

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Chairman Earl Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Glen Alm and members Henry Van Hierden, John Kroetsch, Maryanne Sandberg, Ian Sundquist and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay and Recording Assistant Cindy Chisholm.

Member Neil Wilson was not present.

Reporter Rob Vogt was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti at 9:09 a.m.

2. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN

CAO, Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Alm nominated Earl Hemmaway.

CAO Cynthia Vizzutti called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for nominations.

Member Sandberg moved to cease nominations.

Member Earl Hemmaway has been appointed Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

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CARRIED

Chairman Hemmaway called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Member Sandberg nominated Glen Alm.

Chairman Hemmaway called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for nominations.

Member Kroetsch moved to cease nominations.

Member Glen Alm has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

28-14

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of October 8, 2014 be approved as presented.

29-14

CARRIED

4. FIELDMAN'S REPORT

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the Fieldman's Report (see attached supporting documents)

- Met with Cam Lockerbie at Willow Creek Park on October 30, 2014 to address the concerns expressed in Member Wilson's letter to the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation dated March 25, 2014 in regards to subdivision 12 and 13, west half of NW 28-13-28-W4M comprised of 76.41 acres, expressing real concerns regarding the

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impact that a fire may have on the campground located adjacent to the noted lands.

- Fieldman MacKay read into the record, Cam Lockerbie's submitted report of the meeting which stated his recommendations and noted the suggestions Fieldman MacKay proposed.

Member Van Hierden entered the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Discussion ensued

Member Sandberg asked if the MD owned the subject lands.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Fieldman MacKay replied no.

CAO Vizzutti entered at 9:23 a.m.

CAO Vizzutti stated the MD only owns the park area and presented a map showing the crown land around the park.

Member Sandberg asked if the subject lands could be incorporated into the park.

CAO Vizzutti replied the MD had tried when the MD first took over the park. She said the MD leases Pine Coulee but the MD physically owns Willow Creek Park for \$1.00 and transferred the title over to the MD.

Member Sandberg moved to approve the Fieldman's November 2014 Report.

30-14

CARRIED

5. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that several folks enjoyed the Legacy of Our Land banquet and the young guest speakers Dionne Freimark and Kristina Johnson.

Member Sandberg suggested inviting the top 4-H speakers on topics related to agriculture for the 2015 Legacy of Our Land banquet.

Fieldman MacKay stated that Tracy Kupchenko has been looking for venues for young speakers to speak to an agricultural audience.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the 2015 Legacy of Our Land is to be held in Stavely, AB at the Stavely Community Centre and also asked the ASB which date they would like to hold the 2015 Legacy of Our Land banquet, October 30, 2015 or November 6, 2015?

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB for suggestions for guest speakers and entertainment:

- Chris Koch
- Brent Butt
- Baxter Black
- Chief Clarence Louie

Vice Chairman Alm suggested advertising the banquet for 'advance ticket sales only, no door sales'.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to have the 2015 Legacy of Our Land banquet on Friday, October 30th, 2015 at the Stavely Community Center.

31-14

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chairman Alm that the meeting adjourn.

32-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Vice Chairman Glen Alm was not present.

Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 2:40 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of May 14, 2014 be approved as presented.

22-14

CARRIED

3. **REVIEW OF RENTAL RATES**

Fieldman MacKay made a request to the ASB to raise the rental fee for the manure spreader from the current rate of \$150.00 per day to \$200.00 – 250.00 per day and a delivery charge of \$50.00 when required.

Moved by Member Kroetsch to charge \$250.00 per day for the manure spreader and \$50.00 for the delivery charge.

23-14

CARRIED

4. **REVIEW OF WORK DONE ON PRIVATE LANDS**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the "Private Land Rates- will be removed from policy. A contract will be brought forward to Council.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Fieldman MacKay stated there will be two separate rates, one for private lands and one for Volker Stevin contract.

Discussion ensued.

CAO Vizzutti entered the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Moved by Member Wilson that Fieldman MacKay obtain comparison rates from surrounding MD's and Counties and present to the ASB at the next scheduled meeting.

24-14

CARRIED

5. **LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET**

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB that this year is the 60th Anniversary of the MD of Willow Creek.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that obtaining a youth speaker is still in the works.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that we need to firm up the list for invites.

- Invites to the neighboring municipalities Reeves and Councillors and spouses
- MLA
- Invites to the Mayors, Councillors and spouses of the Towns within the MD
- Anniversary cake
- Letters of request for door prizes have been mailed out

6. ADDITIONAL

a) Cow-Calfenomics:

Fieldman MacKay presented the registration information for the Cow-Calfenomics workshops to be held in November, 2014 at southern locations in Alberta.

b) Farm Pesticide Course:

Fieldman MacKay presented the registration information for the Farmer Pesticide Course to be held in Taber, AB., for 2014 and 2015.

c) Western Canadian Grazing Conference:

Fieldman MacKay presented the Western Canadian Grazing Conference registration information to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Edmonton, AB., on December 9th, 10th & 11th, 2014.

d) Getting into Farming:

Fieldman MacKay presented the Getting into Farming Information Session for the Aspiring Farmer. Session will be held at Airdrie Agriculture Centre on October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

e) Western Canadian Cow-Calf Productivity Survey

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB to review the Western Canadian Cow-Calf Productivity Survey.

f) Animal Husbandry Coyote Program

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he is attending Form 7 Coyote Program in Canmore, AB., on October 15, 2014.

Member Sundquist left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

g) 2014 South Region ASB Conference

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB of the 2014 South Region ASB Conference on October 29, 2014 at the Readymade Community Centre.

h) Thank you card

ASB stated they would like a Thank you card to go out to the MD of Ranchland No. 66 for the Beef & Beans dinner.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

25-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:00 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of May 14, 2014 be approved as amended.

18-14

CARRIED

3. **Waste Management Landfill: Containment Area**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he had received a call last summer from a MD rate payer who was tired of throwing pesticide containers over the chain link fence which was over his head.

Fieldman MacKay stated he forwarded his concerns to the Willow Creek Landfill management who had expressed their concern for the integrity of the liner of the containment sight. A compromise has been reached where a portion of the fence will be lowered to allow easier unloading of containers but still restrict vehicles or trailers from backing onto the liner.

Chairman Hemmaway stated Willow Creek Landfill has made a request for One-thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to help out with costs of the fence.

Vice Chairman Alm stated it is very important that containers are put in the containment area at the land fill so the jugs are not littered around the area.

Moved by Member Sandberg to support and pay One-thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Willow Creek Landfill.

19-14

CARRIED

Chairman Hemmaway suggested there should be another area to contain household toxic chemicals.

Fieldman MacKay stated there is always a risk with household toxic chemicals at round up time when they are delivered to fire halls or public places.

4. **LARGE CARNIVORE – DEAD STOCK REMOVAL PROGRAM**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he had a conversation with Jeff Bechtel on August 8th indicating that the MD would likely use up the allotted funds of the Dead Stock Removal Program by the end of this year. Jeff

Bechtel indicated the MD could reapply for more funding from the Waterton Biosphere at that time.

Fieldman MacKay stated a balance of \$1,622 dollars is remaining of the initial \$5,000 funds. This has been debited over the past two years.

Fieldman MacKay presented information from Andrea Morehouse, Grizzly Bear Monitoring Project Coordinator – Southern Rockies Area, she now has the 2013 DNA data back for the grizzly bear monitoring project. Between the 3 years of sampling, there is a database of 177 individual grizzly bears. 2014 will be the final year of field work on this project.

5. 2014 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that County of Lethbridge is hosting the upcoming 2014 South Region ASB Conference on October 29, 2014 at the Readymade Community Centre.

Fieldman MacKay stated that any resolutions the ASB would like carried forward should be brought forth at the conference on October 29th, 2014.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the MD of Willow Creek is scheduled to host the 2016 South Region ASB Conference.

6. LIVESTOCK MORTALITY COMPOSTING MEETING

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he was invited by Pat Ramsey to attend the Livestock Mortality Composting meeting held at the Lethbridge Research facility, chaired by Cody Metheral, CFO Extension Specialist. Representatives from feed lots, Alberta Beef Producers, Research, Fish and Wildlife, Alberta Environment and ARD Emergency Program were there to share information. The Cardston County Composting Facility has been shut down this past summer after various concerns around the use and transport of the compost have been raised by CFIA and other agencies. The group looked at what works and where the concerns are. Researchers are documenting the breakdown of prions in the composting process. This would potentially allow some change in the regulation of compost containing SRM.

7. ANTHRAX RESPONSE PLAN

Fieldman MacKay presented the Alberta Farmed Animal Anthrax Disease Response Plan to the ASB.

8. 2014 RESOLUTION RESPONSES

Fieldman MacKay suggested the ASB review the responses of the 2014 Resolutions by following the link provided for them.

9. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Claresholm Lions Club have submitted a quote of \$18.00 per person for the dinner at the upcoming 24th Annual Legacy of Our Land Banquet.

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that Member Wilson has brought it to our attention that this year is the 60th Anniversary of the MD of Willow Creek.

Member Wilson suggested advertising and promoting the 60th Anniversary along with the Legacy of our Land Banquet.

ASB suggested:

- Invites to Neighboring Municipalities
- An Anniversary Cake
- Invites to past ASB Members
- Pictures of the past years
- Municipal Affairs/Agriculture
- MLA/Federal Representative
- Mayors of the Towns within the MD

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Vice Chairman Alm that the Legacy of Our Land tickets be sold at \$20.00 per person.

20-14

CARRIED

10. ADDITIONAL

Member Van Hierden informed the ASB of his experience on the JBS Food Canada Inc. tour, provided through the County of Newell 2014 Provincial ASB Tour July 7 – 10, 2014.

ASB members who attended stated they were more than pleased with the County of Newell and how well organized and informative the whole tour was.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

21-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:00 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of April 23, 2014 be approved as presented.

11-14

CARRIED

3. **FARM SAFETY – 2014 CONTRUBUTION REQUEST**

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from Laura Nelson, Executive Director for Farm Safety Centre.

Member Hemmaway stated the Safety Smarts Program is an excellent program.

Moved by Member Sundquist to support and approve the 2014 contribution request of \$3,283.00.

12-14

CARRIED

4. **KEY CONTACT INITIATIVE: ASB SURVEY**

Fieldman MacKay presented the Key Contact Initiative: ASB Survey

Discussion ensued.

Survey was completed for the Fieldman MacKay for submission to ARD

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a). **Garry Lentz –**

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter to be signed by the ASB Chairman Hemmaway, concerning Fusarium Graminearum - M.D. of Willow Creek ASB decided to not support the maintenance of a zero tolerance policy for Fusarium Graminearum and the ASB supports the change in Legislation whereby fusarium head blight shall not be deemed to be a pest or nuisance unless it is found at a concentration of greater than 0.5 per cent in any plant, seed, crop, vegetation or other matter.

b). Slaughter Horse Letter - BILL C571(formerly C-322)

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter.

Discussion ensued.

Member Wilson moved to support the letter and a preamble letter to be done as well.

13-14

CARRIED

c). ASB 2014 Summer Tour - County of Newell

Fieldman MacKay informed the members the hotel confirmation numbers and information packages for the 2014 ASB Summer Tour – County of Newell have all been emailed to each member who will be attending.

d). Legacy of Our Land banquet update

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB members that a letter was sent to Doris Daley asking if she would be available November 7, 2014 for the entertainment segment of the banquet. Doris Daley has submitted an email stating she would be available and delighted to entertain at the great event.

Moved by Member Sandberg to inform Doris Daley she will be the entertainment portion of the Legacy of Our Land banquet.

14-14

CARRIED

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that a formal request must be made to the Albert Energy Regulator (AER) to have Tracy Kupchenko or an alternate to be a guest speaker, also a Society of Range Management youth speaker maybe available.

Moved by Sandberg that a letter be sent to the Alberta Energy Regulator requesting Tracey Kupchenko or an alternate to be a guest speaker, also a Society of Range Management youth speaker, if available, to be guest speakers at the Legacy of Our Land banquet.

15-14

CARRIED

6. APPOINT WEED INSPECTORS

Fieldman MacKay informed ASB members that Oscar Anderson, no longer with the MD, was a weed inspector and now we need to appoint new inspectors.

Fieldman MacKay stated that under the Weed Act, weed inspectors are allowed to go on private lands. Policy is to phone first to inform the landowners.

Fieldman MacKay stated that Public Works department have photo I.D. and would supply the new weed inspectors also with photo I.D.

Fieldman MacKay stated the following MD employees Brett Lucas, Gary Murray, Cody Thorlakson, and Jake Wilson are capable and knowledgeable to be weed inspectors.

Fieldman MacKay stated there is a weed inspector school which they can attend annually.

Moved by Member Alm to appoint Brett Lucas, Gary Murray, Cody Thorlakson, and Jake Wilson as the Municipal District of Willow Creek Weed Inspectors.

16-14

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL

a) Fieldman Report

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB members of the following:

- Krovar is now done
- Signed agreement with Volker Stevin, safety meeting held last Friday, contract is for all numbered highways
- Currently working on the weed control of 25 – 30 private lands.

Member Alm asked about the abandoned railway.

Fieldman MacKay stated that adjacent to the highway, north of Granum to county line is owned by Alberta Transportation. Under Volker Stevin contract we have done some work on abandoned railway.

Member Van Hierden left the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Fieldman MacKay stated there is a new contact with CPR. Every two to three years they have been encouraged to do high rail application.

Member Van Hierden entered the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

17-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:00 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were presented for adoption.

It was noted that Pat Ramsey was not mentioned as being in attendance in the minute's dated March 12, 2014 and should be included.

Moved by Member Sundquist that the minutes of March 12, 2014 be adopted as amended.

04-14

CARRIED

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the Fieldman's report

- Assistant Fieldman Oscar Anderson will be leaving the MD of Willow Creek as of April 30, 2014 to begin work at the M.D. of Ranchland.
- Leavings Water Co-op held their Annual General Meeting on April 16, 2014. There were 60 people in attendance. Members were updates on the preliminary engineering and strategic planning tender. MPE was the successful bidder. The new Chair of the Co-op is Gail Fjordbotten, Cecelie Fleming remains as secretary, Glen Jeske as treasurer and Gerrit Greidanus will replace Jim Borthwick as Director.
- Krovar project has started in the south and has progressed to the Claresholm area.
- Trees expected arrival around May 14 from the Alberta Nurseries.
- Hosting a training day for summer staff of South Region MD's and Counties on May 28, 2014 at the Claresholm Community Center. Dow Agro-science will be doing presentations on safety and their products. Also, Karma Tiberg of the Lethbridge Research Center will be doing presentations on the capture, transportation and release of bio control agents.

Moved by Member Wilson to approve the Fieldman's Report dated April 2014.

05-14

CARRIED

4. WILD BOAR CONTAINMENT PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter regarding the Wild Boar management program from Lyle Marianchuk, Branch Head, Inspection and Investigation Branch Animal Health and Assurance Division, Agriculture and Rural Development, dated March 20, 2014. (see attachment)

Fieldman MacKay presented the Minimum Containment Standards for Alberta Wild Boar Farms document. (see attachment).

Vizzutti inquired if there is a huge market for the wild boar.

Member Alm replied that some are hunt farms that require large acreages to be fenced.

06-14

CARRIED

5. SLAUGHTER HORSE - BILL C571 (formerly C-322)

Member Wilson informed the ASB of the Horse Slaughter Bill C-571 replacement of Bill C-322.

Discussion ensued.

Member Wilson moved that a letter be sent to Jerry Ritz and a copy to MP Alex Atamanenko, stating the M.D. of Willow Creek does not support Bill C-571 (replacement of Bill-322).

6. COUNTY OF NEWELL

Fieldman MacKay requested confirmation of who will be attending the County of Newell 2014 Summer Tour, July 7 to July 10, 2014.

Attending:

- Members Wilson, Van Hierden, Kroetsch
- CAO Vizzutti
- Fieldman MacKay
- Cindy Chisholm and Kelsey Kilborn

Moved by Member Van Hierden that Cindy Chisholm also attend the County of Newell 2014 Summer Tour.

07-14

CARRIED

7. GARRY LENTZ (FUSARIUM)

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from Garry Lentz, Chairman of the South Region ASB Committee, regarding the regulatory status of fusarium. The letter asking the question is: "does your municipality support the idea of maintaining Alberta's current zero tolerance for fusarium in the province of Alberta? Also, in the future it would be more convenient if I could communicate with the ASB Chairman directly, to ask for input into matters to be discussed at the Provincial ASB Committee level."

Fieldman MacKay presented a copy of a letter from County of Forty Mile No. 8 dated April, 2014, signed by Bryne Lengyel and Craig Widmer, which was sent to the Honourable Maureen Kubinec.

Fieldman presented the Bio-Vision 2013 document.

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB for direction.

Discussion ensued.

ASB does not support the maintenance of a zero tolerance policy for Fusarium Graminearum.

ASB does support the change in Legislation whereby fusarium head blight shall not be deemed to be a pest or nuisance unless it is found at a concentration of greater than 0.5 per cent in any plant, seed, crop, vegetation or other matter.

Moved by Member Wilson that a letter be sent to Garry Lentz stating the M.D. of Willow Creek ASB does not support the maintenance of a zero tolerance policy for Fusarium Graminearum and the ASB supports the change in Legislation whereby fusarium head blight shall not be deemed to be a pest or nuisance unless it is found at a concentration of greater than 0.5 per cent in any plant, seed, crop, vegetation or other matter.

08-14

CARRIED

Fieldman MacKay stated letters have been sent from AMD&C regarding Fusarium that are somewhat contradictory.

Vizzutti recommended a letter be sent to the AMD&C to direct the Ag matters to the Provincial ASB committee for comment.

Moved by Member Wilson to send a letter to AMD&C to further communicate to establish the consistency on matters between AMD&C and the Provincial ASB committee.

09-14

CARRIED

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Legacy of Our Land banquet update

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the 2014 Legacy of Our Land banquet will be held at the Claresholm Community Hall on November 7, 2014.

Fieldman MacKay stated the Chair of Society Range Management Youth Program Tracey Kupchenko is looking for a new SRM youth speaker, to be a guest speaker at the event.

Fieldman MacKay asked if the ASB have any other suggestions for guest speakers.

ASB suggested: Fort MacLeod Rotary Group and speak of their trip to Mexico delivering emergency equipment.

b) Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Nomination(s)

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB that the deadline for the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Nominations submissions deadline is April 30, 2014.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

10-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

NOT APPROVED SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:04 a.m.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting were presented for adoption.

It was noted that on page 96, item no. 3 Minutes – should read “The minutes of the August 14, 2013, meeting were presented for adoption.

Member Sandberg declared for the purpose of voting, that she was not a member of the Agriculture Service Board on the date of the August 14, 2013 ASB meeting.”

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of December 11, 2013 be adopted as amended.

01-14

CARRIED

3. FIELDMAN'S REPORT

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the Fieldman's report

- **Meeting with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD)** – Weed situations in the green zone.
- **Leavings Water Co-op** - the leavings group and the MD of Willow Creek have been successful with the application to Growing Forward 2 for funds to complete a strategic assessment and preliminary design of the proposed water project. They are now in the process of completing Terms of Reference for the tender.
 - Informed the ASB the Leavings Water Co-op Annual General Meeting is April 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Claresholm Lodge Hall.
- **Krovar** - Krovar application is set to begin April 7, 2014.
- **Strychnine Program** – received first shipment of 2% liquid strychnine for Richardson Ground Squirrel control on March 11, 2014.
- **Alberta Beef Producers wildlife impact survey** – the end date of the survey has been extended to March 31, 2014, to ensure that enough surveys are completed to produce credible

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results. ABP Delegate has informed Fieldman MacKay as of March 10, 2014, 307 surveys were started or completed. 2,200 completed surveys are required to have statistical merit. Surveys have been mailed out to producers that do not have good internet. Surveys may also be obtained through a link on the M.D. website, or paper copies at the MD Administration office.

- **Private Member's Bill 201**– MLA Maureen Kubinec to introduce a bill that would amend the Pest Act.
 - 3 section 2 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2): (3) For the purpose of this Act and any regulations made under section 21, fusarium head blight shall not be deemed to be a pest or nuisance unless it is found at a concentration of greater than 0.5 per cent in any plant, seed, crop, vegetation or other matter.
- **Bio-control Program** - meeting with Agrifood and Agriculture Canada at the Lethbridge Research Center to plan releases for the coming year. Public Lands may have some added funds for bio-control on bed and shore sites.
 - As many of the Leafy Spurge releases are showing impact, Agriculture department have been releasing a knapweed agent at some of the persistent riparian sites.
 - Houndstongue agent has been very successful although it is much harder to harvest and move than the Spurge beetles
- **Alberta Bee Keepers Commission** – Alberta Bee Keepers have struck a committee to look into initiatives that will improve pollinating opportunities for our native and farmed bees.
 - Monocultures of Canola and cereal crops are limiting the diversity of pollinating crops.
 - Fieldman MacKay suggested to the ASB to entertain the inclusion of more bee friendly pollinators in road and highway reclamation mixes.
 - MD of Willow Creek is home to the biggest bee producer in the country.

02-14

CARRIED

4. LARGE CARNIVORE COMMITTEE REPORT

Fieldman MacKay presented the Large Carnivore Attractant Management Projects in Southwestern Alberta 2008 -2012.

5. PAT RAMSEY – AARD EXTENSION EVENTS IN 2014

Pat Ramsey informed the ASB of the projects of the past year through Growing Forward 2 projects being:

- Manage What you Measure
- Management – Bixs Program
- Cow calf economics

Pat Ramsey asked the ASB to contact him if they have any suggestions for future workshops.

6. 2014 LEGACY OF OUR LAND

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB Claresholm would be the host to the 2014 Legacy of Our Land banquet.

ASB suggested either October 31, 2014 or November 7, 2014, to be held at the Claresholm Community Center.

Fieldman MacKay suggested Chair of Society Range Management Youth Program Tracey Kupchenko and a SRM youth speaker, for the speaking engagement portion of the Legacy of Our Land banquet.

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB to suggest additional ideas.

- ASB suggestions:
- "Rat Man" – Phil Merrill
 - Robbie Robertson
 - Doris Daley – Cowboy Poet

7. ALBERTA AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME 2014 – NOMINATIONS

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from Rod Clayton, Chair for the Agriculture Hall of Fame Selection Committee. They are inviting the ASB to participate in the 2014 nomination process of individuals who may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2014 Induction Ceremony. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2014.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. **Horse Slaughter Bill** - Member Wilson informed the ASB of the Horse Slaughter Bill C-571 replacement of Bill C-322. Wilson would like a discussion regarding the Bill C-571 at the next ASB meeting.
- b. **Calgary Stampede 2014 BMO Farm Family Award – Nomination** – Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that Member Kroetsch has nominated Silver Top Dairy Ltd., Bill and Rita Van Rootselaar and family for the 2014 BMO Farm Family Award. Fieldman MacKay stated there will be a package sent to the MD and to Bill Van Rootselaar with the itinerary of the event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

03-14

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

NOT APPROVED SUBJECT TO CHANGE