

**AGENDA**  
**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 31, 2023**

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The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - a. December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes ..... 2**
- 4. Delegation(s)**
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
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- 10. CLOSED MEETINGS ITEMS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

**PRESENT**

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Julie Watchorn	Deputy Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Ron Jensen	Member
Garry Candy	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative

**ABSENT**

**ATTENDING**

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Bonnie Morgan	Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**AG64-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the December 20, 2022, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

Previous Meeting  
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

**AG65-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the October 20, 2022, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Activity Report

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

**AG66-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 20, 2022, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.**

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Board Reports

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

**AG67-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of December 20, 2022, for information. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Farmers Appreciation  
Event Update

The Board is presented with the February 25, 2023 Farmers Appreciation Event in the itinerary below.

**AG68-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information and recommend Council change the date to March 4<sup>th</sup> for the Farmers Appreciation Event.**

**CARRIED.**

Provincial ASB  
Conference

Peace Region Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman are hosting the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference at the Tara Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta January 17-19, 2023.

**AG69-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all members to attend the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference January 17-19, 2023 at the Tara Centre in Grande Prairie. CARRIED.**

Provincial ASB  
Resolutions

The Board is provided with the resolutions that will be coming to the floor at the 2023 Provincial ASB conference for review.

**AG70-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the 2023 Provincial ASB resolutions. CARRIED.**

Grain Bagger (ROI)  
Return on Investment

The Board is presented with information regarding the revenue and expense for the rental equipment grain bagger (Unit 31-64-29).

**AG71-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to recommend to Council to dispose of the rental equipment grain bagger (Unit 31-64-29). CARRIED.**

EVENTS

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

**AG-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all ASB Board members to attend the Peace Agronomy Update January 30, 2023 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn, Fairview. CARRIED.**

**AG-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all ASB Board members to attend the Below Ground Soil Health & Wealth at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall. CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

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

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Chair Harcourt recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m.  
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

**AG-**

**22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the December 20, 2022, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

**AG-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of December 20, 2022, as presented. CARRIED.**

**DATE, TIME AND  
PLACE OF BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) currently meets every second Monday except May when the meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month and there are no meetings held in April or September. All members of the board must be present when setting the day of the month and the commencement time for regular ASB meetings.

**AG-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn to hold Agricultural Service Board meetings as needed for Agricultural Service Board business, with the preference given to the 3rd Tuesday of most months and the 1st Tuesday of May; no meetings held in April or August. CARRIED.**

**AG-22(12/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to move the January 17<sup>th</sup> ASB meeting to January 31, 2023. CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>ACTIVITY REPORT</b>
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 January 31, 2023, ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 
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## Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

### Activity Report for January 31, 2023 Page 1 of 1

Budget Items: ☐

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items: ☐

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
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REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
		<b>February 15, 2022</b>		
AG11-22	(02/15/22)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommends Council approves a conditional grant of up to \$500.00 at \$3.50 per student to the Farm Safety Centre for providing the Farm Safety Smarts Program to students within Clear Hills County boundaries. CARRIED.	CDM & AF	In budget, Centre has confirmed planning to present in all local schools in 2022
		<b>October 20, 2022</b>		
AG45-22	(10/20/22)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to recommend Council hosting a separate event for Farmer Appreciation in place of the Farmers Appreciation Banquet that has been held the same day as the Tradeshow. ASB is recommending a February date for this event and possibly rebranding as the Farmers and Small Business Appreciation Gala. CARRIED.	CSC	
AG47-22	(10/20/22)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn to table the discussion of the definition of a farm unit in the VSI policy 6311 until a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	AF	January 31, 2023 meeting
		<b>December 20, 2022</b>		
AG68-22	(12/20/22)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information and recommend Council change the date to March 4 <sup>th</sup> for the Farmers Appreciation Event. CARRIED.	CSC	
AG71-22	(12/20/22)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to recommend to Council to dispose of the rental equipment grain bagger (Unit 31-64-29). CARRIED.	AF	

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	January 31,2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>BOARD REPORTS</b>
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:

Chair Harcourt's Board Report

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of January 31,2023, for information.

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Report of ASB Con..GP.  
Chairperson..Krista Zuzak..  
Sebastion Dutricac..2 Hills AB

First Speaker..John Knapp..The Future..  
Is the future here?  
Climate change...Canada, China, US, good.  
Population high..Canada, China, US, good.  
Oceans rising because of heat.  
Fertile deltas becoming water logged, reducing food.  
China, drier, problem chemicals, people, more boys than girls.  
Good water storage a major problem.  
4 H people good..loss Of good land ..a bad thing.  
Farm land must be kept!  
The Future is northern.

Info..  
Doug MaCaulay,,ASB Program manager.  
Peace Rep..Dan Benson.  
Comments..Weed control on Well Sites a problem.  
310 farm..CAP done 31 03 2023.

Matthew Klippenstien..Hydrogen BC.  
Clean Hydrogen fuels on the way!  
Some bitumen in life is fine.  
For everything else there is Hydrogen.

Carlo Dade..Can West Foundatin..  
Demand the importance of Trade!!  
We are the only Country that has not planned  
a long term trade policy..  
Large systemic Probs must be solved.  
US, biggest problem country!  
Raise trade as an issue.  
Improve our ability to react.  
Must anticipate and react..

Ryan Copithorne..Cattle Value Chain.  
Reduce barriers entry.  
One cow must produce 10 offspring.

Krista Zuzak..Crop Protection and Production..  
Market access for Canadian Crops.



M R L..Maximum Residue Limits.  
Health Can Limits.  
Vegetables and fruits test below 99.9%  
Must test below 89.3%.  
Keep it clean is used by many exporters.  
All exporters know about the MRL.  
Products Categories..Red, Yellow, Green.  
Use acceptable products only.  
Glyphosate may be causing problems.  
Prompt your suppliers about pesticides.

Don Buckingham..  
Fasten your seatbelts for the future.  
Eat domestic animals.  
He spoke at length about Fire, Cooking, animal pets,  
plant breeding, Fermentation, Long distant shipping,  
Food preservation, Oil and Gas and Electricity,  
Food preservation 1845..  
Less than 50 years ago, how plants and animals are used.  
VRA..Variable Rate Application.  
New ways of dealing with plants and animals..

1. Enhanced Genetics
2. Inputs from genetics to biologicals

Bios that kill pests and diseases.  
New ways of doing farming from petrochemicals to Hydrogen fuels.  
Regular farming to profitable mapping, tangible to profitable.  
3.Reducing farm labours, rock pickers by Monitors,  
mechanical weed pickers.

1. Off farm food production.

Department of Solar agriculture in Alberta.  
Precision Fermentation.  
Verticle Agriculture.  
New attitudes about agriculture.  
Urban choices..New demands.  
Black swan events..Good.  
Be resilient sustainable.  
By building community, local, urban, National..  
Embrace change..more profit.  
Improve your health and capital.

Overcome weather changes.  
Do not farm right the corners.  
Rainey day fund is for rainy days!  
Social Needs--Who to call at 3am  
What is it all for!!

Greg Peterson..USA.  
5 videos about Greg and his parents and brothers.  
Gotta feed everbody.  
I farm..I grow it.  
Farmers feed the world.  
Video..Tractors Stuck..a winner.

Harcourt..

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Tradeshow, April 15, 2023</b>
File:	63-10-10

### DESCRIPTION:

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Tradeshow is being held on April 15, 2023. Administration is requesting Board members to sign up for their shifts in the Agricultural Service Board booth at the Trade Show

### BACKGROUND:

The booth display will include the 2018 Biggest Vegetable winner, and does the Board have any other ideas or highlights to include in the ASB booth?

Door prize draw? Prize? Last year the Board mentioned a wall map and map book.

Welcome from ASB:

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

Schedule for booth - 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 1 hour shifts with two Board members a shift.

### ATTACHMENT:

Schedule for booth

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Agricultural Service Board booth schedule and discussion around the 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show being held on April 15, 2023 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:		AgFieldman:	
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## Agricultural Service Board Booth – April 15, 2023

Time	Member	Member
<i>Opening Ceremonies</i> 10 a.m.		
10am to 11am		
11am to 12pm		
12pm to 1pm		
1pm to 2pm		
2pm to 3pm		
3pm to 4pm		
4pm to 5pm		
5pm to 6pm		

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>ALBERTA FARM SAFETY CENTRE FUNDING REQUEST</b>
File:	63-10-20

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a funding request from The Farm Safety Centre for the Farm Safety Smarts Program

### BACKGROUND:

**AG11-22(02/15/22) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommends Council approves a conditional grant of up to \$500.00 at \$3.50 per student to the Farm Safety Centre for providing the Farm Safety Smarts Program to students within Clear Hills County boundaries.**  
**CARRIED.**

The Farm Safety Centre has delivered the Farm Safety Smarts Program to students in Clear Hills County for a number of years. This past year the Agricultural Service Board approved a conditional grant of up to \$500.00 with the condition that they must present in all the schools within Clear Hills County. The centre met this condition by delivering to 232 students in Hines Creek Composite, Worsley Central, Menno-Simmons, and Bear Canyon Colony schools. This is a substantial increase over the 15 students reached the year before. This increase was due in part to covid restrictions being lifted this past year.

The Centre is asking for the \$500.00 that was conditionally approved plus another \$312.00 for a total of \$812.00, based on 232 students at \$3.50/student.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Funding request letter
- Report on the previous year's program

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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



**AgFieldman:**



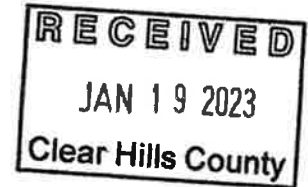


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January 9, 2023

Clear Hills County  
Box 240  
Worsley Alberta T0H 3W0



Dear Greg Coon,

We here at the Farm Safety Centre, first and foremost want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Safety Smarts program and the Farm Safety Centre. Your donations have made it possible for us to deliver vital farm safety education to children in rural and remote schools throughout Alberta for the past 25 years. In the 2022 calendar year, our team delivered 1,676 Safety Smarts presentations to 36,413 elementary students in 399 rural elementary schools across the province.

We are proud to report that since the program's inception in 1998, a total of 833,877 rural children have benefited from Safety Smarts learning and engagement. This year, we have adapted the program to allow for both virtual delivery via Zoom and safe face-to-face delivery in schools, ensuring that we can continue to reach children despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to Safety Smarts, we have also continued to grow our Sustainable Farm Families program, also known as the Rural Health Initiative. This program promotes health, well-being, and safety among rural adults and has been adapted to allow for one-on-one in-depth health assessments and personal education. If your organization is interested in hosting a Rural Health Initiative workshop for families in your area, please let us know.

As you may be aware, the Farm Safety Centre faced a significant funding challenge in 2020 when the Government of Alberta ended all involvement in and support of farm safety learning and extension. This decision resulted in the loss of about 35% of our annual funding in the form of government grants designated for program delivery. We are grateful for the continued commitment of Counties and MDs across Alberta, which has allowed us to keep the Safety Smarts program running this past year.

We are requesting a donation of **\$812.00** for the delivery during the 2022 school year. Our request is based on delivery to **232** children at a rate of \$3.50 per student. We hope to continually increase delivery and exceed past numbers with your generous support. If your budget allows, we would be deeply grateful for any support you can provide for the Safety Smarts program and the Farm Safety Centre as a whole.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our ability to fulfill our mission and make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Each contribution, of any amount, is greatly appreciated and we acknowledge the generous contributions received from your M.D./County in previous years. The continued commitment of Counties and MD's across Alberta have kept the Safety Smarts program viable year after year. Please pass on our sincere thanks to your ASB's.

With this in mind, the Farm Safety Centre is hopeful that in 2023 your organization will consider supporting our extension efforts, as we continue the search for additional funding partners. If this does not work within your budget then a donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. All contributions are recognized under "Supporters" on our website.

As a charity registered with CRA, any donation to the Farm Safety Center is eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Checks can be made payable to the Farm Safety Centre.

Thank-you for your continued support,



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# Safety Smarts Totals For Clear Hills County

January to December 2022

School: County ↑	Total # Students	Total # Pres	School: #	School: Account Name	Date
Clear Hills County	139	7	1	Hines Creek Composite School	2022-06-10
	17	1	1	Worsley Central School	2022-03-04
	12	1	1	Worsley Central School	2022-03-30
	37	2	1	Worsley Central School	2022-11-22
	5	1	1	Bear Canyon Colony School	2022-03-16
	22	2	1	Menno-Simmons Community School	2022-04-11
Subtotal	Sum 232	14	4		
	Count 6				
Total	Sum 232	14	4		
	Count 6				

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# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>VSI Farm Unit Discussion</b>
File:	63-10-40

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board is requested to discuss a question posed by a producer regarding a definition in our VSI policy 6311.

### BACKGROUND:

**AG47-22(10/20/22)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn to table the discussion of the definition of a farm unit in the VSI policy 6311 until a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Administration has been asked by a ratepayer to provide a clear definition of a farm unit as it pertains to eligibility in the VSI program.

Policy 6311 section 3.5.1. states "Participants in the VSI program will: be limited to one membership per farm unit;"


The producer's question is if a family member has his own herd separate from another family member in the same household, is that producer considered a separate farm unit?

### ATTACHMENTS:

Policy 6311-VSI  
Peace Region VSI Policies

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by ..... to define a farm unit as....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:		AgFieldman:	
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## Greg Coon

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**From:** Blake Gaugler <gauglerb@countyofnorthernlights.com>  
**Sent:** January 23, 2023 11:15 AM  
**To:** Greg Coon; Sheila Kaus; agfieldman; Dylan Fath; Amanda Ouellet; Andonia Reynolds; Audrey Bjorklund; Dave Schellenberg; Fred Sawchuk (fred.sawchuk@mdfairview.ab.ca); Jill Henry; Kathrin Langlois; kbartman@northernsunrise.net; Kristin King; Landon Driedger; Lyndon Moore; Sarah Cairns; Shayne Steffen; Simon Amting; Sonja Raven; Stephanie Soucy; Taryn McNaught; Tracelle Hinze; Trent Keller  
**Subject:** RE: VSI question

We currently don't have a cap so it is not an issue, we budget 45-50k a year for vsi, if that is relevant context. **Only requirement is that own property in the County.**

Blake

**From:** Greg Coon <Greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** January 23, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** Sheila Kaus <Sheila.Kaus@mdgreenview.ab.ca>; agfieldman <agfieldman@birchhillscounty.com>; Dylan Fath <agfieldman@biglakescounty.ca>; Amanda Ouellet <aouellet@countygyp.ab.ca>; Andonia Reynolds <Andonia.Reynolds@mdgreenview.ab.ca>; Audrey Bjorklund <Audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>; Blake Gaugler <gauglerb@countyofnorthernlights.com>; Dave Schellenberg <dschellenberg@mackenziecounty.com>; Fred Sawchuk (fred.sawchuk@mdfairview.ab.ca) <fred.sawchuk@mdfairview.ab.ca>; Jill Henry <jhenry@countygyp.ab.ca>; Kathrin Langlois <klanglois@countygyp.ab.ca>; kbartman@northernsunrise.net; Kristin King <Kristin.Gostick@MDGreenview.ab.ca>; Landon Driedger <LDriedger@mackenziecounty.com>; Lyndon Moore <asstagfieldman@biglakescounty.ca>; Sarah Cairns <Sarah.Cairns@mdgreenview.ab.ca>; Shayne Steffen <asb@mdsmokyriver.com>; Simon Amting <samting@mdspiritrivier.ab.ca>; Sonja Raven <sraven@countygyp.ab.ca>; Stephanie Soucy <ssoucy@northernsunrise.net>; Taryn McNaught <tmcnaught@saddlehills.ab.ca>; Tracelle Hinze <thinze@countygyp.ab.ca>; Trent Keller <tkeller@northernsunrise.net>  
**Subject:** RE: VSI question

Thanks for the quick response Sheila,  
Much appreciated...

**From:** Sheila Kaus <Sheila.Kaus@mdgreenview.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** January 23, 2023 11:04 AM  
**To:** Greg Coon <Greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>; agfieldman <agfieldman@birchhillscounty.com>; Dylan Fath <agfieldman@biglakescounty.ca>; Amanda Ouellet <aouellet@countygyp.ab.ca>; Andonia Reynolds <Andonia.Reynolds@mdgreenview.ab.ca>; Audrey Bjorklund <Audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>; gauglerb <gauglerb@countyofnorthernlights.com>; Dave Schellenberg <dschellenberg@mackenziecounty.com>; Fred Sawchuk (fred.sawchuk@mdfairview.ab.ca) <fred.sawchuk@mdfairview.ab.ca>; Greg Coon <Greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>; Jill Henry <jhenry@countygyp.ab.ca>; Kathrin Langlois <klanglois@countygyp.ab.ca>; kbartman@northernsunrise.net; Kristin King <Kristin.Gostick@MDGreenview.ab.ca>; Landon Driedger <LDriedger@mackenziecounty.com>; Lyndon Moore <asstagfieldman@biglakescounty.ca>; Sarah Cairns <Sarah.Cairns@mdgreenview.ab.ca>; Shayne Steffen <asb@mdsmokyriver.com>; Simon Amting <samting@mdspiritrivier.ab.ca>; Sonja Raven <sraven@countygyp.ab.ca>; Stephanie Soucy <ssoucy@northernsunrise.net>; Taryn McNaught <tmcnaught@saddlehills.ab.ca>; Tracelle Hinze <thinze@countygyp.ab.ca>; Trent Keller <tkeller@northernsunrise.net>  
**Subject:** RE: VSI question

Hi Greg,

<b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>	<b>Function: Policy No. Effective Date: Supercedes: Reviewed:</b>	<b>Agriculture Services ASB.23 December 16, 2010 April 4, 2002 March 3, 2021</b>
<b>VETERINARY SERVICES INC. NUMBERS</b>		

## **Policy Statement**

The Agricultural Service Board (A.S.B.) may issue a Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (V.S.I.) number to residents within the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 to promote proper herd health of the cattle, swine, goats and sheep.

## **Procedure**

1. Any resident that resides within the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 shall be eligible to obtain a V.S.I. number providing that they have a minimum of one domestic animal raised or grown for the production of food for human consumption i.e. bovine (cattle), porcine (swine), caprine (goats) or ovine (sheep).
2. If a resident has their land taxes in arrears, they are not allowed to have a V.S.I. number at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.
3. Any V.S.I. user who refuses to pay the Over Expenditure billed amount will lose his privileges infinitely under V.S.I. until the bill is paid in full with interest, if applicable.
4. When there is a new V.S.I. number issued or a V.S.I. number is revoked, the V.S.I. Program Administrator and the local Veterinarian Clinics will be notified.
5. Current copies of the V.S.I. Agreements will be kept on file at the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 office.

## **Sec. 2) Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) – Funding Policy**

- a. Policy      The M.D. of Fairview #136 shall support Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. to a level that is both agriculturally and financially sustainable.
- b. Procedure
1.      The ASB will, during budget deliberations, recommend to Council the level of support it feels V.S.I. warrants.
  2.      The Municipality will forward a cheque to VSI for the full amount requisitioned for the year.
  3.      At the end of the year, the Agricultural Fieldman shall calculate the percentage of use that was incurred by each VSI member if required.  
  
The difference between the level of funding approved and the amount requisitioned shall be charged back to VSI members based on their percentage of use. (Please note example i. on following page)
  4.      The Municipality may waive the funding difference if administration feels that the cost of collection will exceed the amount in question.
  5.      The amount owed the MD by the VSI members shall be entered into the Municipality's accounts as an account receivable for the year in which it was incurred.
  6.      Any VSI member refusing to pay the billed amount will lose his privileges under VSI until such time as his account is paid in full.
  7.      Applicants must be ratepayers with agricultural lands within the M.D.
  8.      Husband and wife are only permitted to hold one card between them.
  9.      This policy and procedure shall be supported by a by-law of council.



## POLICY

Department <b>Agriculture Services</b>	Policy No. <b>63-04-19</b>	Page <b>1 of 3</b>
Policy Title <b>Veterinary Services Incorporated Program</b>	Date: <b>July 11, 2019</b>	Resolution No. <b>RC19-237</b>

### Policy Statement

Birch Hills County recognizes the importance of veterinary services to support the productivity of the livestock industry and animal health. For this reason, Birch Hills County has created a policy to provide guidelines for continued participation in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I) Program.

### Guidelines

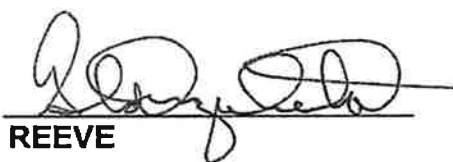
1. Council shall:
  - a. Allocate funds annually to the V.S.I Program;
  - b. Appoint a member of the Agricultural Service Board to sit on the V.S.I Board of Directors over-seeing the master agreement with V.S.I. that will report to Council and the Agricultural Service Board and relate ideas or concerns from the County to the V.S.I. Board and vice versa;
  - c. establish the level of funding to be provided to V.S.I. during budget deliberations with due regard for requisition values.
2. The County will forward a cheque to V.S.I for the full amount requisitioned for the year, even if the budgeted amount is exceeded.
3. At the end of the year, the Director of Agriculture shall calculate the percentage of use that was incurred by each V.S.I member. The Difference between the level of funding approved and the amount requisitioned shall be charged back to V.S.I. members based on their percentage of use.
4. The County may waive the funding difference if administration feels that the cost collection will exceed the amount in question.
5. The County shall not bill back any amounts of \$25.00 or less to V.S.I. participants.
6. Any V.S.I. member refusing to pay the billed amount will lose his/her privileges under V.S.I. until such time as the account is paid.
7. Any Birch Hills County livestock producers seeking subsidy under the V.S.I. program is required to apply for membership through the Agricultural Services Department for verification of eligibility. Eligibility requirements will be in accordance with the agreement between Birch Hills County and Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Producers, regardless of the size of the operation, shall only be issued one V.S.I. number.
8. Livestock producers currently residing and raising eligible livestock primarily in Birch Hills County are eligible to apply for funding under the V.S.I. program;



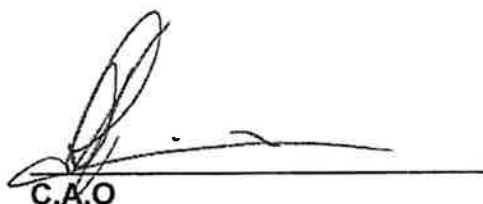
## POLICY

Department <b>Agriculture Services</b>	Policy No. <b>63-04-19</b>	Page <b>2 of 3</b>
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9. producers with extenuating circumstances, such as whose home quarter is divided by an adjacent Municipality border, may present to the Agricultural Service Board for consideration regarding inclusion in the program.
10. The Director of Agriculture will maintain an up-to-date active V.S.I. Client list and will issue membership cards to new and continuing members as required.
11. The items to be covered by V.S.I. within the County shall be per the most current agreement with V.S.I., unless the County Council chooses to add or delete specific items covered within the County.
12. This policy shall be supported by Resolution of Council.
13. Addition of species not specified in the master agreement with V.S.I. shall be considered and subject to Council approval.
14. The V.S.I. program may be reviewed on an as required basis.



REEVE



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	Date	Resolution Number
Adopted by Council	July 11, 2019	RC19-237
Updated		



**POLICY AG 02**  
**V.S.I. VETERINARY SERVICES**  
**INCORPORATED**

**DEPARTMENT**  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**INCEPTION: 00.02.27.01**  
**AMENDMENT: 333.04.24.18**

**EFFECTIVE: April 24, 2018**  
**CROSS REFERENCE**

**REVIEW DATE**  
**As per Policy AD08**  
**Policy Criteria**

<b><u>REEVE</u></b>  Alvin Hubert	<b><u>CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</u></b>  Joulia Whittleton
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**PURPOSE:**

To support the large animal industry with appropriate veterinary services within Saddle Hills County.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. Council shall:
  - a. allocate funds annually to the V.S.I. Program; and
  - b. appoint a member of the Agricultural Service Board to sit on the V.S.I. Board of Directors over-seeing the master agreement with V.S.I.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer or a Designate shall:
  - a. maintain a V.S.I. reserve;
  - b. make Schedule A "50/50 Costs for Eligible Services" and Schedule B "Listing of Services not Payable" of the annual agreement between V.S.I. Services and Saddle Hills County available to the public on the County website or upon request by the ratepayer; and
  - c. authorized to execute the annual V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD. Agreement.
3. Livestock producers currently residing and raising eligible livestock primarily within Saddle Hills County are eligible to apply for funding under the V.S.I. program.
4. Addition of species not specified in the master agreement with V.S.I. shall be considered subject to Council approval.
5. The V.S.I. program may be reviewed from time to time as required.
6. Members who utilize more than \$100.00 through V.S.I. will be issued a "Statement of Farm Support Payments" each spring for tax purposes as the benefit is 100% taxable.

**Title: Veterinary Services Incorporated**

**Policy No: 6307**

**Effective Date: July 13, 2021**

**Motion Number: 21.07.349**

**Supersedes Policy No: NONE**

**Review Date: July 13, 2024**



**Purpose:** Greenview recognizes the importance of continued participation in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program to assist in the recruitment and retention of available veterinary services, to enhance the productivity of the livestock industry and to promote Best Management Practices for improved animal health.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. ASB means Agricultural Service Board.
- 1.2. Greenview means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.3. VSI means Veterinary Services Incorporated.
- 1.4. Primary Residence means living in a house, rental, or in the case of an entry level producer, in shared accommodations within the boundaries of Greenview.

## 2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. Clients seeking subsidy under the VSI program are required to apply for membership through Agricultural Services for verification of eligibility.
- 2.2. VSI members shall be required to notify Greenview every three (3) years in January to advise of their intent to continue the use of VSI, at which point, all pertinent information shall be updated.
- 2.3. If a VSI member fails to advise of their intent to continue using the services for five (5) consecutive years, their membership privileges may be discontinued.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. VSI is a service available to livestock owners whose primary residence is within Greenview boundaries.
- 3.2. Animal species qualified for subsidization of eligible procedures (as per Schedule A & B) through VSI, are as follows:



- A) Bovine (Cattle)
- B) Porcine (Swine)
- C) Ovine (Sheep)
- D) Caprine (Goats)
- E) Megachilidae (Cutter Bees)
- F) Apis mellifera (Bees)
- G) Bison bison (Bison)

#### 4. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. Council shall, during budget deliberations, establish the level of funding to be provided to VSI, with due regard for requisition values.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Council shall appoint a member to sit on the VSI Board. The appointed member will report to Council and ASB, and transfer ideas or concerns to the VSI Board and vice versa.
- 5.2. Greenview shall enter into an agreement and forward funds to VSI for the full requisition amount for the upcoming year.
- 5.3. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall review and present VSI quarterly activity reports to ASB meetings during the month following receipt of the quarterly report, for review and recommendations to Council.
- 5.4. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall maintain an up-to-date active VSI client list and will issue membership cards to new and continuing members as required.
- 5.5. Any final decisions regarding dispute or eligibility will be up to the Manager of Agricultural Services' discretion.

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>EVENTS</b>
File:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

### BACKGROUND:

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Drought Recovery Series – February 3, 10, 17 2023 Webinar Series
- Below Ground Soil Health & Wealth – February 8, 2023 Rycroft Ag Centre
- Cover Crop Design and Funding Workshops – February 9-10, 2023
  - February 9, 2023 Sexsmith Community Centre
  - February 10, 2023 Falher Hotel Dining Room
- Peace Beef Cattle Day – February 15, 2023 Location to be determined

#### **Future:**

- Forest Grazing Day – March 15, 2023 Eureka River Hall

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Drought Recovery poster
- Below Ground poster
- Cover Crop poster
- Peace Beef Cattle Day poster
- Forest Grazing Day poster
- Calendars: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to .

Initials show support - Reviewed by: <b>Manager:</b> 	<b>AgFieldman:</b> 
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# DROUGHT RECOVERY SERIES

Every Friday from  
February 3 to February 17  
at 7pm on Zoom

Hear from the experts on how to make the best of the 2023 season!

February 3 Jim Gerrish Grazing Planning and Pasture Management for Dry Conditions	February 10th Dr Akim Omokanye Optimizing Nutrient Management for forages and field crops	February 17th Barry Yaremicio Aiming for Success in Cattle Nutrition, Fertility, and Hay Production
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Recordings will be made available to registrants. To register & for more info:

[peacecountrybeef.ca](http://peacecountrybeef.ca) | 780-523-4033 | [info@pcbfa.ca](mailto:info@pcbfa.ca)



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# Below Ground

## Soil Health & Wealth



February 8, 2023  
9 AM to 4PM MST  
Rycroft AG Centre, Rycroft AB

### TOPICS INCLUDE

Soil Health concepts  
How is soil carbon measured  
Managing your soil microbes  
How to increase nitrogen efficiency  
Farm financial management for a healthy bottom line  
Deep economics for soil health

### REGISTRATION

<https://BelowGround.eventbrite.com>

#### More information

E-mail: [coordinator@peacelivinglab.ca](mailto:coordinator@peacelivinglab.ca)

<https://peacelivinglab.ca/events/>

### FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Dr. Kris Nichols**  
Soil Microbiologist



**Kimberly Cornish**  
Director Food Water  
Wellness Foundation



## Upcoming Event **Cocktail Design & OFCAF Funding Workshop**

**More Upcoming Events**



**Join PCBFA for a cocktail workshop and a funding info session!**

Starting at 10:15 PCBFA's research team will present local research results on covercrops, including cocktail design and crop species that perform well in the Peace climate. Then, after lunch, we will discuss the funding opportunities available through the OFCAF program and how to apply!





Wednesday February 15th  
Hear from Industry and production experts about practical  
management for beef cattle in the Peace Country.





# PEACE COUNTRY FOREST GRAZING SCHOOL

Make the Most of Your Bush Pasture!

March 15th  
Eureka River Hall

# JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Provincial ASB Conference				
22	23	24 Council	25	26 Public Meeting	27	28
29	30 Peace Agronomy Update	31 ASB				4



# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3 Drought Recovery	4
5	6	7	8 Below Ground Soil Health & Wealth	9 Cover Crop Design and Funding	10 -Cover Crop Design and Funding -Drought Recovery	11
12	13 ASB	14 Council Valentine's Day	15 Peace Beef Cattle Day	16	17 Drought Recovery	18
19	20 Family Day	21	22	23	24	25
			Growing the North Conference			
26	27	28				4
		Council				

# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2	3	4 Farmers Appreciation Event
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 ASB	14 Council	15 Forest Grazing Day	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	RMA Convention					
26	27	28 Council	29	30	31	1

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT</b>
File No:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

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


### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

### ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Fieldman Report – January 31, 2023  
Rental Equipment Summary

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the January 31, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

JANUARY 31, 2023

PEST CONTROL

• Wolves Claimed 2022:

Total #	Total \$
25	\$5000.00

• Wolves Claimed 2023 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
3	\$600.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. The County will be going to tender for 1 new mower and 1 new waterpump trailer for spring delivery.
2. The County will be going to tender for 1 new tractor for 2024 delivery.
3. Post pounder cylinders were repaired.
4. Lift cylinder on land leveler needs repaired or replaced.
5. 2022 precipitation data map was posted in the February newsletter.
6. Will be putting out a shift schedule for the tradeshow ASB booth in the next month.
7. Planning for tradeshow is underway.
8. Planning for the Farmer Appreciation Banquet is nearly complete. Hall is booked. Speakers are booked. Waiting on proposals for the catering.
9. **P9-23(01-03-23) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to invite Alberta Fish and Wildlife to attend a future Agricultural Service Board Meeting to discuss Wildlife Counts, compensation programs and Wolf Management information. CARRIED**  
The Wildlife biologist out of Peace River and the Fish and Wildlife Officer out of Fairview are tentatively booked to attend the May 2<sup>nd</sup> ASB meeting.
10. **C51-23(01-24-23)RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to keep the rental equipment grain bagger (Unit 31-64-29) on the equipment list. CARRIED.**

## January 1 - December 31, 2022

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
<i>Backpack Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Bale Scale</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	4	4	\$ 120.00	
<i>BBQ Trailer</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	3	3	\$ 150.00	
<i>Chairs</i>	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	11	15	\$ 650.50	
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	7	11	\$ 350.00	
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	4	\$ 200.00	
<i>Eco-Bran Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Exta Hoses</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	1	1	\$ 10.00	
<i>Grain Bagger</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	12	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,649.41
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	13	20	\$ -	\$ 400.49
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	9	16	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 2.50
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	22	26	\$ 6,750.63	\$ 4,809.92
<i>Grill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	7	11	\$ 55.00	
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	13	31	\$ 4,650.00	
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	7	7	\$ 175.00	
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	5	11	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 350.25
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	8	9	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,618.67
<i>Pull/Push Roller Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	2	\$ -	
<i>Quad Mount Rope Wick</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Quad Mounted Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Quad Pull Type Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	3	\$ -	
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	4	5	\$ 40.00	
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Skidmount Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	5	\$ -	
<i>Smoke Signs</i>	\$ 60.00	\$ -	2	19	\$ -	
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	4	44	\$ -	
<i>Tables</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	10	14	\$ 257.00	
<i>Toilets</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	8	12	\$ 440.00	\$ 351.95
<i>Truck Mount Sprayer</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	1	4	\$ 40.00	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
<i>Water Pumps</i>	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	28	32	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 7,786.89
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	3	5	\$ 125.00	
			179	326	\$ 31,138.13	\$ 16,970.08

Revenue	\$ 31,138.13
Equipment Expense	\$ 16,970.08
Insurance	\$ 1,977.51
Chargeback	\$ 31,889.31
Loss	\$ (19,698.77)

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	January 31, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>INFORMATION &amp; CORRESPONDENCE</b>
File No:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

### BACKGROUND:

Attached are documents for the Board's information:

### ATTACHMENTS:

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of January 31, 2023, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 