	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	2	2	\$ 260.00
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	3	3	\$ 75.00
Manure Spreader	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	1	1	\$ 150.00
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -
Post Hole Auger	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -
Post Pounder	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	2	4	\$ 450.00
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Rock Picker	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	4	9	\$ 2,250.00
Rock Rake	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	2	6	\$ 1,800.00
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	3	3	\$ 60.00
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Sickle Mower	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	2	2	\$ -
Steam Tables	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	0	0	\$ -
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	4	4	\$ 93.00
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	0	0	\$ -
Tree Spade	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	4	5	\$ 200.00
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -
Water Pumps	\$100 (summer) \$1000 (winter)	\$75 (summer) \$200 (winter)	3	7	\$ 800.00
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	2	6	\$ 150.00
Zero Till Drills	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	3	7	\$ 1,050.00
			95	134	\$ 15,377.00

Revenue	\$ 15,377.00
Expenses	\$ 6,025.94
Profit	\$ 9,351.06

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
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:

- Clearwater County Agricultural Service Board – Letter – (63-10-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of June 19, 2019 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>AB</i> AgFieldman: <i>gc</i>
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June 6, 2019

Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Office of the Minister Agriculture and Forestry
229 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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RE: Agriculture and Forestry Website Concerns

The Clearwater County Agricultural Service Board would like to express concerns on behalf of agricultural providers who no longer have access to key information following new updates to the provincial website. The fact that sites such as "Ropin' the Web" and specifically the general store, the hay and pasture directory and custom rate surveys are no longer available makes it increasingly difficult for farmers to make informed management decisions for their farming operations.

These concerns could be alleviated by working with the Agriculture Service Board to ensure key resources are still available. We are happy to help provide more feedback on the new website and find ways to improve transparency and facilitate information sharing with the public.

The Clearwater County Agriculture Service Board looks forward to hearing of provincial commitment to improve resources available on the website for producers to continue with successful farming operations. Should your Department wish further information on the deficiencies on the website, please contact me through the Director of Agriculture and Community Services Department at mmartinson@clearwatercounty.ca

Sincerely,

Jody Bignell,
Clearwater County Agricultural Service Board Chair

cc: Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, Jim Eglinski;
Agriculture Service Boards of Alberta
Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Clearwater County Council.