

**AGENDA**  
**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 2, 2023**

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The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 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. March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.....2**
- 4. Delegation(s)**
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
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- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
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- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Garry Candy	Member
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**ATTENDING**

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Natasha Gillett	Community Services Clerk
Crystal Dei	Community Services Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**AG29-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 13, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

Previous Meeting  
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

**AG30-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 16, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, as amended. CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Activity Report

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

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

**AG31-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 13, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented. 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.

**AG32-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of March 13, 2023, for information. CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Farmers' Appreciation  
Event Review

The Board is presented with expenditure and revenue numbers for the Farmers Appreciation Event for their discussion and review.

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**AG33-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the information regarding the Farmers' Appreciation Event as presented. CARRIED.**

**AG34-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the Farmers' Appreciation Event to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

ASB Draft Annual  
Report to Council

The Board is provided with the updated draft 2022 Annual ASB Report to Council for review.

**AG35-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the draft Annual Agricultural Service Board report, as presented. CARRIED.**

**AG36-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request a delegation with Council to present the Annual Agricultural Service Board report on May 9, 2023. CARRIED.**

**AG37-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board request a review of budget at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

**EVENTS**

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

**AG38-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board Members to attend the SARDA Agricultural Trade Show March 16-18, 2023, in Falher, AB. CARRIED.**

**REPORTS**

Agricultural Fieldman  
Report

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

**AG39-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 13, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

**AG40-23(03/13/23)**

**RESOLUTION by Chairman Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 13, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

**ROUND TABLE:**

Members had a chance to do a round table discussion regarding topics of interest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 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 May 2, 2023, ASB Activity Report as presented.

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

**AgFieldman:**





## Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

### Activity Report for May 2, 2023 Page 1 of 1

Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

**MOTION      DATE      DESCRIPTION      DEPT      STATUS**

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>January 31, 2023</b>		
AG7-23	(01/31/23)	RESOLUTION Member Candy to table the request for additional funding for the Farm Safety Centre Program until the updated request letter is received. CARRIED.	AF	In waiting
		<b>February 16, 2023</b>		
AG27-23	(02/16/23)	RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that this Agricultural Service Board bring back Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	AF	May 2, 2023 ASB Meeting
AG28-23	(02/16/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request administration create an AG page in the County newsletter and on County Facebook page to share important agricultural related information. CARRIED.	AF	
		<b>March 13, 2023</b>		
AG34-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the Farmers' Appreciation Event to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	CSC	May 2, 2023 ASB Meeting
AG36-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request a delegation with Council to present the Annual Agricultural Service Board report on May 9, 2023. CARRIED.	AF	May 9, 2023 Council Meeting
AG37-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board request a review of budget at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	AF	May 2, 2023 ASB Meeting

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	May 2, 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:

Board Report- Member Candy  
Board Report- Deputy Chair Watchorn

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of May 2, 2023, for information.

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

**AgFieldman:** 

## AISC Annual Conference

March 7 & 8, 2023

Olds, Alberta

Olds College

Garry Gandy

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Well organized, fast paced, excellent speakers – new information:

- Amount and type of invasive plants and aquatic animals
- Extent of research into methods to control
- Cost of continuing control

March 7, 2023

Doug McCaulley – MC for the day

**Dr. David Ensing** – Ag & Agri-Food Canada

- Focus on spotted knapweed in BC (research in Summerland, BC, Okanagan Nation)
- Weed reduces forage quality- increases water runoff which starves acres under plants of moisture
- Has a pink or yellow bushy flower, reproduces by seed only
- Control measures –
  - root feeding
  - biological methods of releasing root feeding weevils
  - as weevils increase, plant population decreases
  - 50% of plants have a weevil in them when checked
- Attendee question – Is knapweed decreasing?
  - Answer – Yes, plants show bio-control agent effects
  - 60% by root feeding or top feeding; they won't attack heads without fertilization in progress (seed building)
  - Plant population requires seed rain to have about 1500 seeds/meter to maintain plant growth
- Attendee question – there have been mixed results in areas of control. Can bio explain this?



- Answer – By Weevil hardiness and growing season length
- Centaurea Stoebe or Spotted Knapweed are two types in BC. Centaurea Stoebe is under control, Spotted Knapweed is not
- Centra Diffusa – type of knapweed, is a biannual also called tumble weed, the Spotted can have a life span up to 15 years
- Take away from the speaker -
  - Population is declining because of bio control
  - Site variation potentials with mismatches between weevils
  - Grazing can cause poor study results – bio control is more effective in non-grazed areas

### **Mathew Wells**

- Leafy Spurge
  - Working with Blood Tribe near Lethbridge – leafy spurge is choking out the sweetgrass and sage used by the indigenous people
  - Leafy Spurge has long greenish flowers, spreads by root movement as well as seed spread so requires different attack methods
  - Requires different attack methods:
    - Competitive plant stands
    - Livestock grazing
    - Chemical
    - Leafy spurge beetles – collect and distribute
    - Using goats – eat only spurge; help by distributing beetles on their hair, seeds do not get spread in manure as they grind them up

### **Mark Deluge – Teton County, Wyoming. EDRR Program – Early Detection, Rapid Response**

- Questioned as to whether we, as weed managers, are doing enough? Doing anything?
- Teton County case study: 10% of the state is privately owned – tourism brings in 5 million visitors per year with campers, ATV's, etc. all with the possibility of seeds on them
- Study included identifying problems by
  - Data gathering

- Mapping weed species
  - Risks posed
  - Clean areas to protect?
  - Degrees of planning – rare infestation, localized infestation, regional, widespread
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- Toad Flax and Spotted Knapweed like to be together hence the need for EDER
  - 5 years free of the weed considered eradicated (maybe)
  - \$200 offered for finding Salt Cedar
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- Drones used in areas to find plants
  - Hoary Cress – fairly tall – 2 – 2 1/2 feet. Grey green leaves, white flowers – causes reduced growth on grazing land and is a contaminant for seed.

#### **Natasha Rines – Edmonton**

- Weed control on vacant crown land needing to be a partnership between government and public
- To control terrestrial invasive species, government needs partnerships with MD's, Counties to locate and control
- Need NGO's (non-government organizers) – use money and resources more efficiently than government – AISC is a partner

#### **Megan Evans**

- Spoke on what AISC is actively involved in
  - Expanding bio control of oxeye daisy/tansy
  - Weed free forage
  - Wild pig awareness – some controls in place such as bounties
  - Billboards for awareness of invasive species
  - 293 attendees this year at the conference
  - invasive species control in Alberta costs 2.1 billion dollars in losses and control measures
  - \$100,000 secured for tansy
  - Short and long term grants of \$465,000 waiting on approvals

**Andrea Sawatzky** - Pesticide compliance officer – Health Canada. Based out of Calgary for 20 years

- All pesticides must meet the Pest Control Products Act. PCPA.
- Products are re-evaluated every 5 years
- 15 years for market use and labels
- If a product is cancelled, applicators have 3 years to use up inventory; 2 years to use up inventory with old labelling
- Check Access Health Canada site to check products to find proposed and final decisions. PRD – Proposed Registration Decision
- Decision coming on Pynifluguinazon for control of aphids and white flies in greenhouse vegetables

**Vivian Servent** – Pesticide Specialist with Alberta Government (retired)

- Charts available for all chemicals
- Undergo environmental monitoring
- Regulate application of pesticides near water sources - can move through air movement, evaporation, run off and leaching
- Alberta Environment and Parks monitors pesticides, chemicals in treated water, river water and surface water
- Guidelines in place for drinking water, river water, aquatic life water and ponds
- From 2017-2022 – over 25 sites of river monitoring 5 times a year
- 2-4D is most prevalent due to widespread use in agriculture, residential and commercial properties
- Monitoring of upstream and downstream of urban sites – downstream shows more 2-4D and other than upstream
- All water samples done over 25 years show less contamination from chemicals than guidelines allow

**Dr. Victoria Maloney** – ENVU, formerly Bayer – Calgary

- Control of invasive annual grasses can be done with Indaziflam
- Invasive annual grasses

- Germinate spring and fall
- Deplete food supply for other plants
- Prolific growers producing ton load of seeds
- USA watching plant called Medusa Head – very prolific, takes nutrients, provides no forage value
- Downy Brome everywhere in Canada except Newfoundland – particularly thick in southern Alberta
- 74% of acres burned in wild fires are rangelands - grasses come back quickly after fire.
- Management includes – grazing, spraying, mowing but have no effect on seed – need to be proactive, not reactive
  - Idazeflam – called Explanade in Canada can be used on the grasses – does not affect perennials.
  - Needs water on the ground to work – can result in increased production of perennials up to 200%.

**Nicole Kimmel** - Alberta Government – Aquatic species update

- Events planned to promote awareness – Edmonton Boat Show in March and Pond Days
- Fished out 87,000 gold fish from a Lethbridge pond built up over 2 year period in July
- Used pop up watercraft station Aug 22
- Found a Coal Lake Carp in the mouth of a pike in June/22.
- Blood Indian Reserve netted over 350,000 carp the first year and about a third of that the next and then about 20,000 year later
- Whitemud Creek samples for rosy red minnows – none
- Phrymte sampling done Aug/22 in 3 new locations including city of Lacombe – plants are growing around their reservoir
- Watercraft inspection stations set up in high risk entries like BC
- 19 mussel fouled boats were found. Infestation of mussels in AB could cost up to 75 million
- 121 plants found on boats and 1021 skippers

- Caroway, south of Cardston and Coutts, southeast of Lethbridge have watercraft inspection stations. Both are entries to Montana
- Pale yellow Iris found in Lacombe Lake – dug up 300 lbs of plants. Believe purposely planted.
- North Saskatchewan River has Prussian Carp and also in the Cardoff trout pond. People moving them in.
- Trying to control purple loose strife from Wabamum Lake – one plant can produce 2.5 million seeds
- Crayfish found in Banff- moved from Calgary City Limits to Banff by people
- Herbicide studies on Lake Isle using boat and air application on complete shoreline

**Dr. Stephanie Green** – U of A – in charge of Coastal and Freshwater Ecological areas

- Removal and relocating of 5000 different invasive species
- 243 managers from North America are involved
- Focusing on Northern Crayfish, Prussian Carp for eradication
- Rust crayfish are showing up because they are used as bait. They disrupt spawning areas when carp compete for food and space and carry disease.
- Use angler surveys and follow up

**Brad Peters** – AB Lake Management

- Searching for invasive species in AB lakes with AB Lake Society, Private Lake Watch, lakekeepers and recreational water monitoring
- Lake watch involves 30 lakes monitored twice a year – finding Zebra Mussels, quagga mussels and spiny water flea.
- Docks are moved in and out of lakes such as Pigeon Lake for seasons and the owners are asked to check for mussels.

**Dr. Hennington** – U of A

- Using DNA to find invasive species

- Tested 252 samples from 69 lakes using DNA backpacks

**Sara Stahlman – Penn State Sea Grant**

- From Erie, Pennsylvania – works to protect and maintain coastal waters and watersheds
- Posters – UNWANTED – DEAD OR ALIVE
- Teamed up with a brewery to promote awareness and precautions
- Mystery Snail Ale has its own label and with a purchase they receive gift cards for coasters, stickers to start conversations
- Had a big day of Snail Races – one entry was called Snailvester Stalone
- Then a round goldeye launch
- 90% of those targeted through beer events knew nothing about invasive species and the dangers

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*Forest Grazing – Where's the Grass?*  
*Mar 15 2023 Eureka River Hall*  
*Julie Watchorn*

*Shrub and Forbs Regrowth*  
*Balance Demand with Supply*  
*Katherine Hogan*

Graze in the proper season

- Control timing
- Avoid vulnerable times
- Align grazing with forage production

Provide rest for your plants

- They need rest during growing season
- Weedy plants thrive when desirable plants are weakened

Control livestock

- Make them eat what you give them

Forested Rangeland Health-

- Integrity
- Community Structure
- Water and Nutrient Cycling
- Site Stability
- Weeds

4 Principles of Range Management

- Balance demand with supply
- Graze in proper season, not in first growth
- Provide effective rest, 30-60 days
- Control livestock distribution, but still need loafing areas

What's in it for me?

- Lower maintenance
- Improved during drought
- Reduced noxious weeds

*Applying Grazing Principles In The Riparian Area*  
*Norine Ambrose; Cows And Fish*

Riparian Functions

- Trap and store sediment
- Build and maintain banks and shorelines
- Store water and energy

- Recharge aquifers
- Filter and buffer water
- Maintain biodiversity
- Store carbon and reduce its loss

### Grazing Management Principles

- Balance animal demand with the available forage supply
- Provide effective 'rest' after grazing
- Avoid or minimize grazing range when fragile or vulnerable periods
- Distribute livestock evenly

### Key Principles on Management Change

Make sure they are practical, economical, restorative and sustainable

Fence off riparian areas to use pasture properly

When you see heavy use of shrubs it time to move livestock even if there is grass

Use salt to move livestock where you want them to be; they will always go to salt

80% of cattle drink out of tanks, which in turn gives you a 5-23% weight gain

### *Tame Pastures in the System*

*Johanna Murray*

*PCBFA*

Tame pasture rule of thumb-

50-75% utilization of tame pastures is acceptable

30-60 days of rest is the norm (dependant on grazing systems, forage species and of course weather conditions)

May be grazed earlier or later than native pastures

Growth rate can be quicker also depending on your forage type

### Grazing Systems-

Continuous: can cause weed problems, overstocking, and lower pasture quality overall

May be useful in instances where there is lots of pasture and limited livestock

Rotational: varies by intensiveness, can be high maintenance but generally is a higher quality pasture

Flexibility in the system is important

Regardless of your system you must be able to adjust plans based on weather, animal performance and forage production

Pastures need-

Healthy soils: - Fertility

- Lack of compaction



- Organic Matter
- Healthy Plants: - Right species for your area
- Good grazing practices
- Weather

### *Converting Unproductive Land to Bush Pasture*

*Nait For Boreal Research*

*Plant and Seed Tech. Access Center*

*Ryan O'Neil- Peace River*

### Upland Forest Reclamation Program Overview

- Focused on reclamation and reforestation of disturbed upland forest ecosystems
- Mostly field level, operational experiments
- Some greenhouse trials
- Disturbances: Mines, Pipelines, Roads and Forestry to name a few

### Peatland Restoration Program Overview

#### Peatland restoration techniques

- Moss layer transfer
- Hummock transplants
- Site preparation
- Water connectivity

#### Greenhouse gas emissions

- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Methane
- Disturbed sites, natural areas, restored sites

#### Ecological Monitoring

Plant community assessment

#### Wetland delineation

Testing new equipment for working in peatlands

Stockpile management

### Unproductive Pasture

#### Possible reasons for Low Productivity

- Too wet; cleared wetlands, draws
- Too dry; coarse textured soils, exposed windy areas, low organic matter
- Poor nutrition
- Soil structure; ruts, compaction, heavy clay
- Natural salinity
- Site dominated by unpalatable weed species

## Benefits of Bush Pasture

- Unproductive pasture is likely capable of growing healthy native species
- Native species are resilient, growing in diverse communities. Not everything will grow, but something always will
- Evolved to grow in this environment; dry summers, extreme temps, forest soils
- Tolerant of disturbances; fires, insect damage, ungulate grazing
- Many perennial species, once established will remain on the landscape long term if managed properly
- Improved soil health

## Species Selection Consideration

Site Conditions- moisture, soil type, nutrition

Goals- palatable forage, improving soil health, increasing organic matter

Surrounding natural areas

Appropriate canopy structure for cattle grazing

## Species to Avoid

- Conifer trees [creates too thick of canopy for any undergrowth]
- Toxic plants [tall larkspur, monks hood, water hemlock to name a few]
- Unpalatable trees and shrubs [black poplar, oak, buffalo berry, hazelnut, etc.]

You can seed grasses and forbs by yourself

Transplant trees from your own land or crown land with a permit

Labour intensive, but possible to find and plant trees like poplar, willow and dogwood

There is a website you can look at for instructional documents

[www.nait.ca/applied-research/technical-resources](http://www.nait.ca/applied-research/technical-resources)

There are Native Plant and Seed suppliers

-Alberta Native Plant Council has a source list downloadable spreadsheet and contact info

<https://anpc.ab.ca/>

-Tree Time Services

-Woodmere Nursery

-ALUS Program

NAIT CBR [doesn't produce seedlings but may have extra stock if you inquire]

## *Cows and Trees*

*Geoff Alkinson, RPF*

*Area Forester*

*Forestry, Parks and Tourism*

*Grande Prairie Forest Area*

In 2003 Beef and Timber industries approached the Govt. of Alberta addressing concerns and interest regarding putting cows and trees on the land together

Discussion resulted in a Policy made in 2006, where the Grazing and Timber Integration Manual was made (updated in 2011)

In 2022 Forestry developed guidelines for clearing fencelines and fields on grazing leases.

### Regenerating Deciduous Trees

- When aspen and poplars are cut they sucker easily
- Aspen and Poplar are most palatable to livestock in June of the first year following cutting
- Good practice would be to keep livestock out of tree stands until summer
- Another good practice is to just light graze the first couple summers

### Regenerating Coniferous Trees

- When coniferous trees are cut they do not sucker so they have to be replanted
- Regenerating coniferous cut blocks can produce more forage than original stands
- It's a good idea to keep livestock out for two years

### Grazing Timber Agreements

Grazing Timber Agreements (GTA) is a written agreement created between grazing and timber deposition holders, outlines the two parties will operate on common land base

GTA's are required when either party is planning to do something that could impact the interest of the deposition holder

Ex: grazing regenerated cutblocks or timber harvest

Rangeland Agrologists and Area Forester review GTA's

### Rangeland Improvements

If you want to do anything with range improvements you must have an open discussion with a Rangeland Agrologist, then after that's reviewed it will go to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife. Between the three they will make a final decision.

It's your grass in any grazing lease but all timber belongs to the Crown. So this includes:

- Road allowance timber
- Fence line timber
- Field timber
- Re-clearing growth on fence lines
- Dead tree management

Local contacts are Janelle Trevena, Area Forester and Al Benson Sr. Area Forester

### *Beaver Management*

#### *Understanding and Living with Beavers*

Typical family-

2 adults

2 young of the year

2 2yr olds

Yes, they do cause a lot of damage to land

Beavers like to live in

- Adequate water supply
- Aspen and willow trees close
- One beaver cuts .6-1 aspen per day
- A colony cuts 1 acre in 1-2.5 years
- Beavers hate the sound of running water, but the dam is built to leak water to keep water flowing

Beaver ponds store 382 dump trucks of sediment!

Downstream from each pond

- 50-75% less suspended solids
- 20-60% less phosphorus
- 20-25% less nitrogen
- Up to 23% less carbon sequestered
- Less fecal coliforms

Build trapezoidal shaped fences around culverts to deter beavers from plugging off

Down South they did 12 locations and saved \$180,000 in repairs with land and road repairs

More Info:

Working With Beavers.ca

Beaver Country

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Trade Show Follow Up</b>
File:	63-10-30

### DESCRIPTION:

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show was held on April 15, 2023. The Board is requested to provide feedback to assist with planning for the 2024 Trade Show.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Clear Hills County Trade Show will be held on April 13, 2024.

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Information regarding the 2023 Trade Show:

- There were approximately 258 adult and 200 kid bags stuffed, all bags were given away by noon.
- Helping hands provided by Montagneuse 4-H Multi Club to assist with exhibitor setup, day of cleaning, and exhibitor take down. Well received, lots of great comments.
- Free breakfast sponsored by Fehr Tire Craft.
  - Breakfast prepared by End of Steel Heritage Society
- Three food booths - Little Denise Foods Ltd., Worsley Early Childhood Education Foundation, and Kerri Dreyer.
- DJ services provided by Knight Moves DJ Service.
- Wagon rides provided by Cleardale Riders Club.
- Talent Show sponsored by B & E Hardware - 12 Entries
- The kids' entertainment and face painting were well received, lots of great comments.
  - Face painting provided by Tina Gelech
  - Entertainment provided by Select Entertainment, Penelope the Clown and Paul Isaak.
- Staff radio rental donated by Bear Com.
- The dance was staffed by Carters Camp Society and the entertainment was by Big Guitar. There were approximately 155 Adults and 82 Under 18 in attendance.

### BUDGET:

The final budget for the 2023 Trade Show will be available at a later date.

### ATTACHMENT:

Exhibitor feedback survey summary  
Completed exhibitor feedback surveys.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.....that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion and feedback on the 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 15, 2023, and planning ideas for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Trade Show that will be held on April 13, 2024.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:	CAO:
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26th Annual Clear Hills County Trade Show		
April 15, 2023		
Exhibitor Feedback Survey Summary		
Survey Questions	Answers	# of times answered
What do you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?	Good/Awesome	11
	Set up & Personal was great	1
	Loved breakfast	2
	Well advertised	2
	Organized	4
	Loved the Helping Hands	2
	Well Attended	7
	Happy to have it back	1
	Liked it was a 1 day show	1
	Important event for the Comm	2
	Lots of Booth Variety	1
What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?	Nothing	10
	Scavenger hunt	1
	Food delivery for vendors	4
	Kids programs	1
	Upstairs accessibility	1
	Earlier end time (4 or 5 p.m.)	3
When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?	Food options	2
	2-3 months prior	7
	4-5 months prior	11
Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?	6 or more months prior	2
	Yes	20
Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?	Great help	4
	Yes	20
What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?	No	0
	Local paper ad	10
	County newsletter	14
	Facebook	16
Other Comments?	Radio ad	10
	Free Breakfast is a great way to start the event	3
	Great show/Good job	2
	loved having an inperson event	1
	Helping hands were very polite and helpful	1
	Well organized	1
	Food booth was disapointing	1
Total Surveys Collected:		20

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Good

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

nothing

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

Yes

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad	No	<u>Yes</u>	Radio ads	No	Yes
COUNTY Newsletter	No	<u>Yes</u>			
Facebook	No	<u>Yes</u>			

7) Other Comments?

Nope

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Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

*Setup + personell was great.  
Early representation w/ Breakfast a definite Bonus.*

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

*Adult + Kids Scavenger Hunt  
may have some pros.*

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

*Absolutely!!*

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad  
COUNTY Newsletter  
Facebook

No  
No  
No

Yes  
Yes  
Yes

Radio ads

~~No~~

Yes

7) Other Comments?

*Free Breakfast was Awesome*

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*Albert Enns*

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

*Very organized. loved the help loading & unloading*

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

*For vendors - having someone go around with a food cart as the lineups are long for water.*

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

*100%*

*or at least a save the date notice*

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes

No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad

No

Yes

Radio ads

No

Yes

COUNTY Newsletter

No

Yes

Facebook

No

Yes

7) Other Comments?

*Great Show! Thanks*

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Very Well Attended

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

YES, SET-UP Went Well

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad	No	<u>Yes</u>	Radio ads	No	Yes
COUNTY Newsletter	No	<u>Yes</u>			
Facebook	No	<u>Yes</u>			

7) Other Comments?

Good Job, Very Well Organized

HATS OFF TO ALL Your Staff That Do Such A GREAT JOB.

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**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Average - lots of people - made lots of contacts

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

yes but lots of help - great service

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad	No	Yes	Radio ads	No	<u>Yes</u>
COUNTY Newsletter	No	<u>Yes</u>			
Facebook	No	<u>Yes</u>	<u>word of mouth</u>		

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

It was organized, we had many meaningful conversations.  
Worked well for our organization, Breakfast was a good  
crowd draw in.

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

Nothing comes to mind

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?

2-3 months prior

4-5 months prior

6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

Yes, Parking person clearly told us where to go. There were  
trucks if needed and listing of booths.

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes

No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad

No

Yes

Radio ads

No

Yes

COUNTY Newsletter

No

Yes

Facebook

No

Yes

7) Other Comments?

We find attending in person events the best way to inform the  
public of our services and have meaningful conversations

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**Fax:** (    )        -              

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Very good, pleasantly surprised how busy it was.
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Nothing stands out.
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
☒ 2-3 months prior      ☐ 4-5 months prior      ☐ 6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
Excellent, very easy, map was useful
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
☒ Yes      ☐ No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad      ☐ No      ☒ Yes      Radio ads      ☐ No      ☐ Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter      ☐ No      ☒ Yes  
Facebook      ☐ No      ☒ Yes
- 7) Other Comments? Great job, Thank you!

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Happy to have it back

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

Kids program, Boney castle, Petting zoo, Crafts

3) ~~When would you~~ like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?

2-3 months prior

4-5 months prior

6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

Excellent

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes

No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad

No

Yes

Radio ads

No

Yes

COUNTY Newsletter

No

Yes

Facebook

No

Yes

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**Fax:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
It was good
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
It would be nice to have someone going around to exhibitors taking food orders and delivering them. It would be nice for those who don't have extra help and can't leave their booth.
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
yes
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?
- |                   |    |            |           |    |     |
|-------------------|----|------------|-----------|----|-----|
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- 7) Other Comments?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Great! I like the one day show  
its busy and ~~every~~ everything is done in one day
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Keep up the good work
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
yes
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad      No      Yes      Radio ads      No      Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter      No      Yes  
Facebook      No      Yes
- 7) Other Comments?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
it is an important event for the community's surrounding areas  
It was very well attended and is a great day for us to advertise.
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
It is very hard for the seniors to go upstairs. More accessibility  
is needed
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
yes - completely
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad      No      Yes      Radio ads      No      Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter      No      Yes      posters.  
Facebook      No      Yes
- 7) Other Comments?  
The Helping Hands workers (youth) were very polite and very  
helpful. Overall, everything was well organized.

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
It is an excellent event to showcase the products and services available in the County and area.
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Keep on doing what you are doing, it's working.
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
Yes, it was nice to have the 4H involved, they were a good help.
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?  
It's a nice start to spring and the farmers can take part before spring work begins.
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?
- |                   |    |            |           |    |     |
|-------------------|----|------------|-----------|----|-----|
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| Facebook          | No | <u>Yes</u> |           |    |     |
- 7) Other Comments?  
The pancake breakfast is a nice way to kick off the event and there was a good turn out of people, lots of good questions.

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It was Awesome

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
☒ 2-3 months prior      ☐ 4-5 months prior      ☐ 6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

Very Satisfied

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad

No

Yes

Radio ads

No

Yes

COUNTY Newsletter

No

Yes

Facebook

No

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Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show? Great!
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show? Nothing comes to mind.
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in? For Sure
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?
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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
great turn out. well organized' well advertised.
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
timing. Not everyone stays till 6. could end a little earlier everyone showed up early. propose a 4pm end time in the future. more food options
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
very. helpers were great.
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad      No      Yes      Radio ads      No      Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter      No      Yes  
Facebook      No      Yes
- 7) Other Comments?  
great show!

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**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show? I enjoyed it a lot. Great visiting, & lots of variety with all the booths.

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
Offer order & ~~also~~ delivery of coffee, drinks & hamburgers (eg) to the exhibitors

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
Fantastic!

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad      No      Yes      Radio ads      No      Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter      No      Yes  
Facebook      No      Yes

7) Other Comments? Not in my experience anyway.

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Clear Hills County Agricultural Tradeshow  
Exhibitor Feedback Survey 2023

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.

- 1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?  
it was very good I would say out of 100 I would give it  
a 95 -
- 2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?  
More food trucks or Booth options.
- 3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior 4-5 months prior 6 or more months prior
- 4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?  
Set up was very simple and good.
- 5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?  
Yes No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?
- 6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?  
Local paper ad No Yes Radio ads No Yes  
COUNTY Newsletter No Yes  
Facebook No Yes
- 7) Other Comments?  
Food both this year was disappointing, the food was cold, soggy and  
after paying for food it was still a 15-30 min wait to get your food.

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Exhibitor Feedback Survey 2023**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Fantastic

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

N/A

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

Absolutely

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad	No	<u>Yes</u>	Radio ads	No	Yes
COUNTY Newsletter	No	<u>Yes</u>			
Facebook	No	<u>Yes</u>			

7) Other Comments?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Company Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

*Great job + thanks for "Helping Hands"*

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

*I think it should end @ 4pm*

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

*Yes*

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No

If no, what time of year would you prefer?

*Spring March/April*

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad

No

Yes

Radio ads

No

Yes

COUNTY Newsletter

No

Yes

Facebook

No

Yes

7) Other Comments?

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Exhibitor Feedback Survey 2023**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire.**

1) What did you think of the Agricultural Trade Show?

Well planned & executed. GREAT ATTENDANCE

2) What do you feel we can do to improve the Agricultural Trade Show?

EASIER ACCESS TO REFRESHMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS  
ENDING AT 5pm instead of 6pm

3) When would you like to be sent the exhibitor information for future Trade Shows?  
2-3 months prior      4-5 months prior      6 or more months prior

4) Were you satisfied with the exhibitor set up and move in?

YES - THE ASSISTANCE WAS GREAT!

5) Is the timing of the Agricultural Trade Show appropriate?

Yes      No  
If no, what time of year would you prefer?

6) What type of advertising do you feel is most effective?

Local paper ad	No	Yes	Radio ads	No	Yes
COUNTY Newsletter	No	Yes			
Facebook	No	Yes			

7) Other Comments?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Agricultural Services Policy Review</b>
File:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Services Policies for review.

### BACKGROUND:

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy
- Policy 6303 Pest Control
- Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control
- Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola
- Policy 6307 Wolf Management Incentive
- Policy 6309 Property Line Spray Program
- Policy 6310 Rental Equipment Policy
- Policy 6311 VSI Program
- Policy 6312 Trade Show Exhibitors
- Policy 6313 Trade Show Groceries and Doorprizes
- Policy 6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program
- Policy 6316 Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters
- Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest

### OPTIONS:

1. Accept for information the annual review of the following Agricultural Service Board Policies:
2. Recommend to Council the following amendments to Policy \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. And then accept for info the annual review of any not amended.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 11, 2022</b>	Policy Number <b>6302</b>
Title: <b>AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT POLICY</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Clear Hills County will actively encourage the adoption of innovative, appropriate technologies and practices that may be of economic benefit to County agricultural producers.

## 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services under direction of the Agricultural Service Board will encourage agricultural producers to adopt innovative and appropriate technologies and practices by:
  - 2.1.1. purchasing and offering rental equipment,
  - 2.1.2. establishing demonstration plots,
  - 2.1.3. hosting or organizing seminars, informational meetings, and tour days,
  - 2.1.4. organizing an Agricultural Trade Show,
  - 2.1.5. supporting Veterinarian Services Incorporated (VSI), and
  - 2.1.6. offering innovative and informative programs and services.

## 3. End of Policy

ADOPTED  
Resolution C192-03

DATE:  
March 25, 2003

AMENDED  
Resolution C460-03  
Resolution C876-03  
Resolution C461(06/26/07  
Resolution C164(02/22/11)  
Resolution C190-13(04/12/16)  
Resolution C285-16(05/10/16)  
Resolution C009-22 (01-11-22)

DATE:  
June 24, 2003  
November 25, 2003  
June 26, 2007  
February 22, 2011  
April 12, 2016  
May 10, 2016  
January 11, 2022



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 22, 2011

Policy Number **6303**

Title: **PEST CONTROL POLICY**

## 1. Definitions:

- 1.1. Pest - pest or nuisance as defined in the Agricultural Pest Act, Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations

## 2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To manage currently established pest populations and reduce widespread infestations and damage.
- 2.2. To prevent establishment of pests that are not currently established within the county.

## 3. Policy Statement

- 3.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the need to assist agricultural producers with managing pest populations and preventing introduction of foreign pests that negatively affect livestock production and/or crop production.

## 4. Responsibilities

### 4.1. Education

- 4.1.1. Agricultural Services will make available educational materials and information for agricultural producers regarding animal husbandry, livestock pest and disease management and crop pest and disease management.
- 4.1.2. Agricultural Services will make available resources and tools for managing pest populations and for preventing establishment and spread of introduced pests.
- 4.1.3. Agricultural Services will provide awareness and education to the general public regarding identification of agricultural pests, expected response of public, and potential impact of pest outbreaks.

### 4.2. Monitoring

- 4.2.1. Inspectors, or designates, may conduct surveys as requested by Alberta Agriculture.

4.2.2. Administration may inform the public of the general results of any surveys conducted by county inspectors or designates.

4.2.3. Inspectors may conduct other surveys as determined by the Agricultural Service Board.

4.2.4. Clear Hills County may contract pest surveys to third party agencies.

#### 4.3. Inspectors

4.3.1. Inspectors will be trained in pest identification, management techniques, and control measures.

4.3.2. Appointed inspectors will hold valid Form 7s for the use of Compound 1080 tablets and/or Sodium Cyanide M-44 Control Devices.

4.3.3. Inspectors will investigate all pest related complaints.

4.3.4. Inspectors will not issue control material or devices if such measures will endanger public safety, domestic animals or wildlife (as defined in the Wildlife Act).

4.3.5. Inspectors may issue Compound 1080 tablets or set Sodium Cyanide M-44 devices for coyote control to stop coyote harassment of domestic livestock.

#### 4.4. Public Property

4.4.1. Clear Hills County will control nuisances on public land only if the Agricultural Fieldman determines that;

4.4.1.1. the population of the nuisance organism or disease meets or exceeds economic thresholds and,

4.4.1.2. the nuisance organism is a threat to agricultural production of adjacent agricultural producers and,

4.4.1.3. affected producers will also control those nuisances on their adjacent land in the affected area.

### 5. Reference to Legislation

5.1. Agricultural Pests Act

5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta

5.3. Weed Control Act

5.4. Animal Health Act

**6. End of Policy**

**ADOPTED**

Resolution #C192-03

Date: March 25, 2003

**AMENDED**

Resolution #C462-03

Date: June 24, 2003

Resolution #C876-03

Date: November 25, 2003

Resolution #C461(06/26/07

Date: June 26, 2007

Resolution #C166(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: January 11, 2022	Policy Number 6304
Title: ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTROL	

## **1. Policy Statement**

- *Clear Hills County strives to maintain roadsides that have a high level of visibility, support adequate drainage, prevent weeds from spreading and are aesthetically acceptable.*

## **2. Definitions**

- *Roadside - that portion of the road allowance that extends from the edge of the driving surface to the adjacent property line.*

## **3. Purpose**

- *To provide direction to administration for the control of roadside vegetation in an environmentally safe, publicly acceptable and cost effective manner.*

## **4. Responsibilities**

### **a. Brushing**

*Public Works Manager will:*

- Provide council with an annual project plan to remove all brush from County roadsides.
- Contract and/or operate equipment for clearing and mulching of trees and brush;
- Provide follow up inspections to insure roads and roadsides are clear of brushing debris, stumps and mounds;
- Obtain any necessary warranty work from contractors following the
- inspection of the completed job;
- Seed suitable pasture seed mix, as required, to prevent erosion and weed



- vii. competition;
- viii. Notify in writing landowners with property adjacent to the roadsides
- ix. included in the annual brushing program plan prior to work commencing.

*The County will:*

- x. provide a Brushing Request agreement (Form B) to landowners, whereby:
- xi. The landowner agrees to allow the municipality to enter their land to brush outwards into the road ditches.
- xii. When landowners are requesting private land brushing or have brushed approximately 5 meters beyond the right of way and the brushing extends onto private land adjacent to road ditches, the vegetation will be controlled by spraying or mowing to control regrowth of brush and included as part of the agreement.
- xiii. The County will be responsible for all surveying costs and staking of the work area which extends approximately 5 meters beyond the right of way.

**b. Do Not Brush Backslope program**

- i. The Do Not Brush Backslope program is available for persons who want to retain the trees and brush on the backslope of the road allowance in front of their residence.
- ii. Landowners must request in writing for the County Brushing Program to leave the trees and brush on the backslope of the road allowance in front of their residence.

**c. Spraying**

- i. The program will focus on brush control to prevent regrowth and vegetation as listed in the Weed Control Act of Alberta and/or plants designated by County by-law and are the same as the Agricultural Service Board expects the public to control.
- ii. Spraying will not occur adjacent to yard sites or known herbicide sensitive vegetation such as gardens or shelterbelts or within the legislated setback from water bodies and water sources.

- iii. Agricultural Fieldman will:
- iv. Contract for and/or apply herbicide to kill brush regrowth in the year following the brushing program.
- v. Contractor for and/or apply herbicide to Noxious & Prohibited Noxious weeds to prevent weed spread & weed seed propagation;
- vi. Select herbicide based on the following criteria:
  - 1. Registered for use in Alberta
  - 2. Registered for control of the target vegetation
  - 3. Cost effectiveness
  - 4. Suitability for site, application conditions and will not increase environmental foot print.

**d. Do Not Spray Program:**

- i. The Do Not Spray program is available for persons who do not want the roadside adjacent to their property sprayed.
- ii. Landowners must complete and sign a Roadside Spraying form (Form A) stating that they do not wish to have the road allowance adjacent to specific land locations sprayed,
- iii. Landowners accept full responsibility for weed and brush control within the stated road allowance.
- iv. Failure to control the weeds and brush in the current growing season will result in the County controlling the weeds and brush in accordance with this policy.

**e. Mowing**

- i. Mowing operations will rotate throughout the County on an annual basis, as per the project plan approved by council, to ensure all roads are maintained as efficiently as possible.
- ii. Agricultural Fieldman will:
- iii. Provide council with an annual project plan to mow County owned roadside ditches.
- iv. Contract and/or operate equipment to mow County owned roadside ditches.

Mowing of roads will be prioritized as follows:

- v. Market Roads: first priority; annually mow to outside edge of road right-of-way (fence line to fence line).
- vi. Local roads: second priority; annually mow to outside edge of mowable road right-of-way (property line to property line).
- vii. All other roads: last priority; annually mow to outside edge of mowable road right-of-way (property line to property line) as needed for brush between 4 and 6 feet in height adjacent to road.

**f. Mowing for Community Organizations**

- i. Clear Hills County offers to mow outfields and large grassed-in areas that are beyond the reasonable scope of riding and push lawn mowers for community not-for-profit organizations within the County, once annually in conjunction with the roadside mowing program.
- ii. Organizations requesting this service are required to sign a waiver annually protecting Clear Hills County, see attachment Form C.
- iii. Mowing of outfields and large grassed in areas that are beyond the reasonable scope of riding and push lawn mowers shall be completed subject to the conditions set out in Form C. In the event that the Agricultural Fieldman or his representative determines that the area requested is too hazardous difficult to mow the Organization will be notified that the area cannot be mowed.

**g. Alternative Weed Control Methods**

- i. In Environmentally sensitive areas due to soil structure, native species sensitivity or where legislated setback from water bodies and water sources prevent the application of herbicides, mowing or brushing, Agricultural Services staff will implement alternative weed control methods such as hand picking or use of biological controls.

**5. Fencing**

Replacement fences will be constructed to the standard currently in place as per Fencing Policy 3206.

**6. Reference to Legislation**

Weed Control Act

**7. Related Policies**

- *Property Line Spraying Policy 6309*
- *Policy 3206 Fencing*
- *Current Bylaw - Schedule of Fees - Purchase of goods and services*

**8. End of Policy**

ADOPTED:  
Resolution C262 (03/29/11)

DATE:  
March 29, 2011

AMENDED:  
Resolution C408 (05/10/11)  
Resolution C445 (07/23/13)  
Resolution C190-14 (03/25/14)  
Resolution C231-15 (04/28/15)  
Resolution C466-16 (08/17/16)  
Resolution C010-22 (01-11-22)

DATE:  
May 10, 2011  
June 23, 2013  
March 25, 2014  
April 28, 2015  
August 17, 2016  
January 11, 2022



**Form B - Policy 6304**

**PROPERTY BRUSHING REQUEST**

**Clear Hills County**

I/We, the undersigned, hereby authorize the staff or agents of Clear Hills County to enter the listed locations on their land for brush control along the road allowance boundary and into my private land.

I/We understand:

- the County will attempt to keep brushing machinery no further than 5 meters (16.5 feet) onto private land.
- The County will continually control regrowth by means of spray and/or mechanical methods.

I/We agree:

- to authorize Clear Hills County Staff to carry out vegetation control by means of mowing or spraying up to 5 meters (16.5 feet) beyond the right of way.
- that this agreement remain in effect for 1 year from date of signing, or until cancelled, in writing, by the undersigned or by the County,
- to notify the County of changes to ownership or occupancy of the lands listed on this agreement,
- to identify areas in writing where I do not wish to have brushing take place,
- to hold indemnify and hold harmless the County, their agents and employees, from any claims, demands, actions and costs that may arise as a result of an act of omission in regards to this request,

PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP OR LIST LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTIONS TO INCLUDE IN THIS AGREEMENT ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Landowner/manager (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

County Representative (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We agree that brushing/spraying will encroach on to my private property. By signing this document I am giving County staff or contractor's authorization to proceed with the requested brushing on the listed legal land location.

List legal land descriptions, owned or occupied, where the Brushing Request is to take effect:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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<div>Form B - <u>Policy 6304</u></div> <div><b>PROPERTY BRUSHING REQUEST</b></div>
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**Clear Hills County**

Use area below for diagram (if necessary):


Comments or Concerns:


## **Mowing for Community Not-for-Profit Organizations Waiver Agreement**

**BETWEEN:** Clear Hills County, a Municipal Corporation  
(hereinafter referred to as the "County")

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter referred to as the "Organization")  
OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS, the "Organization is the owner, or lessee of the following lands:

LAND LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Organization desires the County to mow outlying fields and large grassed-in areas that are beyond the reasonable scope of riding and push lawn mowers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Organization agree as follows:

1. The County agrees to mow outlying fields and large grassed-in areas that are beyond the reasonable scope of riding and push lawn mowers; however it shall be understood that such mowing shall only be undertaken at the discretion of the County and only as part of the annual roadside mowing program when the Tractors and Mowers are operating in that area.
2. Either party may terminate this waiver by serving Notice of Intent to terminate. Five (5) days notice will be required.
3. The Organization hereby covenants and agrees that he will at all times indemnify and save harmless the County, his servants, contractors, and employees from and against all loss, damage or injury however caused, which may at any time during the continuance of this Waiver occur to any person or the property of any person including the Organization members.
4. The Organization shall not assign or transfer his interest under this Waiver.
5. The County shall have the right to refuse to mow any area that in the opinion of the operator or County representative too hazardous or difficult to mow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Waiver has been duly executed by the parties hereto on:

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D., 20\_\_\_\_.

SIGNED in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: Print name \_\_\_\_\_

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE





# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 11, 2022</b>	Policy Number <b>6306</b>
Title: <b>CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Clear Hills County will implement procedures to reduce the possibility of introduction, limit the spread, and minimize yield losses of Clubroot in Canola in the County.

## 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services staff will conduct a minimum of 25 field inspections, as per Clubroot in Canola Procedure 6306-01, for Clubroot on Canola grown in the County. Fields will be selected according to the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1. Fields surrounding an infected field; or fields associated with an infected field through equipment, geography, ownership, etc.
  - 2.1.2. Canola fields displaying symptoms similar to those infected with Clubroot
  - 2.1.3. Fields with a short or no crop rotation. (ie. canola on canola)
  - 2.1.4. Random fields throughout the County for adequate surveying coverage.
- 2.2. Agricultural Services staff will educate producers, general public and other industry about Clubroot of Canola, through newsletters, publications, workshops and one-on-one communications.
- 2.3. Any Canola crops displaying symptoms of Clubroot infection will be sampled and samples will be sent to a credible laboratory for confirming or denying the presence of Clubroot.
- 2.4. Agricultural Service Board will work cooperatively with neighboring municipalities and primary producers.

## 3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Upon confirmation of a Clubroot infected Canola field in the County:
  - 3.1.1. The landowner and registered occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
  - 3.1.2. All landowners and registered occupants within a 5 mile radius of the field where Clubroot was confirmed, will be sent written notice that Clubroot was confirmed within 5 miles of their property. Additional information including the *Alberta Clubroot Management Plan*, Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, Clubroot identification information, equipment cleaning procedures and information on minimizing the spread of Clubroot.
  - 3.1.3. A County wide public notice will be issued, informing the general public, contractors, stakeholders, industry and all County landowners that Clubroot of Canola has been confirmed in the County. This will be posted in the County newsletter and the local newspaper.
- 3.2. A Notice given for Clubroot will require for the infected field:
  - 3.2.1. That no canola crop or any host crop shall be grown in that field for a minimum of 3 years, beginning with the year following the discovery of Clubroot infection

in that field. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year a Clubroot resistant canola variety may be grown.

- 3.2.2. That all volunteer host plants (cultivars or weeds) must be destroyed to prevent more than 3 weeks growth.
- 3.2.3. That straw, chaff, feed, dirt, and debris must not be removed from the field for 4 years following the year of detecting Clubroot in the field.
- 3.2.4. That access areas to the infected field be seeded and maintained with non-susceptible grasses (for cleaning equipment).
- 3.2.5. That all equipment leaving that field must be cleaned by removing all dirt, plant material, and debris.
- 3.3. Infected fields will be monitored for compliance for 4 years following the issuance of the Notice.
- 3.4. Crops growing in non-compliance will be destroyed at the landowner's expense.
- 3.5. Should enforcement be required, additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.

#### **4. Guidelines**

- 4.1. Alberta Clubroot Management Plan <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/7089438>
- 4.2. Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 <F:\Agriculture\63-30 Pest Control\63-30-10 Crop Diseases\63-30-10 Clubroot\Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 PRASB signed.docx>

#### **5. Reference to Legislation**

- 5.1. Agricultural Pests Act <http://www.gp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/a08.pdf>
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta [http://www.gp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001\\_184.pdf](http://www.gp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001_184.pdf)
- 5.3. Clear Hills County Pest Control Policy (6303) <http://clearhillscounty.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/6303-Pest-Control.pdf>

#### **6. End of Policy**

##### **ADOPTED**

Resolution C344(06/10/08)

Date: June 10, 2008

##### **AMENDED**

Resolution C165(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C192-16(4/12/16)

Date: April 12, 2016

Resolution C011-22 (01-11-22)

Date: January 11, 2022



## Clear Hills County

Effective Date: December 8, 2020	Policy Number <b>6307</b>
Title: <b>WOLF MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY</b>	

### 1. Policy Statement

In an effort to support wolf population control within Clear Hills County, the County will implement procedures to provide for a wolf management incentive program for the purpose of promoting wolf management in the municipality. Through this program Participants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of a wolf harvested lawfully within the Municipality, assisting in the protection of residents' livestock and the protection of the Boreal Caribou species.

### 2. Definitions:

- 2.1. Immediate Family - means the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner, the participant's children, the parents of the participant and the parents of the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner;
- 2.2. Household – immediate family members that reside in the same dwelling with the Participant.

### 3. General

- 3.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Wolf Management Incentive program.
- 3.2. By resolution of Council the Wolf Hunt Management Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 3.3 By resolution of Council the payment amount will be established for each eligible wolf (adult and non-adult) taken within the boundaries of Clear Hills in accordance with the listed conditions.

### 4. Private property and Grazing Leases

- 4.1 A maximum of two wolf carcasses per month per household may be verified for payment to a qualified Participant, with a maximum of seven wolf carcasses per calendar year for wolves harvested on private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.2 Eligible Participants will:

- 4.2.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family and reside in a dwelling on that property for no less than 183 days (six months)
- 4.2.2 Provide a list of immediate family that reside in the same dwelling "household" that may participate in this wolf management incentive program.
- 4.2.3 Provide business name, if different than participant's name that land or grazing leases may be registered under.
- 4.2.4 Provide a list of private property owned and grazing leases held in the participant's name or business name within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.2.5 Eligible Participants requesting incentive payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A .
- 4.2.6 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
- 4.2.7 When presenting the carcass Participants must produce the land location where the wolf was harvested.
- 4.2.8 Wolf carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 4.2.9 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 4.2.10 The Participant will handle the carcass so the designated County representative can confirm there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a wolf management incentive program.
- 4.2.11 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.
- 4.2.12 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 4.2.13 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods. Note: The County recommends disposal to a trapper to reduce waste of fur or other salvageable parts.
- 4.2.14 Participants participating in the Wolf Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, Petty Trespass Act.

4.2.15 Participants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be eligible to receive benefit from this program; this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for wolves taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

## **5. Registered Trapline Trappers**

5.1 A maximum of fifteen wolf carcasses per calendar year, be verified for payment for wolves harvested on a qualifying registered trap line within the boundaries of Clear Hills County. Further, while eligible registered trappers may participate in the Private Property and Grazing Lease portion of this policy, the maximum of fifteen wolf carcasses per calendar year remains at fifteen.

Eligible Participants will:

- 5.2.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family and reside in a dwelling on that property for no less than 183 days (six months)
- 5.2.2 Provide their trapline number and a map of their registered trapline within Clear Hills County.
- 5.2.3 Provide the names of any trap line partners that may participate in this wolf hunt incentive program.
- 5.2.4 Eligible trappers requesting incentive payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix B.
- 5.2.5 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
- 5.2.6 When presenting the carcass Participants must produce the approximate land location where the wolf was harvested on the trapline.
- 5.2.7 Wolf carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 5.2.8 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 5.2.9 The Participant will handle the carcass so the designated County representative can confirm there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a hunting incentive program.
- 5.2.10 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.

5.2.11 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.

5.2.12 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods.

5.2.13 Participants participating in the Wolf Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, Petty Trespass Act.

5.2.14 Participants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be eligible to receive benefit from this program; this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for wolves taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

### **3. End of Policy**

#### **ADOPTED:**

Resolution C494(06/22/10)

Date: June 22, 2010

#### **AMENDED:**

Resolution C167(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C147-12(03/13/12)

Date: March 13, 2012

Resolution C776-12(11/27/12)

Date: November 27, 2012

Resolution C195-13(03/26/13)

Date: March 26, 2013

Resolution C492-15(10/13/15)

Date: October 13, 2015

Resolution C52-16(01/26/16)

Date: January 26, 2016

Resolution C113-18 (02/27/18)

Date: February 27, 2018

Resolution C643-20 (12/08/20)

Date: December 8, 2020



**Appendix A (Policy 6307)**  
**Contract of Participation**  
**Private Property and Grazing Leases**  
**Wolf Management Incentive Program**  
**Between Participants and Clear Hills County**

In an effort to support wolf population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife and the protection of residents livestock and the protection of the Boreal Caribou species, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a wolf management incentive program ("Program") for the purpose of promoting wolf hunting within the Municipality. Through this program, wolf hunters ("Participants") will receive a monetary reward ("Reward") for the carcass, with pelt intact, of a wolf hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE:** While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
2. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
3. **PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD:** In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted wolf must be presented to a designated representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by in accordance with this program or similar to other municipal jurisdictions wolf management programs will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a wolf must be lawfully hunted on private property owned by the Participant or a grazing lease land operated by the Participant within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each wolf was harvested.
4. **REWARD:** If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant at the rate set by Council for each wolf (adult and non-adult) carcass presented.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Location of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Rural Address or Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days (six months)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you also participating in this program as a registered trapline trapper? If yes complete Appendix B

Names of Immediate Family Members residing with Applicant (that may participate in this program)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Land Locations of private property owned and grazing leases held by Applicant in personal name or business name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I the undersigned agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation and Clear Hills County Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Participant (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Officer (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_





**Appendix B (Policy 6307)**  
**Contract of Participation**  
**Registered Trap line Trappers**  
**Wolf Hunt Management Incentive Program**  
**Between Participants and Clear Hills County**

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The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

5. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE:** While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
6. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
7. **PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD:** In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted wolf must be presented to a designated representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by in accordance with this program or similar to other municipal jurisdictions wolf management programs will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a wolf must be lawfully harvested on the Participants registered trap line within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each wolf was harvested.
8. **REWARD:** If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant at the rate set by Council for each wolf (adult and non-adult) carcass presented.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Trap line Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix B (Policy 6307) – Page 2**

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Location of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Rural Address or Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days (six months)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you also participating in the Private Property/Grazing Lease portion of this program? If yes complete Appendix A

Names of trap line partners that may participate in this program: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Map of trap line attached: \_\_\_\_\_

I the undersigned agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation and Clear Hills County Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Participant (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Officer (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>February 22, 2011</b>	Policy Number <b>6309</b>
Title: <b>PROPERTY LINE SPRAY PROGRAM</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement:

- 1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the need to have better management of weeds and brush in road right-of-way ditches that cannot be effectively controlled from the roadway, that are adjacent to private land and whereby vegetation control methods may cause crop or tree damage on private land.

## 2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To provide complete control of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds and brush along right-of-ways adjacent to private land.

## 3. Responsibilities

- 3.1. Agricultural Services will provide a *Property Line Spray Request* agreement (form A) to landowners, whereby:
  - 3.1.1. The landowner agrees to:
    - 3.1.1.1. allow the municipality to spray herbicide onto their land that is adjacent to a road ditch;
    - 3.1.1.2. allow the municipality to enter their land to spray herbicides outwards into the road ditches, if necessary;
    - 3.1.1.3. allow the municipality to spray brush up to 1.5 meters in height when adjacent to a road ditch.
- 3.2. Spray crew will extend spray width by approximately 2 meters onto private land adjacent to road ditches, as needed.
- 3.3. Spray crew will utilize the spray truck and/or ATV at the appropriate time of the season, either from the roadside, in the ditch or from the field for effective weed control and minimal crop damage.
- 3.4. Agricultural Services will make available information for land managers regarding the property line spray program.
- 3.5. Inspectors/employees will be trained in property line spraying and safety precautions.

## 4. Related Legislation

- 4.1. Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
- 4.2. Weed Control Act

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4.3. Pest Control Products Act

**5. End of Policy**

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ADOPTED

Resolution C169(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

**PROPERTY LINE SPRAY REQUEST**

**Clear Hills County**

I/We, the undersigned, hereby authorize the staff or agents of Clear Hills County to apply herbicides for the control of weeds and brush along the road allowance boundary and into my cropland.

I/We understand:

- the County will attempt to keep herbicide applications from encroaching further than 2 meters (6.5 feet) onto private land,
- broadleaved vegetation will die and some grassy plants may be harmed,
- applications may take place by means of a boom equipped spray truck, boomless spray truck, all terrain vehicle boomless spray or hand gun spot spray unit,
- applications will be made on selected weeds, primarily Canada Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Ox-Eye Daisy, Scentless Chamomile, Toadflax, and Tansy
- brush less than 1.5 meters(5 feet) in height may be sprayed during operations
- herbicide applications will be avoided within 30 meters(100 feet) of domestic dugouts, residences and shelterbelts, unless pre-authorized,
- selective broadleaf herbicides such as, Tordon 101, Escort, 2,4-D, Lontrel, Garlon, and Milestone may be used and spraying will be undertaken only during favorable spraying conditions

I/We agree:

- that this agreement remain in effect for 5 years from date of signing, or until cancelled, in writing, by the undersigned or by the County,
- to notify the County of changes to ownership or occupancy of the lands listed on this agreement,
- to identify areas in writing where I do not wish to have spraying take place,
- to hold indemnify and hold harmless the County, their agents and employees, from any claims, demands, actions and costs that may arise as a result of an act of omission in regards to this request.

PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP OR LIST LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTIONS TO INCLUDE IN THIS AGREEMENT ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Landowner/manager (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

County Representative (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We agree that following harvest or the swathing of crops, if applying the herbicides would be best achieved by driving on my property along the field edge, County staff or contractors are authorized to do so.

***Form A - Policy 6309***

***PROPERTY LINE SPRAY REQUEST***

**Clear Hills County**

List legal land descriptions, owned or occupied, where the Roadside Spray Request is to take effect:


Use area below for diagram (if necessary):


Comments or Concerns:




# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>October 13, 2020</b>	Policy Number <b>6310</b>
Title: <b>RENTAL EQUIPMENT POLICY</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement:

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

## 2. Purpose:

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

## 3. Responsibilities

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

- 3.5. Agriculture Services will conduct pre- and post-rental inspections of all equipment to ensure equipment is in good condition, will operate properly and is safe to use.
- 3.6. Renters will sign a rental agreement form and assume responsibility for all costs associated with equipment returned damaged or not properly cleaned.
- 3.7. County staff will consider rental of equipment to other municipalities on a case by case basis.
- 3.8. County staff will refuse to rent out equipment that is unfit and/or unsafe for use.
- 3.9. Agricultural Services will provide an annual report to the Agricultural Service Board for a program review in February of each year.

#### **4. Reference to Legislation**

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

#### **5. End of Policy**

**ADOPTED:**

Resolution C170(02/22/10)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C422-18 (09/11/18)

Date; September 18, 2018

Resolution C433-19 (09/10/19)

Date: September 10, 2019

Resolution C487-20 (10/13/19)

Date: October 13, 2020





# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>February 28, 2023</b>	Policy Number <b>6311</b>
Title: <b>Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement:

- 1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the value of aiding in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of livestock producer and veterinarian service sustainability.

## 2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To provide assistance to County livestock producers with veterinarian costs.
- 2.2. To retain local large animal veterinarians through the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program.
- 2.3. To establish guidelines for Clear Hills County's involvement in the VSI program.

## 3. Responsibilities

- 3.1. Council will allocate an annual VSI budget in accordance with the VSI agreement.
- 3.2. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council amendments to the VSI program and level of service as necessary.
- 3.3. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council the membership fee for participation in the program and this fee may from time to time be reviewed and amended.
  - 3.3.1. The membership fee will be included in the County Schedule of Fees Bylaw.
  - 3.3.2. Memberships will be valid for five years from the time of membership renewal or entry into the program.
- 3.4. Eligible participants must be a resident that owns livestock in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.
- 3.5. Participants in the VSI program will:
  - 3.5.1. sign and complete an application form and enter into a Clear Hills

County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Letter of Understanding and Agreement. Attached as Schedule A.

3.6. VSI Services will:

- 3.6.1. Provide a schedule of fees for eligible veterinarian services on an annual basis;
- 3.6.2. Provide quarterly summaries of program users and claims.

3.7. Service Limitations:

- 3.7.1. Effective January 12, 2021 there will be an annual cap on the county's 50% portion of service costs at \$1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred dollars) per membership.
- 3.7.2. Administration will invoice any users who exceed any service limitations in the amount of the County's contribution to the service that has been exceeded.

**4. End of Policy**

ADOPTED:

Resolution C438 (05/24/11)

Date: May 24, 2011

AMENDED:

Resolution C28-16 (10/12/16)  
Resolution C404-17 (08/22/17)  
Resolution C14-21 (01/12/21)  
Resolution C115-23 (02/28/23)

Date: January 12, 2016  
Date: August 22, 2017  
Date: January 12, 2021  
Date: February 28, 2023



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>November 12, 2014</b>	Policy Number <b>6312</b>
Title: <b>TRADESHOW EXHIBITORS</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement:

- 1.1. The Clear Hills County Agricultural Tradeshow is a rural family oriented show that allows exhibitors from the public and private sectors.
- 1.2. Clear Hills County recognizes the importance of providing guidelines and establishing basic requirements for exhibitors to adhere to when participating in the County Agricultural Tradeshow.
- 1.3. Clear Hills County requires that vendors and exhibitors at the annual Tradeshow conducted by the Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board have and provide proof of insurance coverage deemed appropriate to protect Clear Hills County from claims by any stakeholders to such events including vendors, exhibitors, volunteers, staff and visitors for the following reasons:
  - The active control and reduction of our insurance and other risk-related costs;
  - The protection of the interests of the stakeholders in such events;
  - The prevention of losses arising from damage to community or other's assets and liability claims; and
  - When losses cannot be prevented, to ensure that the impact of losses on the organization and our community stakeholders is a minimal as possible.

## 2. Exhibitor Responsibilities

- 2.1. All exhibitors will enter into an agreement, *Schedule A* that establishes the terms and conditions to be eligible to reserve a booth at the County Agricultural Tradeshow.
- 2.2. All exhibitors will provide proof of general liability, home owner, farm, tenant or personal liability insurance prior to setting up at the specific Tradeshow. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor being denied permission to set up for the Tradeshow and forfeiture of any fees paid to the Clear Hills County.
  - 2.2.1. Where permitted by the Clear Hills County insurance provider, insurance coverage may be requested and obtained by the vendor and/or exhibitor through the Clear Hills County Insurance policy on a cost recoverable basis.

## 3. Procedure:

- 3.1. Council delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer authority and responsibility to designate an employee of Clear Hills County to implement and supervise the requirements of this policy.

4. **Attachments:**

4.1— Schedule A - Exhibitor Agreement

5. **End of Policy**

ADOPTED

Resolution #C770-14

Date: November 12, 2014

**Schedule A****EXHIBITOR AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

1. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to assign, decline, and/or change booth locations without prior notice. The exhibitor may be entitled to a full refund, if they choose to withdraw their reservation due to changes to booth locations.
2. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any request to exhibit or participate in the show at any time.
3. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject, remove or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part, or any Exhibitor or its representative if in the opinion of Show Management the exhibit or the activities of the Exhibitor or its representatives violates the Agreement or is detrimental to the aims, goals and purposes of the show.
4. Clear Hills County prohibits abusive conduct and inappropriate behavior toward Show Management, attendees, guests or any affiliated representative of the show.
5. Clear Hills County will not assume any responsibility for loss, damages, theft, and/or pilferage of Exhibitor's displays, materials, supplies, etc. Security will be on site during the entire show.
6. Exhibitors will hold Clear Hills County harmless for any damage, expense, or liability arising from any injury or damage to said Exhibitor, its agents, servants or employees, resulting from any acts or omissions of the Exhibitor, its agents, employees or representatives, for which the Exhibitor is legally responsible.
7. Exhibitors are entirely responsible for leased space and agree to reimburse for any damage to property, facilities, furnishings, or equipment occurring on the premises of the event, providing such damage is due to negligence of the Exhibitor, its servants, agents or others for whom the Exhibitor is, by law, responsible for.
8. Exhibitors are required to provide a valid certificate of insurance for the event and booth rental.
9. Exhibitor materials, supplies, equipment, displays, etc. must not extended beyond the Exhibitor's designated booth space.
10. The Exhibitor agrees to remove the exhibit equipment, displays, materials, supplies, etc. from the show building by 6:30 p.m. on the day of the Show, and not before 4:30 p.m.
11. Clear Hills County has the authority to establish and interpret rules and regulations necessary for the orderly conduct of Exhibitors and/or their agents for the mutual benefit of all parties.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 24, 2023</b>	Policy Number <b>6313</b>
Title: <b>TRADESHOW GROCERIES &amp; DOORPRIZES</b>	

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1. Clear Hills County has committed to offer a pancake breakfast and sponsor door prizes for the annual County Agricultural Tradeshow and Farmer's Appreciation Banquet

## 2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Annually Council will include funds in the Operating Budget to cover costs for groceries for the pancake breakfast and the door prizes.
- 2.2. The County will purchase groceries for the pancake breakfast from the following businesses on a rotational basis:
  - Cleardale Co-op (2025, 2028, 2031)
  - Hines Creek General Store (2023, 2026, 2029)
  - Worsley General Store (2024, 2027, 2030)
- 2.3. The County will purchase a \$300.00 gift card from the following businesses on a rotational basis if available.
  - Cleardale Co-op (2025, 2028, 2031)
  - Hines Creek General Store (2023, 2026, 2029)
  - Worsley General Store (2024, 2027, 2030)

This door prize will be drawn from the entries in the "Adult Door Prize" draw box at the Council Tradeshow booth.

- 2.4. The County will fund up to \$200.00 annually for a children's bicycle from B&E Home Hardware. This door prize will be drawn from the entries in the "Children Door Prize" draw box at the Council Tradeshow booth.

- 2.4.1. B&E Home Hardware provides a bicycle for display at the Council booth during the tradeshow.

- 2.4.2. The door prize recipient selects a bicycle from B&E Home Hardware's inventory during regular business hours. The customer is responsible for any additional costs when the bicycle selected is more than the \$200.00 that the County has committed for this door prize.

**3. END OF POLICY**

**ADOPTED**

Resolution C91-15(02/10/15)

**DATE:**

February 10, 2015

**AMENDED**

Resolution C133-16(03/08/16)

**DATE:**

March 8, 2016

Resolution C012-22(01-11-22)

January 11, 2022

Resolution C60-23(01-24-23)

January 24, 2023



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 26, 2016</b>	Policy Number <b>6314</b>
Title: <b>Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement:

Clear Hills County recognizes the value of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) testing.

Canada may be at the risk of losing its status as a controlled BSE risk country due to tested numbers not meeting the 30,000 animal annual requirements.

In September of 2011 the province discontinued the \$150.00 per animal incentive given to producers for sampling their animals and maintaining control of the carcass pending BSE test results.

By providing a municipal BSE testing incentive, it will encourage producers to participate in the BSE testing program and assist in realizing the target of keeping the Country's status as a controlled BSE risk country.

## 2. Purpose:

2.1. To establish guidelines for Clear Hills County's BSE Testing Incentive Program.

## 3. General:

3.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the BSE Testing Incentive Program.

3.2. By resolution of Council the BSE Testing Incentive Program will be activated and deactivated.

3.3. Council will establish the amount of compensation per animal to be paid as an incentive payment for eligible beef cattle that have been BSE tested.

## 4. Responsibilities

4.1. Only beef cattle are eligible for BSE testing and incentive payments.

4.2. The Agricultural Service Board will be provided with an annual report on the number of users of the BSE testing incentive program and recommend to Council amendments to the BSE testing incentive program as necessary.

4.3. Eligible participants must be Veterinary Services (1980) Ltd. (VSI) members and a resident in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.

4.4. V.S.I. Services will provide a list of Clear Hills County VSI members that had animals tested for BSE in the quarterly reports.

4.5. Clear Hills County will pay VSI members that have been identified as having animals tested for BSE.

4.6. Only Veterinary Clinics will have access to the results of the BSE tests.



**5. End of Policy**

ADOPTED:  
C55-16(01/26/16)

DATE:  
January 26, 2016



## Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>June 13, 2017</b>	Policy Number <b>6316</b>
Title: <b>Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters</b>	

### 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Individuals or organizations seeking to pump surface water off industrial sites within Clear Hills County, will follow all criteria for the surface discharge of collected surface run-on or runoff Waters in compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations.

### 2. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

C306-17(06/13/17)

June 13, 2017

AMENDED:

Resolution #



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: **October 22, 2019**

Policy Number **6317**

Title: **BIGGEST VEGETABLE CONTEST**

## **1. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 1.1. Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board will host an annual Biggest Vegetable Contest.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1. Vegetable: A plant or part of a plant used as food.

## **3. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 3.1. Council will include funds in the Operating Budget for cash prizes for this contest.

## **4. GENERAL**

- 4.1. Eligible contestants will live in Clear Hills County or the Village of Hines Creek.

- 4.2. The Contest will have the following vegetable categories:

Beets	Carrots	Corn
Onions	Potatoes	Pumpkins
Tomatoes	Turnip	Zucchini
Other Squash	Most Unique	Cabbage

The Biggest Vegetable Contest will have two entry groups:

- Adults: 13 and over
- Kids: 12 and under

- 4.3. Prizes will be \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for first place in each of the eleven vegetable categories for each entry group (Adults & Kids)

- 4.4. The Biggest Vegetable Contest will be held annually and weighing stations will be set up at each of the following locations over a one week period in September. Photos will be taken of each contestant and/or their entries.

- Bear Canyon
- Cleardale
- Hines Creek
- Worsley

- 4.7. Winners will be announced at the end of the contest, and the pictures of winners and/or their winning entry will be published in the November County newsletter and the following April at the Agricultural Trade Show.

## **5. END OF POLICY**

ADOPTED Resolution: C639-17

December 12, 2017

AMENDED Resolution C506-18 (10-23-18)

October 23, 2018

AMENDED Resolution C552-19 (10/22/19)

October 22, 2019

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>FARMER APPRECIATION EVENT</b>
File:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested to bring back the discussion around the date, location, and entertainment for the upcoming 2024 Farmers' Appreciation Event.

### BACKGROUND:

**AG34-23(03/13/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the Farmers' Appreciation Event to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

### ATTACHMENTS:

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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

**AgFieldman:**



# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>HONORARIUM &amp; TRAVEL/SUBSISTENCE BUDGET REVIEW</b>
File:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested to review the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget.

### BACKGROUND:

The Board would like to ensure that they are staying under budget regarding honorarium and travel/subsistence.

**AG37-23(05/02/23) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board request a review of budget at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Budget Category	2023 Budgeted Amount	Amount Spent Year to Date	2023 Budgeted Amount Remaining
Honorarium	\$16,500.00	\$8,660.12	\$7,839.88
Travel /Subsistence	\$10,000.00	\$3,599.24	\$6,400.76

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the honorarium & travel/subsistence budget review for information, as presented.

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



**AgFieldman:**

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	May 2, 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:**

- Workshop and Pasture Walk with Greg Judy
  - June 13, 2023 Hanson Ranch Valleyview, AB
  - June 17, 2023 Bonanza Hall
- Summer Pasture Tour June 15, 2023 Goodlow, BC

### ATTACHMENTS:

Workshop and Pasture Walk Poster  
Summer Pasture Tour Poster  
Calendar April, May, June

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to ..

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

**AgFieldman:**



Join  
PCBFA for a  
**Workshop &  
Pasture Walk  
with Greg Judy**

June 13th - Hanson Ranch - Valleyview  
(Bring your own chair!!)

June 17th - Bonanza Hall

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**Join expert grazier Greg Judy  
for a day of learning and pasture walks!**

**Agenda:**

Coffee & Registration 8:30 am  
Classroom presentations 9 - 12  
Lunch included!  
Pasture Walks 1-4:30

**Cost:**

\$60/member  
\$100/Member pair  
\$70/Non member  
\$120/Non member pair

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For more information or to register:

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Can't make it on the day? Check out our website for Greg's full Alberta tour!





# Summer Pasture Tour

June 15



**Come out to the Goodlow area and take in our annual summer tour.**

We will visit a number of producers to showcase their practices and facilitate peer-to-peer learning.

The day ends in a scrumptious supper and fun social.



# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 Easter Monday	11 Council	12	13	14	15 Trade Show
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Council	26	27	28	29
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# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2 ASB	3	4	5	6
7	8 P & P	9 Council	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 Council	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

# JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <b>Council</b> Workshop & Pasture Walk	14	15  Summer Pasture Tour	16	17  Workshop & Pasture Walk
18	19	20  <b>ASB</b>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27  <b>Council</b>	28	29	30	1

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	May 2, 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 – May 2, 2023  
Rental Equipment Summary

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

<b>Initials show support -</b> Reviewed by: <b>Manager:</b> <b>AgFieldman:</b>
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## January 1 - March 31, 2023

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	0	0	\$ -	
<i>BBQ Trailer</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Chairs</i>	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	2	2	\$ 27.00	
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	2	2	\$ 100.00	
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Eco-Bran Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Exta Hoses</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Grain Bagger</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	2	\$ -	
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	2	\$ 700.00	
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	3	3	\$ 900.00	
<i>Grill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	1	1	\$ -	
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	2	2	\$ 50.00	
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ 480.79
<i>Pull/Push Roller Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<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	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	1	1	\$ 20.00	
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Skidmount Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Smoke Signs</i>	\$ 60.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Tables</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	2	3	\$ 67.00	
<i>Toilets</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	1	1	\$ 40.00	
<i>Truck Mount Sprayer</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
<i>Water Pumps</i>	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
			16	19	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 480.79

Revenue	\$ 1,904.00
Equipment Expense	\$ 480.79
Insurance	
Chargeback	\$ 659.80
Profit/Loss	\$763.41

MAY 2, 2023

PEST CONTROL

• Wolves Claimed 2023 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
17	\$3400.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. The mower tender was awarded to Fosters Agriworld Fairview for a Schulte XH1500 for \$53,800.00 less the trade in allowance of \$27,500.00 for a cash difference of \$28,990.00.
2. The waterpump trailer tender was awarded to Flaman Fairview for the cash no trade price of \$9135.00 inc. GST
3. The tractor tender was awarded to Rocky Mountain Equipment Grimshaw for a New Holland T7.210 for the cash no trade price of \$267,000.00.
4. Have hired 5 weed inspectors. 3 are returnees from last season and two new students.
5. 1 mower operator will not be returning so we will need to hire one more for the upcoming season.
6. We used two weed inspectors and two mower operators for trade show set up and cleanup.
7. Tradeshow cleanup was done by Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. Weed inspectors will all start May 8<sup>th</sup> and mower operators will start probably around June 1<sup>st</sup> depending on weather.
9. One mower operator has been servicing tractors and mowers getting them ready for the upcoming season.

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	May 2, 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:

### ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Brazeau County  
Letter from Cypress County

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by \_\_\_\_\_ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of May 2, 2023, as presented.

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





# Brazeau County

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April 12, 2023

The Honorable Nate Horner  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development  
131 Legislative Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Horner:

**Re: Crop Insurance premium increase**

The recently released 2023 provincial budget has shown a 60% increase in crop insurance premiums from the 2022 provincial budget and an average of 22% increase over 2022 actual crop insurance premiums. The Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board (ASB), would like to express their concern of this proposed increase, as this additional cost will have a negative financial impact on small to mid-sized operations within our County and the Province.

Local producers and producers across this province are facing unprecedented challenges. Increasing input costs, increasing operational expenses, changing and challenging weather conditions and extreme weather events, disease outbreaks etc. Because of these challenges, farmers are experiencing higher rates of stress, anxiety and depression. With the challenging growing seasons in our province in recent years, and with unpredictable and ever changing weather patterns, producers can feel a sense of security with the risk mitigation that crop insurance provides. Every farmer should be able to afford crop insurance and the peace of mind it offers should disaster strike.

For these reasons, we ask that the government reconsiders this increase in crop insurance premiums and asks that premiums remain at the 2022 levels for the upcoming 2023 growing season. Producers deserve the support of this government, a reprieve from increasing expenses and the peace of mind that crop insurance offers in an industry full of uncertainty.

Our ASB wishes to support these producers in Brazeau County, and we respectfully, and strongly encourage you to join us in advocating for the needs of our rural community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

  
Liz Seutter-Rosell

Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board Chairperson

cc: Mark Smith, MLA Drayton Valley-Devon  
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards





## CYPRESS COUNTY

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April 13, 2023

The Honorable Nate Horner,  
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation  
Government of Alberta

The Honorable Marie-Claude Bibaeu,  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Government of Canada

The Honorable Jean-Yves Duclos  
Minister of Health  
Government of Canada

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**RE: Letter of support concerning PMRA's change to insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin**

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Dear Minister Horner, Minister Bibeau and Minister Duclos,

Cypress County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is in support of Minister Nate Horner's letter to Ministers Marie-Claude Bibeau and Jean-Yves Duclos regarding the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) decision to change the use of the insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin that was effective April 1, 2023.

This has been a very effective insecticide for grasshopper and flea beetle control in crops for farmers and ranchers in Cypress County and we are extremely concerned about the PMRA's decision to change the use of lambda-cyhalothrin.

Since the insecticide can no longer be applied to any crop that may be used for livestock feed, the manufacturer/distributor of Matador has pulled their products containing the active ingredient lambda-cyhalothrin from Western Canada.

Southern Alberta has experienced two extremely dry years and 2023 is expected to be a bad year for grasshoppers in Cypress County making this terrible timing for controlling these destructive insects.

In the interest of Cypress County and Alberta producers, we urge you to intervene and encourage the PMRA to reconsider their decision to implement changes for use of lambda-cyhalothrin on product labels, effective April 1, 2023, until another effective alternative product is in place and to reverse their decision regarding this important product.

The 2023 season is quickly approaching, and producers would greatly appreciate quick action of this matter.

Kind Regards,



Dustin Vossler  
Agricultural Service Board Chairman

Cc:

Mr. Glen Motz, MP Medicine Hat - Cardston  
Premier Danielle Smith, MLA Brooks-Medicine Hat  
Mr. Drew Barnes, MLA Cypress - Medicine Hat  
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards