

**AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2025**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 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**
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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025**

PRESENT

David Janzen	Chairman
Jason Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Garry Candy	Member
Julie Watchorn	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Stacy Johnson	Member

ABSENT

Ron Jensen	Member
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ATTENDING

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Craig Donnelly	Community & Agricultural Extension Services Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

AG28-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the June 18, 2025, Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG29-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the April 16, 2025, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, as amended. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

Member Ruecker entered meeting at 10:05 a.m.

AG30-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 2025 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.

AG31-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members verbal reports of June 18, 2025, as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 6307 Wolf
Management
Incentive

The Board is presented with Policy 6307 Wolf Management Incentive for review.

AG32-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion regarding Policy 6307 Wolf Management Incentive for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

Policy 6315 Coyote Management Incentive

The Board is presented with Policy 6315 Coyote Management Incentive for review.

AG33-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion regarding Policy 6315 Coyote Management Incentive for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

Community Pasture Admission

The Board is presented with information regarding the provincial criteria for herd admission to community pastures.

AG34-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the information regarding the provincial criteria for herd admission to community pastures, as presented.

CARRIED.

Acquiring Public Land Information

The Board is presented with information regarding acquiring public lands.

AG35-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion regarding acquiring public lands, for information.

CARRIED.

2025 ASBPC Resolution Grading

The Board is requested to grade the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee's (ASBPC) 2025 Resolutions. The ASBPC's has provided their responses, initial grades given and a brief update on activities to advance the resolutions.

Chairman Janzen recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Chairman Janzen reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

AG36-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board submit the 2025 ASBPC Resolution Grading with the following grades and comments:

CARRIED.

Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Comments
1-25	DROUGHT AND LIVESTOCK AGRISTABILITY	Responded in Part	No Opinion
4-25	WEED CONTROL IN DRAINAGE CANALS (REGISTERED DRAINAGE DITCHES)	Responded	Issue Resolved, no actions

5-25	CENTRAL CONTACT FOR THE WEED CONTROL AND AGRICULTURAL PEST ACTS	Responded	Issue resolved, no actions
6-25	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SUPPORT	Responded in part	No Opinion
7-25	ROADKILL CARCASS DISPOSAL	Responded in part	Follow up and provide updates
9-25	NON-MATCHING FUNDING FOR AGKNOW	Responded	Issues resolved, no actions
11-25	AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FUNDING	Responded	Issues resolved, no actions
12-25	CHARITABLE GAMING POLICIES HANDBOOK	No response	Issues resolved, no actions
PC1-25	INFLATIONARY INCREASE FOR ASB GRANTS	Responded	Follow up and provide updates

Events

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

AG37-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the FireSmart & AgKnow Information Sessions being held on Wednesday June 25, 2025, in Bear Canyon, AB.
CARRIED.

AG38-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the PCBFA Annual Field Day held in Fairview, AB on July 31, 2025.
CARRIED.

AG39-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to one of the PRFA of BC August Grazing Series held on August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025.
CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

AG40-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 18, 2025, Agricultural Fieldman report, for information.
CARRIED.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

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AG41-25 (06/18/25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of June 18, 2025, as presented. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Janzen adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

DATE

CHAIR

DATE

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 16, 2025, Activity Report, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:



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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

ESC = Community & Agricultural Extension Services Clerk

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
		February 6, 2024		
AG06-24	(02/06/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board provide a summary of Agricultural Service Board events and reports to be showcased in the Clear Hills County monthly newsletter. CARRIED.	CC	Continuous
		September 17, 2024		
AG82-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to research hosting a Livestock Handling Demonstration presented by Kobe Fehr of RCK Cowdogs in 2025. CARRIED.		Ongoing
		April 16, 2025		
AG24-25	(04/16/25)	RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen to have administration investigate the provincial criteria for herd admission to any Community Pastures. CARRIED	AF	June 16
AG25-25	(04/16/25)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agriculture Service board directs administration to bring back the wolf and coyote policies to a future ASB Meeting. CARRIED.	AF	June 16
		June 18, 2025		
AG36-25	(06/18/25)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board submit the 2025 ASBPC Resolution Grading with the following grades and comments: CARRIED.		



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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal reports of July 16, 2025, for information.

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

AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Worsley Pioneer Days Parade
File:	62-30-30

DESCRIPTION:

Council is presented with information regarding the Annual Worsley Pioneer Days parade that is being held Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Council recognizes the value of community engagement and public celebration through participation in parades, and would like to invite the Agricultural Service Board to attend the Annual Worsley Pioneer Days parade.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENT:

Policy 6205-Clear Hills County Parades

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by...to authorize the attendance of all Board to the Annual Worsley Pioneer Days that is being held Saturday, August 9, 2025, to participate in the parade.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager:



AgFieldman:





Clear Hills County

Effective Date: November 28, 2023	Policy Number 6205
Title: Clear Hills County Parades	

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Clear Hills County Council recognizes the value of community engagement and public celebration through participation in parades. Council will, by motion, approve the County's involvement in parades throughout Clear Hills County.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Annually, Council will allocate funds in the Operating Budget to cover costs associated with creating and maintaining a float for parade entries.
- 2.2. The County will support local businesses by purchasing candy for parade distribution from the following stores within the County on a rotational basis:
 - Cleardale Co-op
 - Hines Creek General Store
 - Worsley General Store
 - A-Mart
- 2.3. The County will be responsible for the procurement of all decorations for the float to ensure a consistent and appealing representation.

3. END OF POLICY

ADOPTED

Resolution # C656-23(11-28-23)

Date: November 28, 2023

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	2025 Trade Show Analysis
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

Council is presented with the 2025 Trade Show Analysis for review.

Revenue- \$35,500.00
Expense- \$64,605.20
Total Cost- \$29,105.20

BACKGROUND:

The 5 year cost recovery percentages:

2025- 54%
2024- 40%
2023- 52%
2019- 40%
2018- 43%

BUDGET:

Revenue- \$29,500.00
Expense- \$90,550.00

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 Trade Show Analysis

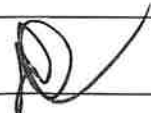
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to accept the 2025 Trade Show Analysis review, as presented.

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



CAO:



2025 Tradeshow Analysis

	2025		2024	
REVENUES	Numbers	Dollars	Numbers	Dollars
Booth Rentals	73	\$13,500.00	67	\$11,800.00
Breakfast	1	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
Dance	0	0	0	0
Sponsorship	17	\$21,500.00	17	\$16,200.00
Total Revenue:		\$35,500.00		\$28,500.00
EXPENSES				
Advertising & Promotion		\$5,500.00		\$6,787.38
Entertainment		\$4,610.00		\$8,972.13
Food & Catering		\$6,331.25		\$5,650.29
General Supplies		\$2,905.60		\$4,231.03
Helping Hands		\$1,789.50		\$1,901.00
Rent & Maintenance		\$7,633.78		\$7,498.00
/Improvements				
Staffing		\$21,085.07		\$20,902.31
Trade Show Direct		\$14,750.00		\$14,750.00
Total Expense:		\$64,605.20		\$ 70,692.14
Total Cost:		\$29,105.20		\$42,192.14

Additional Information:

Revenue:

Booths: 38 Agriculture
 4 Home Based Business
 21 Public Services
 10 Other
 Total booths: 73

Expenses:

-Advertising: Radio & newspaper ads, signage, County door prizes, mail outs, talent show winner prizes.

-Entertainment: DJ Services, wagon rides, kids' interactive booth.

-Food & Catering: Breakfast groceries, doughnuts, breakfast manager, breakfast community group, staff meals, 4-H meal.

-General Supplies: Freight, plywood, sweeping compound, helping hands t-shirts, other misc. supplies.

-Helping Hands: 4-H to help with exhibitor move in/move out, collect garbage and cleaning throughout the day, as well as event security.

-Rent & Maintenance/Improvements: Rental of arena for one week, two trailers, ATM, Radios, screen & projector, and instruments. Replacement of large signs.

-Tradeshow Direct: Framing, draping, tables, chairs, power cords.

Notes and Comments:

- There were 450 adults, and 350 kid bags stuffed, all bags were given away by approximately 2:00 p.m.
 - Appropriate amount, plan for again next year.
- Helping hands provided by Montagneuse 4-H Multi Club to assist with exhibitor setup, day of cleaning, and exhibitor take down as well as security for Friday evening and Saturday.
 - Well received, lots of great comments.
- Free breakfast sponsored by Fehr Tirecraft and prepared by Cleardale Travel Club.
 - Next year we should require a higher sponsorship or add an additional sponsor.
- Two indoor food booths: Montney Valley 4-H and Hines Creek Arts & Crafts.
- Two outside food booths: Coco Zone Food Truck and Grub Hub
 - Third company cancelled due to family emergency. Will try for three again next year.
- DJ services provided by Knight Moves DJ Service.
 - Few complaints about the volume and will adjust.
 - Will inquire about an outdoor speaker.
- Wagon rides provided by Cleardale Riders.
 - Well received.
- Talent Show sponsored by B & E Hardware - 14 entries
 - The prize was cash this year, well received and will be continuing.
 - Have prize money so that it can be divided up in the event of a tie.
- Platinum sponsorship (\$3,000.00 and up) inquiry- should a standard booth be included in the sponsorship?
- Many of the first-time exhibitors were surprised by the number of people in attendance and have stated they plan to come back.
- A few exhibitors inquired about the possibility of drinks being delivered throughout the day.
 - Water bottle delivery to the exhibitors twice throughout the day could be possible.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Weather Station Information
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Council is presented with a discussion regarding weather stations for information.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal and Provincial governments install and maintain a network of over 400 weather stations across the province, which are used by AFSC to monitor precipitation levels in an area.

There are approximately 30 stations spread throughout the Peace Region. Of which 4 of the 30 weather stations are located in Clear Hills County (Cleardale, Worsley, Eureka River, and Hines Creek), leaving considerable distances between stations.

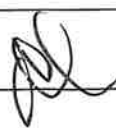
ATTACHMENT:

Weather Station Information
Map of Federal/Provincial Weather Stations in Alberta
Map of Weather Stations in Clear Hills County

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by...to recommend Council suggest Alberta Climate Information Services (ACIS) provide less complex and expensive weather stations to a portion of the producers registered with AFSC. As well as inquire into the potential of contracting local community groups and agricultural societies to preform the site maintenance at the existing weather stations.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



Weather Station Information

The federal and provincial governments install and maintain a network of over 400 weather stations across the province, which are used by AFSC to monitor precipitation levels in an area. Levels below normal are used to trigger payments on hay and pasture under the Moisture Deficiency Insurance (MDI) and Moisture Deficiency Endorsement (MDE) programs through AFSC.

In the Peace region, there are approximately 30 stations spread throughout the region. Clear Hills County has 4 stations, leaving considerable distances between stations. These distances can be problematic for producers as the precipitation levels at the station can be considerably different from a producer's land at the outer edge of the area that the particular weather station that the producer is registered with covers.

As an example of this, in May of this year, because the Eureka River weather station is there, Producers around that station with 1000 acres of improved pasture and registered with MDI/MDE would have received a drought payment of \$30,000.00. If the only station we had here was the Bear Canyon station, because that station received normal precipitation, those same producers would have received nothing.

Trevor Wallace with Alberta Climate Information Service (ACIS) is in charge of installation and maintenance of the weather stations across the province. In talking with him, he has indicated that the existing MOU is expiring in March of 2026. In the new MOU, the department has asked for funding to add 20 more stations in the Peace region over the next 3-4 years. Each station carries a cost of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 plus installation costs. According to Trevor, the goal for the province and AFSC is to have a maximum distance of 20 kms between stations.

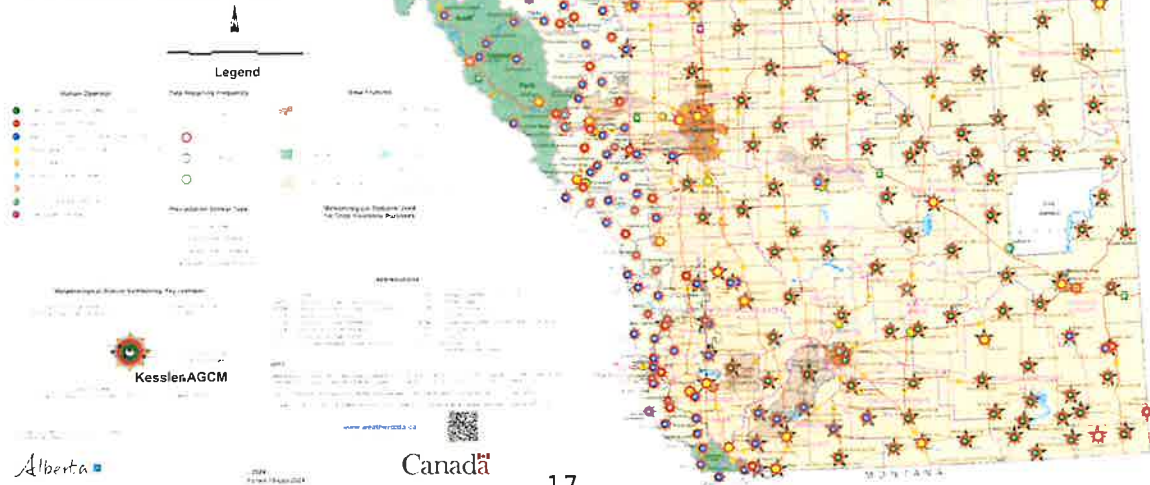
Trevor has stated that the government struggles with finding manpower in the Peace region to maintain and repair the existing stations. He is looking for help and suggestions on how to improve the existing network.

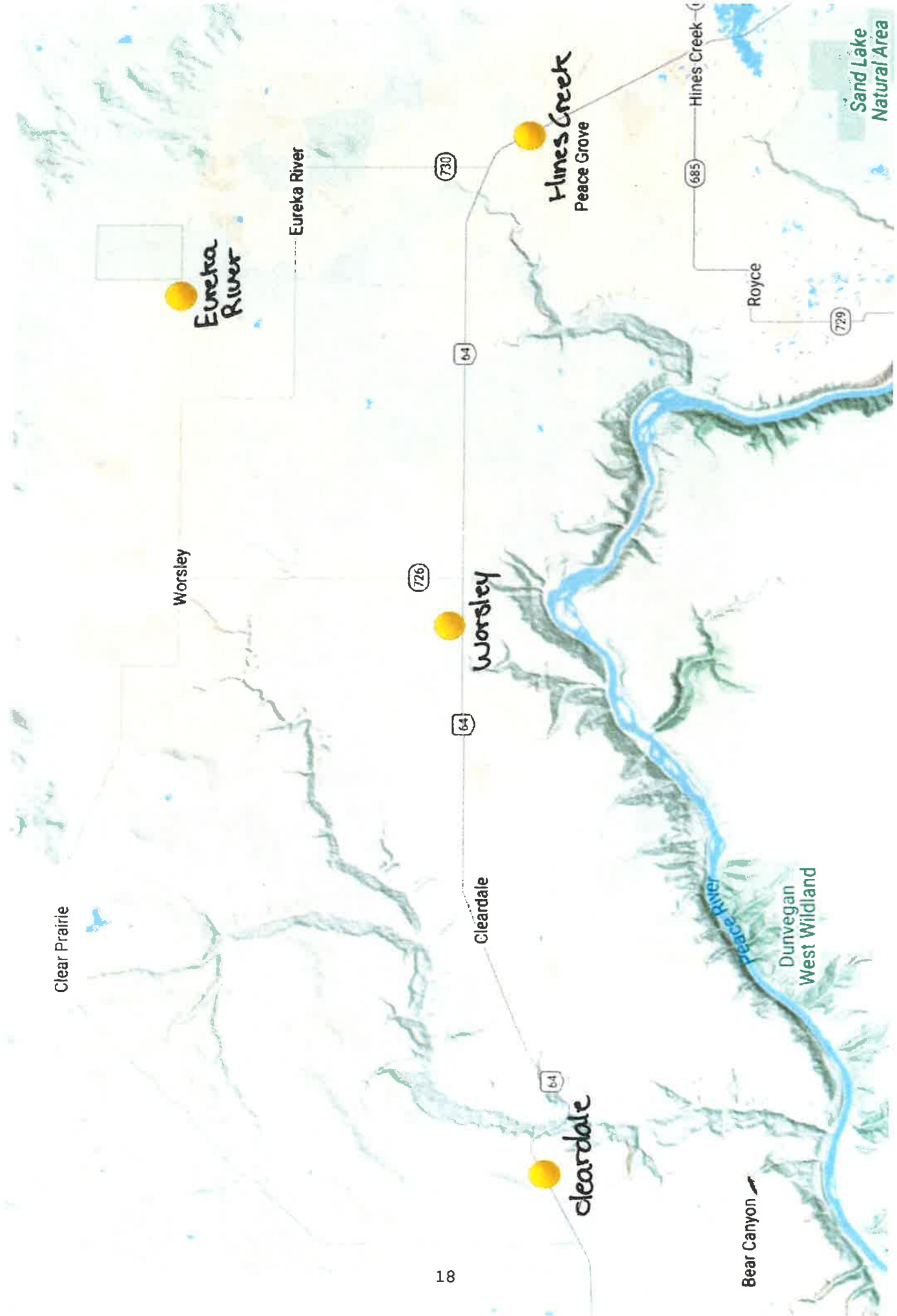
Below are some suggestions from administration.

One idea may be to have producers that register with MDI/MDE be provided with a less complex, less expensive weather station that could be tied into AFSC's database. This would alleviate the need for so many expensive, high maintenance stations, especially in areas where there are no producers registered with AFSC's programs.

Another idea may be to look at community groups (4H clubs or ag societies) doing the site maintenance around existing stations. (Grass cutting, barrier repair, etc.) as a fundraising program for these groups.

Federal/Provincial Meteorological Stations in Alberta Version 22





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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Agricultural Services Policy Review
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Board is to review each Agricultural Service Policy once per year.

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 Door Prizes
Policy 6314 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program
Policy 6315 Coyote Management Incentive
Policy 6316 Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters
Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest

OPTIONS:

1. Accepts for information the review of the following Agricultural Services Policies: 6302-Agricultural Improvement Policy, 6303-Pest Control, 6304- Roadside Vegetation Control, 6306- Clubroot of Canola, 6307- Wolf Management Incentive, 6309-Property Line Spraying, 6310-Rental Equipment, 6311- Veterinary Service Incorporated (VSI) Ltd Program, 6312-Tradeshow Exhibitors, 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes, 6314-Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)Testing Incentive Program, 6315- Coyote Management Incentive, 6316-Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters, and 6317- Biggest Vegetable Contest.
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: July 23, 2024	Policy Number 6302
Title: AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT POLICY	

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. Support producers in the establishment of 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)
Resolution C412-24 (07-23-24)

DATE:
June 24, 2003
November 25, 2003
June 26, 2007
February 22, 2011
April 12, 2016
May 10, 2016
January 11, 2022
July 23, 2024



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: **July 23, 2024**

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.
- 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 for coyote control to stop coyote predation 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

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Date: June 24, 2003

Resolution #C876-03

Date: November 25, 2003

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Date: June 26, 2007

Resolution #C166(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution #C413-24(07/23/24)

Date: July 23, 2024



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: June 27, 2023	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 ensure 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 footprint

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.

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)

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Resolution C190-14 (03/25/14)

Resolution C231-15 (04/28/15)

Resolution C466-16 (08/17/16)

Resolution C010-22 (01-11-22)

Resolution C359-23 (06-27-23)

DATE:

May 10, 2011

June 23, 2013

March 25, 2014

April 28, 2015

August 17, 2016

January 11, 2022

June 27, 2023

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:

Box 240, Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 Telephone 780/685-3925 Fax 780/ 685-3960 Email info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

"Clearly an Area of Opportunity"

Form B - Policy 6304

PROPERTY BRUSHING REQUEST

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: January 11, 2022	Policy Number 6306
Title: CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY	

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 4th 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.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/a08.pdf>
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta
http://www.qp.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: January 14, 2025	Policy Number 6307
Title: WOLF MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY	

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 an incentive payment 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. By resolution of Council the Wolf Hunt Management Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. From January 1st to May 31st of each year, wolf carcasses will only be accepted for identification marking on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. After May 31st, wolf carcasses will be accepted by appointment only.

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.
- 5.2. 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. Provide the names of any trap line partners that may participate in this wolf hunt incentive program.
 - 5.2.3. 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.

- 5.2.4. 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.
- 5.2.5. When presenting the carcass Participants must produce the approximate land location where the wolf was harvested on the trapline.
- 5.2.6. Wolf carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 5.2.7. Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 5.2.8. The Participant will handle the carcass so the designated County representative can confirm that there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a hunting incentive program.
- 5.2.9. The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.
- 5.2.10. Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 5.2.11. Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 5.2.12. 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.
- 5.2.13. 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
Resolution C17-25 (1/14/25)	Date: January 14, 2025



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

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;

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: _____

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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 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: February 22, 2011	Policy Number 6309
Title: PROPERTY LINE SPRAY PROGRAM	

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

4.3. Pest Control Products Act

5. **End of Policy**

ADOPTED

Resolution C169(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Form A - Policy 6309

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: July 23, 2024	Policy Number 6310
Title: RENTAL EQUIPMENT POLICY	

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 subsections 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 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

AMENDED:

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

Resolution C414-24 (07/23/24)

Date: July 23, 2024



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 27, 2024	Policy Number 6311
Title: Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)	

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 own livestock and be a resident of Clear Hills County.
 - 3.4.1. Individuals who hold an active VSI membership with another municipality are ineligible.

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)

Date: January 12, 2016

Resolution C404-17 (08/22/17)

Date: August 22, 2017

Resolution C14-21 (01/12/21)

Date: January 12, 2021

Resolution C115-23 (02/28/23)

Date: February 28, 2023

Resolution C90-24 (02/27/24)

Date: February 27, 2024



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: November 12, 2014	Policy Number 6312
Title: TRADESHOW EXHIBITORS	

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: July 23, 2024	Policy Number 6313
Title: TRADESHOW GROCERIES & DOOR PRIZES	

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.

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:

- A-Mart (2025, 2029, 2033)
- Cleardale Co-op (2026, 2030, 2034)
- Worsley General Store (2027, 2031, 2035)
- Hines Creek General Store (2028, 2032, 2036)

- 2.3. The County will purchase a \$300.00 gift card from the following businesses on a rotational basis if available.

- A-Mart (2025, 2029, 2033)
- Cleardale Co-op (2026, 2030, 2034)
- Worsley General Store (2027, 2031, 2035)
- Hines Creek General Store (2028, 2032, 2036)

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 purchase 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.

3. END OF POLICY

ADOPTED
Resolution C91-15(02/10/15)

DATE:
February 10, 2015

AMENDED
Resolution C133-16(03/08/16)
Resolution C012-22(01-11-22)

DATE:
March 8, 2016
January 11, 2022

Resolution C060-23(01-24-23)	January 24, 2023
Resolution C514-23(09-12-23)	September 26, 2023
Resolution C316-24(05-28-24)	May 28, 2024
Resolution C415-24(07-23-24)	July 23, 2024



Clear Hills County

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

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: January 14, 2025	Policy Number 6315
Title: COYOTE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. **Policy Statement**

- 1.1. In an effort to support coyote population control within Clear Hills County, the County will implement procedures to provide for a coyote management incentive program for the purpose of promoting coyote management in the municipality. Through this program Participants will receive an incentive payment for the carcass of a coyote harvested lawfully within the Municipality.

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.
- 2.3. Farm Unit – means a cooperative, colony, partnership or corporate farm.

3. **General**

- 3.1. The current years budget for the Coyote Management Incentive Program will be based on the surplus funds from the prior years Wolf Management Incentive Program budget.
- 3.2. Clear Hills County shall pay thirty (30) dollars per eligible coyote (adult and non-adult) taken by a participant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions.

4. **Conditions**

- 4.1 The Clear Hills County Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.
- 4.2 The program will run from January 1st to May 31st annually and will be suspended at any time if the allocated budget is depleted.
- 4.3 A maximum of twenty (20) coyote carcasses per household per calendar year may be verified for payment to a qualified Participant for carcasses harvested on private land and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.4 In an effort to ensure all landowners are equally able to participate in the Program, while remaining within the budget set by Council for the program, Farm Units will be limited to one participant.
- 4.5 Eligible Participants will:
 - 4.5.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family, and any farm unit they are a partner in or member of, for no less than 183 days (six months).

- 4.5.2 Provide a list of immediate family that reside in the same dwelling "household" that may participate in this coyote management incentive program.
- 4.5.3 Provide business name, if different than participant's name that land or grazing leases may be registered under.
- 4.5.4 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.
- 4.5.5 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.
- 4.5.6 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible coyote harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County during specified business hours.
- 4.5.7 Coyote carcasses will only be accepted for Identification marking on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 4.5.8 Rotting Coyote carcasses will not be accepted.
- 4.5.9 Coyote carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 4.5.10 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.
- 4.5.11 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 4.5.12 The Participant will handle the carcass so 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.
- 4.5.13 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the coyote carcass using recognized carcass disposal methods. Note: The County recommends disposal to a trapper to reduce waste of fur or other salvageable parts.
- 4.5.14 Participants participating in the Coyote Management Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, and Petty Trespass Act.
- 4.5.15 Participants shall be removed from the list of qualified Participants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program, this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for coyotes taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

5. End of Policy

ADOPTED

Resolution C53-16(01/26/16)

AMENDED

Resolution C112-18(02/27/18)

DATE

January 26, 2016

February 27, 2017

Policy No. **6315**

Title: **COYOTE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY**

Effective Date: **January 14, 2025**

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RESCINDED

Resolution C469-18(10/09/18)

October 9, 2018

AMENDED

Resolution C16-25(1/14/25)

January 14, 2025



Appendix A (Policy 6315)
Contract of Participation – Coyote Management Incentive Program
Between Participants and Clear Hills County

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a coyote management incentive program ("Program") for the purpose of promoting coyote management within the Municipality. Through this program, ("Participants") will receive a monetary reward ("Reward") for the carcass, with the pelt intact, of a coyote 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 coyote 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 in accordance with this program will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a coyote must be lawfully hunted on private property that is owned by 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 coyote 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 eligible coyote carcass (adult and non-adult) presented.
5. **NOTICE:** Clear Hills County has the discretion to modify this program from time to time without notice to participants.

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email: _____

Appendix A (Policy 6315) – Page 2

Land Location of Residence: _____

Rural Address or Street Address: _____

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days or six months? _____

Name of Farm Unit, if any _____

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 Coyote Management Incentive Policy 6315.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Participant (print): _____ (sign): _____

Witness: (print): _____ (sign): _____

Municipal Officer (print): _____ (sign): _____



Clear Hills County

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

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: November 28, 2023	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	Corn	Onion	Pumpkins	Zucchini
Cabbage	Cucumber	Other Squash	Tomatoes	
Carrots	Most Unique	Potatoes	Turnip	

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 thirteen 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 names of the winners and 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

AMENDED

Resolution C506-18 (10-23-18)

Resolution C552-19 (10/22/19)

Resolution C360-23 (06/27/23)

Resolution C650-23 (11/28/23)

DATE

December 12, 2017

October 23, 2018

October 22, 2019

June 27, 2023

November 28, 2023

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Upcoming Events:

SARDA Field Day
NPARA Farm & Field Tour
Bio-Agtive Overview & Field Walk
NPARA Forages In The Field

ATTACHMENTS:

SARDA Field Day Poster
NPARA Farm & Field Tour Poster
Bio-Agtive Overview & Field Walk Poster
NPARA Forages In The Field Poster
Calander: July, August, September

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the SARDA field day on Debolt AB on July 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the NPARA farm & field tour at the NPARA research farm south of Manning by North Star AB on July 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Bio-Agtive overview & field walk at the Worsley Community Centre on August 6, 2025.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the NPARA forages in the field event at Loogman, Arie J Farms Chinook Valley Forage Fields on August 11, 2025.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



Debolt AB – Field Day

Join us for our Field Day in Debolt, AB on July 24, 2025. More information to follow.



Date

July 24, 2025

Time

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



NORTH PEACE APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

FARM & FIELD

Tour

Join us for a Dinner, Presentations by researchers and scientists,
and a tour of our research farm and small plot trials.

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INFORMATIVE SESSION ON BIO-ACTIVE EMISSIONS FARMING

Join us for an overview of the Bio-Active Emissions Farming system. Followed by a field walk of 2 local farms implementing this innovative system.

Event Details:

Date: August 6, 2025

Time: 10:30am - 4:30pm

Location: Worsley Community Centre

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)



This Presentation Will Cover:

- An overview of Bio-Active's carbon capture innovations
- An in the field look at how this technology is being utilized and working for two local producers

Guest Speaker:

Gary Lewis - Bio-Active Emissions Farming

Contact Info:

Craig Donnelly

Phone: (780) 685-3925 ext. 116 or

Email: extensionservices@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

**MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE COUNTY OFFICE
TALK TO CRAIG DONNELLY OR GREG COON**

780-685-3925 - CRAIG EXT. 116 / GREG EXT. 115

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Field



PEACE REGION
LIVING LAB

Speaker



Dr. Bart Lardner

Currently, a professor at the university of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan ministry of agriculture strategic research program chair in cow-calf and forage systems.

This hands on-field event will cover practical strategies to improve pasture productivity, soil health, and forage quality. Whether you're a seasoned producer or new to forage management you'll leave with actionable insights to boost your operations sustainability and success.



August 11th
1:30 pm-3:30pm

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July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Council	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 ASB	17	18	19
20	21	22 Council	23	24 County BBQ	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 PCBFA Field Day		

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Heritage Day	5 PRFA Grazing Series	6	7	8	9 Worsley Pioneer Day Parade
10	11	12 Council PRFA Grazing Series	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 PRFA Grazing Series	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Council PRFA Grazing Series	27	28	29	30
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September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  labor day	2 P&P	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Council	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 ASB	18	19	20
21	22	23 Council	24	25	26	27
28	29	30  National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Fieldman Report
Rental Equipment Summary
Extension Services Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 16, 2025, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:



JULY 16, 2025

PEST CONTROL

• Wolves Claimed 2025 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
6	\$1200.00

• Coyotes Claimed 2025 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
167	\$5010.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. Craig Donnelly has accepted the position of Community & Agricultural Extension Services Clerk.
2. 3 weed inspector positions have been filled by Carter Clay, Gracie Robertson, and Jocelyn Bean and the 3 mower operators from last season are all returning; Menno Janzen, Nathan Rottier, and Isaiah Giesbrecht.
3. The application for the ASB grant went out to Alberta Agriculture on Jan. 29th. We received an agreement from Alberta Agriculture on June 4th. The legislative stream funding will remain the same as the last agreement at \$166,247.00 per year for the next 5 years. The resource management stream funding was set at \$22,917.00 per year for the next 5 years.
4. The mowers have completed Bear Canyon and are 3/4 of the way through Cleardale.
5. Shelterbelt seedlings arrived June 3rd and were distributed.
6. Bertha Armyworm traps were set out June 9th and will remain up for 6 weeks. So far levels of moths have been low.
7. We are hosting a session on the Bio Agtive system on Aug.6 from 10:30am-4:30pm. We will start at the Worsley Community Center with a brief overview from Gary Lewis, then provide lunch. Registrants will then head out to 2 different producers fields that are currently using the system. Registration deadline is July 30th.
8. We have issued 4 weed letters so far, and in all cases, the producer took care of the issue.
9. We had a producer plant peas in a field that was fairly heavily infested with Canada Thistle. With the rain he received, he wasn't able to spray in time. I suggested using the rotowiper to wipe glyphosate on the thistle that were taller than the crop canopy, which the producer agreed to do. He did this on July 3rd. We will monitor the field for results.

January 1 - June 30, 2025

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
BBQ Trailer	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	5	6	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	7	8	\$ 317.50	\$ -
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	4	10	\$ 700.00	\$ -
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	8	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.36
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0		\$ -
Extra Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	18	71	\$ -	\$ 451.77
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	3	5	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 152.18
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	18	21	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 186.67
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	1	1	\$ -	\$ -
Land Leveller	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	3	3	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Manure Spreader	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	3	8	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	1	10	\$ -	\$ -
Post Pounder	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	5	5	\$ 750.00	\$ 851.97
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	7	\$ -	\$ -
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	1	1	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	7	\$ -	\$ -
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	3	40	\$ 217.82	\$ -
Scare Cannon	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	7	\$ -	\$ -
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	6	6	\$ 116.00	\$ -
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	3	11	\$ 360.00	\$ -
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ 277.18
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
Water Pumps	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	13	23	\$ 3,465.50	\$ 2,631.33
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	5	8	\$ 200.00	
			106	266	\$ 16,271.82	\$ 4,738.46

Revenue	\$ 16,271.82
Equipment Expense	\$ 4,738.46
Insurance	
Chargeback	\$ 3,802.31
Profit/Loss	\$7,731.05

July 16, 2025

Events

- **June 25th FireSmart & AgKnow presentation was postponed due to speaker unavailability from FireSmart. As well as in person unavailability from AgKnow presenter. FireSmart presenters were all busy because of wildfires.**
- **Talking with FireSmart and AgKnow about rescheduling for October. Ryan at the Peace River Wildfire Office (FireSmart) says they can 100% commit to that. Date to be determined.**
- **Gary Lewis plans to come up to do a follow up presentation to showcase the results from two of our local producers currently using the BioActive system on August 6th.**
- **In talks with Cow's and Fish to do presentation on riparian areas at the end of August or beginning of September. Date to be determined.**
- **Talking with Susie from Saddle Hills County to do cost sharing on Dylin Biggs coming to do a Low Stress Livestock Handling presentation. Possibly September or October. Date to be determined.**
- **Local Farm tour in the works. Derrick Rottier's carrot operation, Hutterite corn silage & feed lot, and Chris Kamphuis' bee / honey operation. Date to be determined.**

Other Topics

1. I have sat with two of our local producers to talk about the Environmental Farm Plan. I have completed and approved my first EFP workbook. And am now a certified EFP Tech.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 16, 2025
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

M.D. of Pincher Creek Declaration of Agricultural Disaster

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of July 16, 2025, as presented.

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



AgFieldman:





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June 23, 2025

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Re: Municipal Agricultural Disaster in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

Dear Ministers;

As we are sure you are aware of the mounting drought related situation facing the agriculture community in Alberta, we would like to inform you that Council for the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (MD) motioned on June 10, 2025, to declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster due to drought.

This declaration comes after a presentation from Administration to Council, detailing the many aspects of what is and isn't a disaster in the municipality. Current conditions within the MD are specifically dire for one of our biggest agricultural industries, livestock. The recommendation as presented is supported by the Agriculture Service Board and all producers in the municipality involved in the raising of livestock.

There are almost no areas in our highly variable municipality that are not showing a lack of soil moisture reserves, with moisture 6" down at poor for 75% or more of our MD. After a few years of similar weather, more than 50% of our livestock producers are already short of water at this point early in the season. Most of the rest will be in a similar situation as the summer goes on, as we are moving into what is usually our 'dry' season.

While some timely rains and good farming practices have made our Wheat and Barley crop just slightly below average relative to normal, high temperatures and overall lack of moisture from the beginning of May have made these crops much less than what they could be. While it's still early in the season, a significant percentage of our (early seeded) barley crop has headed out, with the possibility of just an average amount of silage shrinking every day for these crops, even with rain. They might still produce an average amount of bushels but with noticeably uneven growth stages within fields this is increasingly unlikely. A looming lack of local feed makes this important.

What has been consistently poor and getting worse in ratings has been hay, pasture and range conditions. With a very low snowpack, early thaw, low spring rainfall overall, the result has been poor quality and quantity of vegetation on these areas. The MD operates dams from the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PRFA) era. The water levels in these dams are far below normal due to a very limited snowpack and run-off. Feed availability will be low, and some will either sell animals or pull animals off summer pasture and start feeding on what are limited supplies of hay earlier than usual. Low moisture has also impacted availability of livestock watering options for many, with hauled water being the only option in some cases.

We realize that while this declaration does not trigger increased access to funding, it is meant to provide an indication of the severity of the situation facing the MD cattle producers.

We appreciate your attention to this situation and the impact it has on our local agricultural community and the greater agricultural economy of Alberta.

Yours truly,



Rick Lemire
Reeve, MD of Pincher Creek No.9

cc:

Hon. Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta
Hon. Chelsae Petrovic, MLA Livingstone-McLeod
Hon. John Barlow, MP Foothills
Kara Westerland, RMA President
Agricultural Financial Services Corporation
Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldmen

Condition Statement Tool						
Date		15-May-25				
Municipality		MD of Pincher Creek				
Total Area Impacted		90% of Municipality				
Map Included		No				
Next Report Due		01-Jun-25				
		Ranking	Drought	Excessive Moisture	Floods	Pests
Annuals Impacted (% rated poor)						
Cereals						
	Barley		10%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
	Wheat		10%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Oil Seeds						
	Canola		25%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Others		none				
Perennials Impacted (% rated poor)						
Tame Hay			25%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Tame Pasture			35%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Native Pasture			35%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Other: (please indicate)						
Alfalfa			N/A	N/A	N/A	Alfalfa Weevil
Water for Livestock			80%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture (surface)			5%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture 6"			75%	N/A	N/A	

NOTES: Small but timely rains have kept hopes for crops up but haven't been enough to impact runoff, soil moisture levels at 6", water for livestock or small basin water storage levels. Water for Livestock was already a serious problem in May, with some people hauling water already. More than 75% of dugouts, lakes, sloughs and local (small) reservoirs were at 20 to 50 year lows after snowmelt (end of April). Canola acres are way down, with 2024 seeing the summer/fall heat and lack of moisture cause a significant percentage of the crop to fail. Alfalfa Weevils have been impacting hay yields across the MD for about the last ten years but with this years drought and last five years low rainfall and hay production, the impacts are felt more keenly. It's a little early to spot them yet.

Condition Statement Tool						
Date		01-Jun-25				
Municipality		MD of Pincher Creek				
Total Area Impacted		90% of Municipality				
Map Included		No				
Next Report Due		15-Jun-25				
		Ranking	Drought	Excessive Moisture	Floods	Pests
Annuals Impacted (% rated poor)						
Cereals						
	Barley		25%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
	Wheat		15%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Oil Seeds						
	Canola		15%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Others		none				
Perennials Impacted (% rated poor)						
Tame Hay			45%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Tame Pasture			60%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Native Pasture			65%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Other: (please indicate)						
Alfalfa			N/A	N/A	N/A	Alfalfa Weevils
Water for Livestock			85%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture (surface)			45%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture 6"			85%	N/A	N/A	

NOTES: Water for Livestock has been getting worse and producers are regularly hauling and pumping water for cattle. More than 75% of dugouts, lakes, sloughs and reservoirs were at 20 to 50 year lows after snowmelt (end of April) and there have been no big precipitation events that would fill them and bring the water table up. Soil moisture at 6 inches is almost non-existent. Barley is starting to head out in about 5% of (early plantings) of crop. Fall crops are at about 25% headed out and less than a foot high in many cases. Hay is fast approaching large scale failure while tame and native pastures are mostly dried out. Alfalfa Weevils haven't been reported as a problem yet but we'll know soon if they are going to be as alfalfa is a week away from blooming in some areas already.

Condition Statement Tool						
Date		15-Jun-25				
Municipality		MD of Pincher Creek				
Total Area Impacted		90% of Municipality				
Map Included		No				
Next Report Due		30-Jun-25				
		Ranking	Drought	Excessive Moisture	Floods	Pests
Annuals Impacted (% rated poor)						
Cereals						
	Barley		45%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
	Wheat		20%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Oil Seeds						
	Canola		20%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Others		none				
Perennials Impacted (% rated poor)						
Tame Hay			45%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Tame Pasture			70%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Native Pasture			75%	N/A	N/A	Grasshoppers
Other: (please indicate)						
Alfalfa			45%	N/A	N/A	Alfalfa Weevils
Water for Livestock			85%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture (surface)			25%	N/A	N/A	
Soil Moisture 6"			85%	N/A	N/A	

NOTES: A rain event on June 12th brought surface soil moisture up in some areas but never got down very far, leaving the six inch soil moisture unchanged. Barley has continued to head out very low to the ground (less than a foot) in many of the earliest seeded crops. Wheat is starting to be stressed out as well but was mostly revived by the rain. Water for Livestock was not helped and mostly has gotten worse. Water hauling is common and pumping is happening wherever they have a source to pump from. More than 75% of dugouts, lakes, sloughs and reservoirs were at 20 to 50 year lows after snowmelt (end of April).

