

Claresholm, Alberta

December 9, 2015

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, Neil Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Cindy Chisholm recording secretary present.

Member Ian Sundquist was not present.

Reporter Rob Vogt present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:30 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.

30-15

CARRIED

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman MacKay presented the Fieldman's report noting the following:

- Assistant Fieldman Preachuk hosted an Environmental Farm Plan Workshop on November 5, 2015, with five people attending. Another Environmental Farm Plan workshop is scheduled for December 10, 2015.
- Fieldman MacKay attended the Cowcalfenomics on November 6, 2015, with presentations on sustainability, leasing cattle and pasture solutions.
- Foothills restoration forum presented on November 18 in Claresholm with presentations on historical fish populations, Twin River Fire recovery and the use of rig matting.
- A 'Working Well Workshop' held on November 19, 2015 at the Ardenville Hall, south of Fort MacLeod, was a raving success with 40 people in attendance.
- Fieldman MacKay inspected the Granum seed plant on November 27, 2015 – the new pit lining and screening load out pad are looking good.
- Fieldman MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Preachuk and Gary Murray attended the In-Service Training held in Edmonton on November 30th to December 3rd, 2015.
- The upcoming Emergency Preparedness Workshop will be held on December 15, 2015 at the Midnight Stadium in Fort MacLeod, AB.
- Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he has been asked to sit on the Stavely Research Ranch Advisory Committee to provide Municipal and local input. The committee is scheduled to meet on December 17, 2015.

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- Chairman Hemmaway has invited every County, MD and Special Area in the South Region to the 2016 South Region ASB Conference to be hosted by the MD of Willow Creek in October 2016. Approximately 140 people will attend.

ASB discussed what is unique about the MD, possible guest speakers, hotel space, dates and where to host the 2016 South Region ASB Conference.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to approve the Fieldman's report.

31-15

CARRIED

Vice Chairman congratulated Fieldman MacKay on his position with the Stavely Research Ranch Advisory Committee.

4. 2016 ASB PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Resolutions are available for discussion today and will be addressed at the 2016 Provincial ASB Conference.

Discussion ensued.

5. REQUEST FOR MEETING DATES TO CHANGE FOR JANUARY

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB if the January 13, 2016 ASB meeting date could be scheduled to January 27, 2016 in order to accommodate a Municipal Planning Commission meeting and a conflict in dates due to the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference being held January 18th to 21st, 2016.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to approve the ASB meeting date to January 27, 2016 from January 13, 2016.

32-15

CARRIED

6. CALGARY STAMPEDE 2016 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARD

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from the Calgary Stampede and the Bank of Montreal inviting the MD to nominate for 2016 a farm or ranching family within the Municipal District, who makes their living through this means.

Fieldman MacKay stated Division 5 is the next in line for nominating, therefore, Chairman Hemmaway is to nominate a family for 2016.

Member Hemmaway has nominated Douglas and Olive Darch and family as the deserving family to be recognized for the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2016.

Fieldman MacKay stated a representative from the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards will be in contact with Douglas and Olive Darch. He said a package will be sent to the MD office for Chairman Hemmaway and a package sent to Douglas and Olive Darch with an itinerary for the event.

Moved by Chairman Hemmaway that Douglas and Olive Darch be nominated as the deserving family to be recognized at the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2016.

33-15

CARRIED

7. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he heard great feedback from many who attended the Legacy of Our Land banquet on October 30, 2015. He said they enjoyed the quest speaker Elaine Froese.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk presented the ASB a 'Thank you' card from Jackie Chalmers and Patrick Lannan, noting they enjoyed the banquet and the door prizes they had won.

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB that the MD is hosting the 2016 South Region ASB Conference which is normally held within the last two weeks of October. He asked the ASB if they would like to postpone the Legacy of Our Land banquet to a later date or to the following year 2017.

Discussion ensued.

Member Wilson moved to continue the Legacy of Our Land banquet for the upcoming year 2016 and be held at the Fort MacLeod Community Hall.

34-15

CARRIED

8. 2016 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB who will be attending the 2016 ASB Provincial Conference being held in Edmonton, Alberta on January 18th to 21st, 2016.

The following will be attending:

- Chairman Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Alm, Members Van Hierden, Kroetsch, Sandberg, Wilson, Sundquist and Fieldman MacKay.

9. ADDITIONAL:

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the letters from the County of St. Paul No. 19, the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 and Leduc County regarding Bill 6, are available for viewing.

Fieldman MacKay informed the a copy of Bill 202 is available for viewing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the meeting adjourn.

35-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Reporter Alicia Fox present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti at 10:33 a.m.

2. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Sandberg nominated Earl Hemmaway.

Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for nominations.

Member Alm moved to cease nominations.

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

25-15

CARRIED

Chairman Hemmaway called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Member Wilson nominated Glen Alm.

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

Member Sundquist moved to cease nominations.

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

26-15

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of September 8, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of September 8, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.

27-15

CARRIED

4. **2015 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE - CONFIRMATIONS**
SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB of the 2015 South Region ASB Conference to be held in Veteran, Alberta, on October 28, 2015.

Fieldman MacKay stated that Assistant Carla Preachuk will not be attending. He confirmed the following will be attending, Chairman Hemmaway, Members Van Hierden, Kroetsch, Sundquist, and Fieldman MacKay.

5. COW-CALFENOMICS- MANAGING THE LONG RUN

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB who will be attending the Cow-Calfenomics Managing for the Long Run workshop, being held in Lethbridge on November 6, 2015 at the Country Kitchen Catering building. Registration deadline in October 28, 2015.

Member John Kroetsch stated he would like to register.

Fieldman MacKay stated that either he or the Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk will be registering as well.

6. ADDITIONAL:

a) Farm and Acreage Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk asked the ASB their thoughts on supporting a Farm and Acreage Emergency Preparedness Workshop for the MD rate payers.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated the workshop would be an educational workshop on emergency plans for livestock during floods, fire, rollovers and other emergency situations. She said it would be of benefit for the producers to have a relationship with the emergency services.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk said she would contact Brad Andres Director of the Emergency Program with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to see if he would be interested in doing a Farm and Acreage Emergency Preparedness Workshop.

Asst. Fieldman stated she spoke with Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief Travis Coleman and he would be on board with doing mock emergency situations with animals.

Member Kroetsch said this would be a good idea and beneficial.

CAO Vizzutti said this would be a great service and commends this program. She said farm safety and emergency services can work together to form a strong community.

Member Wilson stated there could be a fire mitigation plan.

Member Kroetsch moved to approve and to proceed to set a Farm and Acreage Emergency Preparedness Workshop.

28-15

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

29-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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September 8, 2015

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Patrick Ramsey present.

Reporter Alicia Fox present.

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

Fieldman MacKay made a request that item no. 5 removed from the agenda.

2. **MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of August 12, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption. Member Sandberg request that on page 20, "*District Winners of the 4-H Clubs*", should read the following...

- ❖ Communication Winners of the 4-H Clubs

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of August 12, 2015 be approved as amended.

22-15

CARRIED

3. **PORCUPINE HILLS SSRP COVERNANCE PLANNING MEETING AND TOUR**

Member Wilson informed the ASB of the upcoming Porcupine Hills Tour/Planning Workshop for the elected officials of the municipalities from the last meeting and to include planners to be held on September 21, 2015.

Member Wilson stated that Cheryl Dash of Alberta Environment and Parks Policy and Planning Division suggests each municipality come up with five main issues, identify potential solutions and identify roles and responsibilities through the context of the planning workshops after the tour on September 21, 2015.

Asst. Fieldman presented the Statement of Principles for Land-Use Planning in the Porcupine Hills, signed by numerous individuals, organizations and municipalities.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB a letter of invitation has been sent to the MD of Pincher Creek and MD of Ranchland to also attend and have input and be a part of the discussions and documentation of five main issues, identify potential solutions and identify roles and responsibilities.

Member Sandberg stated now that Castle Mountain has been closed off, the recreational vehicles will be moving somewhere else.

Reporter Alicia Fox entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Member Wilson stated municipalities can be a part of the solution.

Member Alm stated there needs to be recreation solutions for Porcupine Hills.

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Asst. Fieldman Preachuk asked who will be attending the Porcupine Hills Tour. She said the tour will start out at Beaver Creek then onto Trout Creek. A workshop will follow in the afternoon, with presentations from Heather McCubbin and Rob Simieritsch.

Members Van Hierden, Kroetsch, Sandberg, Alm, Wilson and Sundquist will be in attendance for the Porcupine Hills Tour.

4. SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of the 2015 South Region ASB Conference to be held in Veteran, Alberta, on October 28, 2015.

Fieldman MacKay asked who would like to attend the conference.

Moved by Member Alm that the following Members Van Hierden, Kroetsch, Hemmaway, Sundquist, and Fieldman MacKay and Asst. Fieldman Preachuk be approved for attending the 2015 South Regional ASB Conference on October 28, 2015.

22-15

CARRIED

5. WORKING WELL WORKSHOP

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of the Working Well Workshop to be held at the Ardenville Hall on November 19, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Fieldman MacKay stated information will be hosted by the MD of Willow Creek and presented by the Working Well Program, with technical expertise provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Health Services and licensed water well drillers.

Fieldman MacKay stated the workshop will provide valuable information on construction, equipment, maintaining and protecting your working well, save on costly repairs and ensure your well water yields are sustained over many years.

6. ADDITIONAL:

a) Pat Ramsey, Business Development – Beef Competitiveness Livestock and Farm Business Branch, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Pat Ramsey thanked the ASB, Ron MacKay, Carla Preachuk and Cindy Chisholm for helping in relaying the information out for the Managing Information/Genomics for Profit Tour, which was a great success and well attended.

Pat Ramsey recapped the Managing Information/Genomics for Profit Tour, which was held on August 26, 2015 in Stavely, Alberta. He said the tour went very well and a great job was done by all key note speakers.

Pat Ramsey presented the ASB of the AgriClear Program brochure, explaining AgriClear is a transforming web-based platform that connects the United States and Canadian Cattle Producers. Marketers can now securely list, transact, and be assured of payment from their computer, phone or tablet. With

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AgriClear, producers across the United States and Canada are now able to buy and sell cattle with anyone, anywhere, anytime with confidence.

Pat Ramsey presented to the ASB the agenda for the Cow-Calfenomics Managing for the Long Run workshop being held throughout the month of November. There is a workshop being held in Lethbridge on November 6, 2015 at the Country Kitchen Catering building. Registration deadline in October 28, 2015.

Pat Ramsey announced to the ASB he is retiring as of September 30, 2015 after 35 years in the business. He expressed appreciation and thanked the ASB, Ron MacKay and Carla Preachuk for their working relations with him over the past years.

ASB extended their appreciation and thanked Pat Ramsey for his years of dedication to working with the ASB and the ranchers and farmers of the MD of Willow Creek. The ASB congratulated Pat Ramsey and wished all the best for a fun-filled retirement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Alm that the meeting adjourn.

23-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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August 12, 2015

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, Neil Wilson, Ian Sundquist, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Cindy Chisholm present.

Reporter Rob Vogt entered the meeting.

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

2. **MINUTES**

a) The minutes of May 13, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Alm that the minutes of May 13, 2015 be approved as presented.

20-15

CARRIED

3. **REPORT CARD ON 2015 RESOLUTION**

Agriculture Service Board discussed and completed the 2015 ASB Resolutions and grading report card.

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

CAO Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

4. **DEAD STOCK REMOVAL FUNDS**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB an email was sent from Jeff Bectell, \$5,000 has been granted to the MD from the Waterton Biosphere, which is to be spent by March 31, 2016.

CAO Vizzutti left at 9:43 a.m.

5. **SOUTH REGION ASB COMMITTEE MEETING OR CONFERENCE**

Fieldman MacKay stated the South Region ASB committee secretary from County of Forty Mile has asked if there would be interest in a South Region ASB Committee meeting or a conference call to discuss the resolution responses and agriculture disaster declarations.

Fieldman MacKay presented a list of the 2015 Drought Declarations.

CAO Vizzutti entered at 9:47 a.m.

ASB stated they would like to have a meeting to discuss the resolution responses and agriculture disaster declarations.

6. **2015 ANNUAL "LEGACY OF OUR LAND" BANQUET INFORMATION**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of details to be discussed for the upcoming Legacy of Our Land banquet on October 30, 2015.

Discussion ensued.

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- Request letter to be sent to the Stavely Elks for availability to cater the event.
- Invitational letters to be sent to the following:
 - ❖ Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture
 - ❖ Pat Stier, MLA
 - ❖ John Barlow, MP
 - ❖ 2015 CS BMO Farm Family – Roy and Karen Hall
 - ❖ District Winners of the 4-H Clubs
- 2015 Ticket sale set at \$20.00 each
- Quest Speaker: Elaine Froese
- Entertainment Game Show: "Jeopardy"

7. 2015 PROVINCIAL ASB TOUR UPDATE

Member Kroetsch summarized his tour of the 2015 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour July 14 – 17, 2015, hosted by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1. He said it was very enjoyable.

Chairman Hemmaway thanked Member Kroetsch for representing the MD of Willow Creek.

8. ADDITIONAL

Fieldman MacKay presented information and the agenda for the Managing Information and Genomics for Profit Tour to be held on August 26, 2015 starting at the Foothills Auction, Stavely, AB.

Fieldman MacKay stated the deadline for registration is August 21, 2015.

Fieldman MacKay stated in support of the tour, the poster will be added to the website and posted here at the MD office.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti was absent.

Reporter Rob Vogt was present.

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

2. **MINUTES**

a) The minutes of February 11, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Van Hierden that the minutes of February 11, 2015 be approved as presented.

13-15

CARRIED

b) The minutes of March 11, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Alm that the minutes of March 11, 2015 be approved as amended.

14-15

CARRIED

3. **APPOINT WEED INSPECTOR**

Fieldman MacKay made a request for the ASB to appoint the Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk as a Weed Inspector.

Moved by Member Sandberg to appoint Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk as a Weed Inspector for the MD of Willow Creek.

15-15

CARRIED

4. **GOPHER CONTROL – LETTER FROM RATE PAYER**

Fieldman presented a letter to the ASB received from an anonymous rate payer regarding concerns of the influx in gophers and the damage being done to crops. The letter also noted a suggestion that the Federal / Provincial laws should encourage and allow the landowners more control to deal with the situations as they exist.

Chairman Hemmaway stated this a Federal / Provincial matter and it will not change.

Member Wilson suggested that pressure from ASB to change the pest act to encourage the preservation of agricultural lands from pests.

Fieldman MacKay stated the pest act is up for review. He said the act can be amended, but may be superseded by Provincial and Federal Acts.

5. **FOOTHILLS FORAGE & GRAZING ASSOCIATION-FUNDING REQUEST**

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter of request from Foothills Forage & Grazing Association for funds.

Chairman Hemmaway stated this was discussed in Council at budget time and was turned down at that time.

6. MD TAX RECOVERY LAND – N ½ 12-09-26-W4M – GRAZING OPPORTUNITY

Fieldman MacKay presented to the ASB a letter from Hurlburt Ranch Ltd. regarding the North half of Section 12, Township 9, Range Road 26, West of the Fourth Meridian for grazing opportunity.

Fieldman MacKay stated that Asst. Fieldman Carla Preachuk and he toured the N ½ 12-09-26-W4m on April 30, 2015. He said the area of the burn is still evident but grass in is in reasonable shape. The site is a mix of dry gravel plains with a boggy drainage through the middle of the ½ section.

Fieldman MacKay stated the adjacent Crown Public Land would likely average 3.2 acres per AUM. He said this would translate to 100 AUM total for the property. He said if this land were to be grazed, he suggests assessing 80 AUM for the first 2 years and then reassess the condition of the property at that time. He said that late fall and winter grazing would be difficult as the only water source is a dugout.

Fieldman MacKay suggests a bid on 80 AUM and counting livestock on entry.

Member Alm asked what shape the fencing is in.

Fieldman MacKay stated the fences are in reasonable shape.

Member Sandberg asked if there is a fire hazard concern as it sits right now.

Fieldman MacKay stated he has no concerns of a fire hazard.

Member Sandberg suggested to open up to tender for grazing, to be fair.

Moved by Member Van Hierden to have the N ½ 12-09-26-W4M for tender for grazing purposes and to be presented to MD Council as a recommendation.

16-15

CARRIED

Fieldman MacKay suggested writing up a tender package for anyone who is granted the grazing opportunity, they would be responsible for the weed control and recreational access on the lands.

Member Sandberg asked who decides what will be allowed for strictly grazing on the lands.

Member Wilson stated it would be to the discretion of the ASB.

7. REPORT ON VOLKER STEVIN VEGETATION CONTRACT

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that Asst. Fieldman Carla Preachuk and himself met with Volker Stevin on May 7, 2015. He said they met with Rick Lemier and discussed budget cuts:

The following being affected are:

- Mowing; one pass on the mowing only
- No patching on the shoulders
- Vegetation Management

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Fieldman MacKay stated that because it was directed in spring budget, it stands.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated that the year prior, \$141,000 was budgeted for invasive control, has now been cut to \$41,000 this year.

8. 2015 PROVINCIAL ASB SUMMER TOUR – JULY 14-17, 2015

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk presented the 2015 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour package, July 14 – 17, 2015, being hosted by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1. She asked if there are any members interested in being registered for the tour. The deadline for registering is June 15, 2015.

Members Van Hierden and Kroetsch expressed interest.

9. PLAY CLEAN GO- ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN TO STOP INVASIVE SPECIES

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk presented the Play Clean Go advertising documents to help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals. She said it is free for advertising and the goal would help to spread the message and target recreationalists. She said the program is to encourage recreation; be user friendly and to reach a variety of audiences and media outlets; and be compatible with the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers brand and other partner brands.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated a variety of sample strategies would include media, signage, banners and headlines. She noted this would reach a variety of audiences including campers, motorized and non-motorized trail users, hunters, and even government employees.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk asked the ASB if they would be interested in something like this. She said the MD of Ranchland has signed up.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated amendments can be made to include the MD logo.

Fieldman MacKay stated there are signs at Beaver Creek and Lyndon Creek, stating "Sensitive Riparian Area".

Member Sundquist asked what is involved to join.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated it requires signing up to become a partner, sending the MD logo to the print company, advertising on their website and promoting all who are partnering.

Moved by Member Kroetsch to approve signing up and sending the MD logo to the print company.

17-15

CARRIED

10. LARGE CANIVORE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Fieldman MacKay presented to the ASB an email from Jeff Bectell with an attached letter from Wildlife Biologist Mike Verhage.

Fieldman MacKay noted the following:

- The final field season for DNA collection (bear hair) in BMA 6 was 2014. Results from the 2014 research should be within the next two months.
- They plan to survey BMA 5 (north of highway 3) is underway.
- Researchers would like to survey private lands in BMA 5 like it was done in BMA 6. Including private lands had a significant impact on the success of the survey in BMA 6.
- Mike Verhage, Maria Didkowsky – AESRD will be leading the work like Andrea Moorehouse did in BMA 6.

Fieldman MacKay suggested making phone calls to arrange for half-dozen private land owners to participate in the research.

11. INFORMATION FROM PAT RAMSEY

Fieldman MacKay presented an email from Pat Ramsey, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, requesting the following information be presented to the ASB:

- Sainfoin Training – July 21 – 22, 2015 at the Lethbridge Research Station.
- Genetics / Genomics field day to be held in August. Date to be announced at a later time.

Fieldman MacKay said Pat Ramsey is wondering if the MD is interested in being a partner for the Genetics / Genomics Field Day.

Member Wilson stated that any benefit from this is for the producers benefit, any partnership should be from the producers themselves.

Member Sandberg concurs, and the MD can help in promoting the Genetics / Genomics Field Day.

Member Alm moved to help support the promotion of the Genetics / Genomics Field Day.

18-15

CARRIED

12. ADDITIONAL

a) Long Term Water Management Work Shop

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB that fourteen people attended the Long Term Water Management Work Shop.

b) South West Invasive Plant Work Shop

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB that seventy-two people attended the South West Invasive Plant Work Shop

c) Legacy Banquet

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB that the Stavely Elks will be catering the 25th Annual Legacy of Our Land banquet.

d) Strychnine

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Asst. Fieldman Preachuk informed the ASB the Strychnine shipment may show up today.

e) Clubroot Pathotypes

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from Maureen Vadnais, Manager of the ASB Program.

Fieldman MacKay noted the following:

- The first two phases of testing have been completed, waiting for the last phase to be completed.
- A news release will be out in the next few days.
- 27 fields were identified in 2014 as part of the surveys conducted by ARD, Canola Council of Canada and University of Alberta as being suspect for having new Clubroot Pathotypes
- Samples from these 27 fields were tested. 16 out of the 27 fields showed the presence of Clubroot strains that were able to overcome resistance in Clubroot resistant canola cultivars.
- The 16 new fields are geographically dispersed throughout Alberta. There are six municipalities that are affected in different regions of the province.
- The results from the initial phases of testing indicate that there is more than one new strain present. It is suspected that there are potentially three new strains that are found within the 16 new fields.
- The current phase of testing is trying to characterize the strains and will tell us if we are dealing with multiple new strains. We will not have the results from this phase of testing until late June.
- Short crop rotations are increasing the risk and accelerating the emergence of the new virulent Clubroot strains.
- The news release is to inform the producers that this is in more than one location and need to be following the best management practices, especially for cleaning, as they start planting their crops.
- Additional information on the final testing will be forwarded as soon as possible.

f) Alberta Shelterbelt Program - Trees

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Trees are arriving today from Bowden, AB.

g) Alberta Beef Producers – Nominations

Presented as information the Alberta Beef Producers Environmental Stewardship Nomination, seeking nominations for the 2016 Environmental Stewardship Award. The competition is open to all cattle producers. Deadline for nominations is July 1, 2015 and the winner will be announced at the 2015 ABP Annual General Meeting, December 2015.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Chairman

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Recording Assistant Cindy Chisholm was not present.

Andy Hart and Cassie Kirkpatrick from Foothills Forage and Grazing Association were present.

Reporter Rob Vogt was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:08 a.m.
2. Due to Recording Assistant Cindy Chisolm being away minutes for February 11, 2015 Agriculture Service Board meeting will not be presented until the next meeting.

Henry Van Hierden entered meeting at 9:12 a.m.

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Assistant Fieldman Preachuk presented the Fieldman's Report.

- Preachuk informed the Board that Elaine Froese had agreed to speak for \$3000.00 plus travel expenses at the Legacy of Our Land Banquet.
- **Environmental Farm Plan Workshop** – Hosted another Environmental Farm Plan workshop on February 19, 2015. Fourteen producers were in attendance.
- **Growing Forward 2** – Met with five different producers to discuss Growing Forward 2 funding opportunities. One producer has been approved for funding for a new well.
- **Long Term Water Management Plan Workshop** – Will be hosting a Long Term Water Management Plan Workshop on April 29th, 2015 at the Claresholm Community Center. Joe Harrington from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development will be the guest presenter. Warren Robb from Ducks Unlimited Canada will also be presenting on wetland restoration programs and funding opportunities.
- **Bait Stations at Willow Creek Regional Landfill-**

Fieldman MacKay and Preachuk met with Cheryl Guenther, Manager of the Willow Creek Regional Landfill and brought forward the idea of setting up bait stations for rats. This would be a proactive step in maintaining a rat free status in the municipality.

MacKay stated that the last two large infestations of rats in Alberta have been discovered in a landfill and it is very costly to eradicate them once they have established. He also informed the Board that Cheryl had stated she would bring this suggestion forward at the next Willow Creek Regional Landfill Commission meeting.

Member Maryanne Sandberg moved the Fieldman's March 2015 Report be accepted as presented.

11-15

CARRIED

4. FUSARIUM SURVEY

Fieldman Mackay informed the Board that due to recent debates on fusarium granminearum in Alberta, Dr. Harding (Research Scientist on Plant Pathology) is going to do a survey across Alberta to find out what fusarium granminearum (Fg) levels really are in the province. In order to do this he is requesting the help of the Agriculture Service Boards. His plan is to survey 2% of the wheat acres in each county. Agriculture Service Board staff will need to collect a set number of wheat heads at each survey field.

Mackay stated this would probably take up a week or so of two ASB staff members time. The province will cover the cost of the testing and provide information back in regards to distribution and prevalence of Fg in our area.

Member Maryanne Sandberg inquired if this would be a random survey. Fieldman Mackay confirmed that it would be.

Member John Kroetsch suggested talking to Granum Seed Cleaning Plant to see which producers are growing wheat this year.

Member Wilson asked the question that if a positive result is found for Fg will there be increased attention paid to the area surrounding.

Discussion took place.

5. STRYCHNINE PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that Maxim after much struggle has finally been able to get a strychnine manufacturing permit as of March 5, 2015. This means Maxim needs to get the raw strychnine imported and manufactured for use before it will be ready for purchase.

Mackay stated that he had ordered 120 cases and expects it to arrive around the middle of April 2015. This may be too late for pasture use but hopefully it will be in time for the field crops.

Mackay also stated that there has been a twenty-five percent increase in the cost of the product.

Discussion ensued.

6. PRESENTATION BY FOOTHILLS FORAGE & GRAZING ASSOCIATION

Cassie Kirkpatrick and Andy Hart introduced themselves to the ASB.

Cassie Kirkpatrick is the Acting Manager for the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association and Andy Hart is a Director.

Cassie Kirkpatrick gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members outlining the Foothills Forage and Grazing Associations (FFGA) activities during 2014 and upcoming plans for 2015. She stated that currently the Association has 140 members and about 12% of these members live in the Municipal District of Willow Creek. She informed the Board that the FFGA was able to directly reach 950 producers in 2014. The FFGA would like to expand their staff to three full time positions. This would allow them to provide assistance

with Environmental Farm Plans, Growing Forward funding, Demonstration sites, and Extension Planning.

Cassie Kirkpatrick requested financial support from the ASB.

Member John Kroetsch enquired how much support they are looking for.

Cassie Kirkpatrick replied currently the FFGA receives anywhere from \$1,000-\$10,000.00 from individual Municipal Districts or Counties.

Cassie Kirkpatrick stated they would also be happy to accept any kind contributions.

Discussion ensued.

No decisions were made.

Chairman Hemmaway thanked Cassie Kirkpatrick and Andy Hart for their time.

7. COMING EVENTS

Fieldman Mackay provided information on the following events:

- **Stewards In Motion- Transforming collaboration to advance local stewardship efforts-** March 12, 2015 Claresholm Community Center
- **OWC Groundwater Study Results-** March 25, 2015_Ardenville Hall -Investigation of high nitrate concentrations in groundwater in the McBride and Ardenville aquifers.
- **ASB Summer Tour-** July 14-17, 2015, Grand Prairie

Member Kroetsch informed the Board that he had looked into travel and it would be quite costly if everybody was to drive. Discussion took place.

CAO Vizzutti stated it would probably be most economical to fly.

ASB staff will look into different travel options and report back at a future meeting.

Chairman Hemmaway inquired how many members would be interested in going.

Member Kroetsch is interested, and Member Van Hierden is considering it.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

12-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

Claresholm, Alberta

February 11, 2015

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, Neil Wilson, Ian Sundquist and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Recording Assistant Cindy Chisholm were present.

Reporter Rob Vogt was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:03 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of November 12, 2014 be approved as presented.

05-15

CARRIED

3. **ASSISTANT FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Assistant Fieldman Preachuk read into the record the February 2015 Assistant Fieldman's Report (see attached supporting documents)

- 2015 Agriculture Service Board Conference - Minister's in attendance were Municipal Affairs Diana McQueen, Agricultural and Rural Development Verlyn Olson and also Culture & Tourism Maureen Kubinec. Discussion issues such as agriculture plastics, MSI funding, high speed internet and declining oil prices as well tourism in Alberta.

ASB Members comments from the floor included:

- Rural School buses be allowed to use marked fuel.
 - Growing Forward Funding needs to be continued.
 - How do we get young people back into agriculture.
 - Alberta Government needs to start spending smart.
 - Urban and Rural Municipalities need to get together and do a complete study on plastics.
 - Rural Schools are being shut down and students are dealing with up to 1.5 hour bus commutes.
 - What is the actual cost to close a school? (Loss of community, long bus rides, etc.).
- **Environmental Farm Plan Workshop** – to be held on February 19, 2015 at the Provincial Building in Claresholm, AB.
 - **Water Management Workshop** – to be held April 29, 2015 and Joe Herrington as the guest presenter. Access to some Growing Forward 2 funds requires a Long Term Water Management plan.

Claresholm, Alberta

February 11, 2015

- **Southwest Invasive Plants Strategy Group** – involves ARD, Waterton Parks, Pincher Creek and Ranchlands. To be a workshop held in April in Pincher Creek. Land Managers to be invited.

Member Sandberg asked what does a Long Term Water Management Plan entail.

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk stated it depends on kinds of water and its use, such as water well, a dugout.

Fieldman MacKay stated it also covers in yard water systems, water sources, dugout, springs and wells. He said it also covers water delivery, helps to identify issues, and discusses modern systems.

Member Sandberg moved to approve the Assistant Fieldman's February 2015 Report as presented.

06-15

CARRIED

4. FARM SAFETY REQUEST

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from Laura Nelson, Executive Director of Farm Safety Centre; dated January 9, 2015 stating that since the Safety Smarts program began in 1998 more than 440,000 rural elementary children across Alberta have received engaging and interactive farm safety presentations in their school classrooms. The 2015 request is based on 2014 delivery to 1113 children at \$ 3.50 per student; contributions of any amount are gratefully accepted.

Moved by Member Sandberg to make a line item for budget for a contribution to be made to the Safety Smarts program.

07-15

CARRIED

5. CLEAN FARMS

Fieldman MacKay presented the Clean Farms 2015 project aimed to helping farmers return clean and fully rinsed containers by using a tool, a *JetRinse*, which makes the rinsing process faster and more convenient. The ultimate goal is to increase the rinse rates and help keep collection sites clean.

Discussion ensued.

Member Sundquist moved to approve the MD to distribute the JetRinse tool.

08-15

CARRIED

6. 2015 LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET – SPEAKER

Asst. Fieldman Preachuk presented the information of Elaine Froese to possibly be the guest speaker at the 2015 Legacy of Our Land banquet on October 30, 2015 being held in Stavely, AB.

Discussion ensued.

Member Van Hierden entered at 9:45 a.m.

Vice Chairman Alm moved to have Elaine Froese as the guest speaker

7. RESOLUTION/LEGAL OPINION ON ERSD WEED DIRECTIVE 2001-06

Fieldman MacKay presented the Land & Forest Division Directive No. 2001-06, dated May 24, 2001 the subject being Weed Management in Forestry Operations.

Fieldman MacKay informed the members a folder with additional information is available for their viewing.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Vice Chairman Alm that a resolution be drafted to seek a legal opinion on Environmental Sustainable Resources Development weed directive 2001-2006.

09-15

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a) Southwest Alberta Grizzly Bear Monitoring – Update

Fieldman MacKay presented information from Andrea Morehouse, Government of Alberta Southern Rockies Area, dated January 20, 2015.

Vice Chairman Alm updated the members on the meeting with the Carnivore committee. Alm stated that Greg Hale is looking for the population density of ungulates. Alm said he will write something up and present to Council for support before emailing.

Fieldman MacKay informed the members money should be coming in June 2015 if there are no budget cuts, for the dead stock removal program.

b) Invite for the Legacy of Our Land banquet –

Fieldman MacKay suggested that the Bar S family be invited to the Legacy of Our Land banquet, since they have won the Alberta Beef Producers Environmental Stewardship Award.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

10-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

Claresholm, Alberta

January 14, 2015

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Patrick Ramsey was present.

Reporter Rob Vogt was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:01 a.m.
2. Chairman Hemmaway welcomed Assistant Fieldman Carla Preachuk to the MD of Willow Creek and made the introductions to the Members of the Agriculture Service Board.

3. **MINUTES**

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

Moved by Member Sandberg that the minutes of November 12, 2014 be approved as presented.

01-15

CARRIED

Rob Vogt entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

4. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the January 14, 2015 Fieldman's Report (see attached supporting documents)

- Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB there are two letters for their viewing, one from the Minister of National Defence, Honorable Rob Nicholson, received December 22, 2014 and a letter from Environmental and Sustainable Resource Development, Minister Kyle Fawcett, received January 6, 2015. Both letters responding to the Agricultural Service Board's Regional Resolution No. 1, Elk population Control at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Suffield.
- **Environmental Farm Plan Workshops** – the first workshop was held on November 12, 2014 with only 4 people attendance and the second workshop held on December 17, 2014 with 20 people in attendance. The next workshop is to be held on February 19, 2015 and to date there are eight people registered for this workshop.
- **Leavings Water Co-op Growing Forward Grant** – interim report of funds spent for the preliminary design and strategic plan prepared by MPE for Leavings Water Co-op has been submitted. MPE has been retained to prepare an agreement for water delivery and investigate options for a water licence. The Final Report on grant expenditures is due by March 31, 2015.

- **Dead Stock Removal Program** – a yearend report was submitted to Jeff Bectell. Fieldman MacKay indicated that unless the eligible area was expanded, another grant of \$5,000 would be sufficient.
- **Upcoming dates for workshops, conferences :**
 - a) **Verified beef training workshop** - January 19, 2015
 - b) **Manure Management** – January 19, 2015 Lethbridge Lodge
 - c) **Agronomy update and Nutrient Management Seminar** January 20th and 21st, 2015 Lethbridge Lodge
 - d) **Managing your cow herd for profit** - February 13, 2015
 - e) **Environmental Farm Plan Workshop 2** – February 19, 2015 at Claresholm Provincial Building
 - f) **AFAC Livestock Care Conference** – March 26th and 27th, 2015 Calgary Stampede Grounds

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that all the information on workshops, seminars and conferences that invite the public to register are on the MD website for viewing.

02-15

CARRIED

5. CALGARY STAMPEDE 2015 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARD

Fieldman MacKay presented the letter from Calgary Stampede and the Bank of Montreal inviting the MD to nominate for 2015 a farm or ranching family within the Municipal District, who makes their living through this means.

Fieldman MacKay stated Division 7 is the next in line for nominating, therefore, Member Sundquist is to nominate a family for 2015.

Member Sundquist has nominated Roy and Karen Hall as the deserving family to be recognized for the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2015.

Fieldman MacKay stated a representative from the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards will be in contact with Roy and Karen Hall and a package will be sent to the MD office for Member Sundquist and a package to Roy and Karen Hall with the itinerary for the event.

Moved by Member Sundquist that Roy and Karen Hall be nominated as the deserving family to be recognized at the Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards 2015.

03-15

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Resolutions are available for discussion today and will be addressed at the 2015 Provincial ASB Conference.

Discussion ensued.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

a) Patrick Ramsey informed the ASB of upcoming managing information workshops and asked for their support in putting the word out to cow / calf producers about the workshops.

- **Cow Calfenomics** was held in Medicine Hat on November 25, 2014 and Lethbridge on November 26, 2015. There are three additional dates coming up for Grande Prairie, Barrhead and Vermillion in January of 2015.
- **Managing Information for Profit in Your Cow Herd** – February 13, 2015 at the Lethbridge College, Lethbridge, AB. Topics this year include: BIXs 2 Update, Beef Herd Management Options, Genetic Selection Tools and Designing Breeding Programs, Animal Health and Welfare Best Practices, Nutrition, Profiting from information Management and Geonomics.
- **Western Canadian Cow Calf Survey** - website www.Albertabeef.org or www.wbdc.sk.ca/wcccs.htm to complete a survey of 58 questions which is due before February 28, 2015. The survey will help to know the current levels of beef herd management and help identify areas where improvements can be made and help target future extension activities in those areas. Results will be posted spring of 2015.

b) 2015 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE

Chisholm reminded the ASB of the 2015 Provincial ASB Conference being held January 20th to January 23rd, 2015 in Edmonton, AB. She informed the ASB that their conference / hotel packages are available in their server folders.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

04-15

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO