

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with members John Van Driesten, John Kroetsch, Maryanne Sandberg, Darry Markle, Evan Berger, Ian Sundquist, Chief Administrative Officer [CAO] Cynthia (Cindy) Vizzutti, Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Kelli Albrecht, recording secretary present.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by CAO Cindy Vizzutti at 9:09 a.m.

2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CAO Cindy Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Kroetsch nominated Ian Sundquist as Chairman.

CAO Cindy Vizzutti called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for Nominations.

Member Alm moved to cease nominations.

Member Ian Sundquist has been appointed Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board.

43-17

CARRIED

Chairman Sundquist called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Member Sandberg nominated John Kroetsch.

CAO Cindy Vizzutti called for 2nd, 3rd and final call for Nominations.

Member Sandberg moved to cease nominations.

Member John Kroetsch has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board.

44-17

CARRIED

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda of December 13th, 2017 meeting was presented.

Fieldman Preachuk to add information on the Oldman Watershed Legacy Program to New Business.

45-17

Moved by Member Sandberg the agenda of December 13th, 2017 meeting be approved as presented and with the addition to New Business.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of October 11th, 2017 meeting were presented for adoption.

46-17

Moved by Member Alm the minutes of October 11th, 2017 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a.) Legacy of Our Land Banquet. Fieldman Preachuk discussed with members details of the upcoming Banquet.

b.) Chairman Sundquist referred the ASB structure discussion to Council as a resolution. Member Sandberg requested to not sit on the restructured ASB. Discussion took place.

47-17

Motioned by Member Alm the ASB structure discussion go to Council for resolution. CARRIED

c). Events Hosted by the MD. Fieldman Preachuk updated members of the past and remaining workshops of 2017:

- Grid-tie solar options workshop for Producers (December 14, 2017).
- First Aid Course for Rate-payers was cancelled due to only 4 registrants.
- The November 28th Farmer's Pesticide Training Certificate Course had 17 participants.
- The Low Cost Winter Feeding Workshop co-hosted with the MD of Pincher Creek, and the Foothills Forage & Grazing Assoc. had 55 participants on November 16th.

d). Alberta Equine Emergency Preparedness Workshop. Fieldman Preachuk and Emergency Manager, Travis Coleman attended the Lethbridge Workshop on November 23rd, 2017.

e). South Region ASB Conference. On October 31st Fieldman Preachuk and 5 board members (Glen Alm, Maryanne Sandberg, John Kroetsch, Darry Markle and Ian Sundquist) attended the event hosted by County of Warner. On behalf of the board, Fieldman Preachuk will send a formal letter to the Provincial ASB Committee Chairman regarding the 2017 ASB Resolution Report Card – Emergent Resolution E1-17 that were passed; similar to Wheatland County's letter.

f). Oldman Watershed Council Update. Fieldman Preachuk attended the Closing Ceremony of Southern Alberta Water Charter on November 17th in Lethbridge at City Hall.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2018 Calgary Stampede & BMO Farm Family Awards. The nomination deadline is January 15th for a nomination from Division 1.

b) Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act Workshop. Fieldman Preachuk received a request from the MD of Ranchland Agricultural Service Board to co-host an information session for rate-payers to hear about the recommendations being put forward in regards to the "Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act". Due to a large number of requests Alberta Occupational Health and Safety does not currently have anybody to come and provide information on the proposed recommendations. Discussion took place.

48-17

Moved by Member Kroetsch the ASB to have a meeting on December 22nd at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and make recommendations as a board to the Technical Working Group in regards to the Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation CARRIED

c) Environmental Farm Plan Technician Training. Fieldman Preachuk attended the workshop on October 25-26, 2017 in Leduc, Alberta. Preachuk discussed

- Grid-tie solar options workshop for Producers (December 14, 2017). Location to be determined.
- First Aid Course for Rate-payers. Fieldman Preachuk coordinated with the MD Emergency Manager for a 2-day workshop November 29-30th at the MD Administration Building.
- The November 28th Farmer’s Pesticide Training Certificate Course is currently \$150 and Fieldman Preachuk is working on a possible sponsor to reduce the costs.

c) Alberta Equine Emergency Preparedness Workshop. Fieldman Preachuk reserved 3 seats for the MD to attend the Lethbridge Workshop on November 23rd, 2017.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) South Region ASB Conference. Members and Fieldman Preachuk discussed attending the conference.
- b) ASB Provincial Committee Report Card. Members and Fieldman Preachuk discussed the report. Concerns will be brought to the Southern Region ASB Conference.

6. ALBERTA AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Janna Casson provided an update to the Board members through an update sent to Fieldman Preachuk. Topics discussed were:

- Farm Stewardship Centre;
- South Saskatchewan River Basin (SSRB) Water Management Plan (WMP) 10 year review.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a) Fieldman Preachuk updated members on the ASB 2017 weed spraying program is completed with zero incidents.
- b) Weatherhead gravel pit reclamation and seeding have been completed.
- c) The ASB department new spray truck has arrived and Fieldman Preachuk is working with the shop to complete a custom truck for operation in 2018 season.

8. ADJOURNMENT

42-17

Moved by Member Alm that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman

Chief Administration Officer

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Chairman Earl Hemmaway, and members Glen Alm, John Kroetsch, Henry Van Hierden, Ian Sundquist, Neil Wilson and Maryanne Sandberg, Chief Administrative Officer [CAO] Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Carla Preachuk and Recording Secretary Kelli Albrecht, present.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:05 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda of September 13th, 2017 meeting was presented.

32-17 Moved by Member Alm the agenda of September 13th, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of June 14th, 2017 meeting were presented for adoption.

33-17 Moved by Member Alm the minutes of June 14th, 2017 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a.) Legacy of Our Land. Fieldman Preachuk discussed with members the use and solicitation of door prizes and/or silent auction for the banquet.

34-17 Moved by Member Wilson to have a silent auction as well as contributions from the MD of Willow Creek as door prizes.

CARRIED

Fieldman Preachuk further talked about the Legacy of Our Land Banquet. Discussion on a secondary speaker; with time constraints a singular speaker for one hour would be appropriate. The ticket price of past and upcoming banquets were discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Members at large for the ASB. Member Alm discussed the Ag. Service Board structure. Typical ASB members would include 3 members at large and 4 elected officials; other ASBs were used as examples. Discussion took

place. Member Sandberg suggested that members at large within the ASB are a good way to engage the younger-aged ratepayers and future of the new rural life. Member Sundquist suggested the upcoming October 23rd Organization meeting would be the appropriate place for going forward with ASB structure change.

CAO Cindy Vizzutti made suggestions to the board in regards to options with ASB members at large.

35-17

Member Wilson moved administration add the potential for a member(s) at large as an agenda item to the October 23rd Organizational meeting for the ASB.

CARRIED

b) Upcoming Events. Fieldman Preachuk updated members of the 2017 remaining workshops hosted by the MD:

- The MD is co-hosting a Winter Feeding Day Workshop in Fort Macleod with MD of Pincher Creek and Foothills Forage & Grazing Association (November 16, 2017).
- Grid-tie solar options workshop for Producers (December 14, 2017). Discussed details.
- First Aid Course for Rate-payers. Fieldman Preachuk is coordinating a date with the MD Emergency Manager for a 2-day workshop in November.
- Farmer's Pesticide Training Certificate Course- Date TBD.

c) Growing Forward / Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Discussion. Fieldman Preachuk informed the Board the future re-naming of the program will be Canadian Agricultural Partnership (C.A.P.) with a roll-out date of April 2018. The new program will have a probable different selection program for recipients than the current G.F. process.

d) Summary of Fusarium Head Blight. The members and Fieldman Preachuk reviewed the Fusarium graminearum in Alberta Wheat Fields 2016 data.

e) Alberta Equine Emergency Preparedness Workshop. Several workshops across Alberta have been organized by the Alberta Equestrian Federation. The goal of the workshops are to provide an overview of the equine industry and assist municipal bodies and personnel in incorporating equine into their existing emergency management plans.

36-17

Chairman Hemmaway moved Fieldman Preachuk reserve 3 seats for the Alberta Equine Emergency Preparedness Workshop.

CARRIED

- f) Farm Safety Centre Thank you Letter. Fieldman Preachuk reviewed the report sent by Farm Safety and presented the thank you letter for the board to review.
- g) South Region ASB Conference. County of Warner is hosting on October 31st, 2017 and Preachuk announced the Resolutions are due on October 3, 2017.
- h) Western Canada Conference on Soil and Health and Grazing. Member Alm brought the conference information to Fieldman Preachuk to present to the board. The board reviewed the agenda Fieldman Preachuk is scheduled for In-Service Training the same dates, December 5-7th, 2017. Discussion took place.

37-17

Moved by member Van Hierden to table the discussion and postpone the commitment of a member for the Western Canada Conference on Soil and Health & Grazing Conference until after the Organizational Meeting on October 23rd, 2017.

CARRIED

6. Alberta Agriculture Update

Janna Casson provided an update to the Board members through an update sent to Fieldman Preachuk. Topics discussed were:

- Environmental Farm Plan / Growing Forward 2 Update;
- On Farm Fire Prevention Link provided: Equipment Fires precaution's information during the dry season and harvest;
- Upcoming Events: Available on her provided documents.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

September 12th, 2017 at the MD Administration building Alberta Environment and Parks hosted an information session for Allotment and lease holders within the Forest Closure areas.

8. ADJOURNMENT

38-17

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Reporter Lawrence Gleason, and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry representatives, Janna Casson, Agri-Environment Stewardship Specialist, Blair Takahashi and Nicole Hornett, Farm Safety Specialist's with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry.

Member Ian Sundquist absent.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:01 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda of June 14th, 2017 meeting was presented.

28-17

Moved by Member Sandberg the agenda of June 14th, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of May 10th, 2017 meeting were presented for adoption. Punctuation edits need to be made in section 26-17, also to remove plural word as it was singular.

29-17

Moved by Member Sandberg the minutes of May 10th, 2017 meeting be approved with discussed edits.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a.) Nicole Masters Soil School. Fieldman Preachuk updated members on the workshop; 130 attendees over the 2-day event.

b.) Moon River Horse Pasture. Fieldman Preachuk presented her discussions with Neal Orber. The pasture lessee's are to organize themselves in regards to grazing schedule and overall condition of the structures in the paddocks to maintain esthetic's. Preachuk will continue to check on pasture health on the north side of the paddocks. Discussion took place in regards to fencing in the area.

c.) Grazing Lease N ½ -12-9-27 W4.

Fieldman Preachuk, Jody Best (Rangeland Agrologist for Alberta Environment & Parks) and Kelli Albrecht assessed the pasture health. Using historical assessments as reference and taking into consideration the current state of the pasture, Fieldman Preachuk recommended to the ASB, rest the pasture for a minimum of one year due to current health assessment results.

30-17

Moved by Member Alm to accept the Fieldman Preachuk's recommendation to rest the Grazing Lease at N ½ -12-9-27 W4 until the pasture health has improved.

CARRIED

d.) Legacy of Our Land. Caterer discussion took place between Fieldman Preachuk and the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) FarmSafe Alberta. Nicole Hornett and Blair Takahashi, Farm Safety Specialists from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, presented the FarmSafe Alberta Program. The program is seeking assistance in providing awareness, education and training for the MD ratepayers on Farm Health & Safety Management through schools and workshops within the community.

b) Oldman Watershed Council (OWC) –Annual General Meeting (AGM). Fieldman Preachuk attended the OWC AGM on June 15, 2017 to share the MD's Bio-Control usage on invasive weed species. Preachuk also formally signed the Southern Alberta Water Charter on behalf of the MD.

c) Agricultural Service Board Program Team visit with the MD of Willow Creek. Fieldman Preachuk informed the Board that it had been chosen for a visit from the Provincial ASB Program Team. The objective of the visit is to see the results of the ASB's programs and to get a better sense of the successes of the programs while they are actively ongoing. Fieldman Preachuk suggested that the August 9th scheduled ASB meeting would be an ideal time for the field visit. Discussion took place. It was agreed the August 9th date would be appropriate.

d) Agriculture for Life Funding Request. Fieldman Preachuk described the program to the Board members. The Board will review and bring back for next meeting.

6. Alberta Agriculture Update

Janna Casson provided an update to the Board members. Topics discussed were:

- Fusarium Head Blight Tool Launch
- Growing Forward 2
- South Saskatchewan Regional Plan
- Wetland Policy Implementation Update

7. ADJOURNMENT

31-17

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Reporter Lawrence Gleason, and Janna Casson the Agri-Environment Stewardship Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, present.

Member Glen Alm and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti absent.

1. Call to Order

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

Fieldman Preachuk introduced the new Agricultural Service Board key contact from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Janna Casson.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda of May 10th, 2017 meeting was presented.

23-17 Moved by Member Kroetsch the agenda of May 10th, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of April 12th, 2017 meeting were presented for adoption. Punctuation edits need to be made in section 27-17, remove duplicate words, intent doesn't need to change. Section 3, *Business continued*, remove plural word as it was singular. In motion 21-17, include last names of appointed weed and pest inspectors.

24-17 Moved by Member Sandberg the minutes of April 12th, 2017 meeting be approved with discussed edits.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a.) 2017 Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour. Member Hemmaway confirmed he will not be attending; members Kroetsch and Van Hierden have confirmed registration.

b.) BMO Farm Family Awards. Member Alm will be attending the Awards Ceremony at the Calgary Stampede BMO Centre on July 10th, 2017.

- c.) Fusarium Graminearum Discussion. Janna Casson stated the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry management staff is reviewing policy options and management plans of Fusarium Graminearum. She believes public engagement discussions will likely be later this summer. It could take another year to update the Alberta Pest control Act.
- d.) Alberta Beef Producer's 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award. Fieldman Preachuk reminded members that the Environmental Stewardship Award Nomination deadline is July 15, 2017.
- e.) Nicole Masters Soil School. Is on May 23 and 24 and will be co-hosted with the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association. It is being very well received, with 70 people already registered for day one.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Oldman Watershed Council – Water Charter. Fieldman Preachuk requested approval to sign the charter on behalf of the MD of Willow Creek as an active participant in the Charter mandate. Member Sandberg asked for clarification regarding possible funding requirements from the MD if they were to become a participant in the Charter. Fieldman Preachuk stated there would be no further costs, as the MD already has a biological control program in process for noxious and prohibited noxious weed program.

25-17

Moved by Member Wilson to sign the OWC – Southern Alberta Water Charter 2017.

CARRIED

- b.) Oldman Watershed Council – Legacy Water Grant for Bio Control. Fieldman Preachuk informed the Board that it had been successful in receiving a grant from the OWC under their Legacy Water Grant program for biocontrol. \$2700 has been received, with the final \$900 to be received once the release and reporting has occurred.
- c.) Moon River Horse Pasture. Update and discussion from Fieldman Preachuk on the site visit on May 3, 2017. Overall, the pasture has been coming along nicely since the ASB completed their spraying last year on the grassed areas. Member Kroetsch expressed concern over the MD's liability if the pens are not kept in good condition. Member Sandberg also raised concern about the fire potential. Discussion ensued and Preachuk will meet with Neal Ober to discuss concerns and bring back items for discussion at the next ASB meeting.
- d.) Grazing Lease N1/2 12-9-27-W4. So far, only one rate payer has inquired as to when we would be putting the pasture up for tender. Due to the weather, there hasn't really been an adequate number of days to allow the pasture to grow back. On May 29th Jodi Best, the Rangeland Agrologist for public lands, will be bringing two students with her and they will be helping to assess the land to determine what the appropriate

AUMs for the pasture would be. Also Fieldman Preachuk felt that a longer term lease would encourage people to look after the pasture better. We are looking to lease the pasture this year, but it looks like fall grazing would be more manageable.

26-17

Moved by Member Wilson to leave this matter to Fieldman Preachuk to determine the best way to go forward on the management of this pasture.

CARRIED

e.) Legacy of Our Land Banquet. It has been difficult to find someone from Nanton to cater the event. Member Sandberg felt that it was important to still support the Town of Nanton by holding the event there, even if we had to have caterers from outside the area. Member Wilson will assist in helping to find a caterer.

f.) South West Invasive Managers (SWIM) Workshop, April 20. 85 people were registered and the feedback was very positive; people were glad to hear that there are resources out there available to them.

g.) Upcoming Dow Training Workshop Hosted by ASB in Claresholm. It is going to be held on May 16th and Fieldman Preachuk stated we already have 90 people registered. We have extended it not to just municipalities and counties, but to any local applicators who would like to come for either just information or for the opportunity to receive the pesticide applicator credits.

h.) Alberta Agriculture Update – Janna Casson. Outlined her experience and what she has been involved with the last few years. Discussion took place. Janna is looking forward to being our key contact for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

CAO Vizzutti arrived 9:37

6. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Fieldman Preachuk said the MD weed control program is in full motion. In areas near Fort MacLeod the Dalmatian Toad Flax is visible and the ASB is trying to control patches. Overall it is a very busy season with the weed control work and the roads' grass encroachment program.

7. ADJOURNMENT

27-17

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

20-17

Moved by Member Sundquist to send 2 members of the board to the ASB Summer Tour on July 11-14th, 2017.

CARRIED

b.) Fieldman Preachuk reported on the recent March Workshops, the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and the Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+), to board members. A total of 8 completed EFPs with 14 people in attendance at the workshop and 19 people attended the VBP+ workshop.

3. NEW BUSINESS Cont'd

b.) Fieldman Preachuk is seeking advice from members in regards to a MD of Willow Creek nomination for Alberta Beef Producers 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award. The deadline for nomination is July 15, 2017. Fieldman Preachuk has the forms for the nominations.

c.) Fieldman Preachuk requested the ASB appoint herself and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Gary Murray, as Pest and Weed Control Officer's for the MD of Willow Creek. In addition, appoint Leighton McNain and Erika Wierzba as Weed Inspectors for the MD of Willow Creek.

21-17

Moved by Member Kroetsch to appoint Fieldman Preachuk and Gary Murray as Pest and Weed Officers. As well appoint the weed inspectors, Leighton McNain and Erika Wierzba, for the MD of Willow Creek.

CARRIED

d.) The MD is co-hosting the Nicole Masters Soil School with Foothills Forage and Grazing Association, May 23rd & 24th. Day two is sold out with 40 people registered and the first day has no limit on number of people that can attend.

6. OPEN DISUCSSION FOR ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

a.) Fieldman Preachuk discussed the recent authorized assistant course the MD of Willow Creek hosted for local applicators. MD employee and two other ratepayers attended the course.

b.) CAO Vizzutti notified members of the May 4th meeting at our MD Administration Building with Lamont County to review our MD management practices.

c.) Fieldman Preachuk said the MD Strychnine sales are steady with approximately 26 cases sold to-date to our rate payers.

d.) A new key Alberta government contact, Janna Casson an Agri-Environmental Stewardship Specialist, has been assigned to our MD. She has been in contact with Fieldman Preachuk.

7. ADJOURNMENT

22-17

Moved by Member Kroetsch that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

b. cont'd.) – Preachuk recommended the ASB support Foothills Forage & Grazing Association (FFGA) by co-hosting a workshop with them. She suggested a 2-day Soils School with Nicole Masters located in our MD at Andy Hart's farm. Preachuk recommended \$2,000 towards the guest speaker and advertising. An Additional \$1,000 towards the FFGA general administration costs for operations. As well as the MD receives free advertising on the FFGA website for our programs and workshops when needed.

- MD possibly to host the Dow Training workshop (tentatively May 2017).

14-17

Member Sandberg motioned for ASB to support FFGA Soil workshop sponsorship.

CARRIED

c.) On-going ASB donations include the yearly support to the Alberta Farm Safety Association (\$3500), the FFGA donation (\$3000), and Claresholm District and Fair Board (\$500), Southwest Invasive Managers Workshop in April (\$500).

15-17

Member Alm moved the draft ASB budget recommendation's go to Council for approval.

CARRIED

d.) Discussion with Delegate, Phil Merrill, of the Alberta Government Provincial Rate and Pest Specialist representative in regards to the Vertebrate Pest Control Policy of MD of Willow Creek. Fieldman Preachuk is seeking direction from board members on how to proceed with taking calls from MD rate payers with predatory issues versus program management from previous Ag. Fieldman. Fieldman Preachuk is trained under the guidance of the province and willing to be involved in the predation issues but program liability remains with the landowners/producers. Member Wilson asked Phil what is the training costs. Phil's assistance is no cost to the MD; in addition, Phil offers training to Fieldman and it's governed by the AB Government; thus the liabilities remain within MD's control.

16-17

Member Sandberg moved the Vertebrate Pest Control Policy go to Council for approval.

CARRIED

e.) Fieldman Preachuk states there will be announcements this April for grant funding (Growing Forward 2) and eligibility programs.

f.) Upcoming important dates for ASB discussion.

- ASB tour this summer is hosted by Red Deer County and Mountain View County from July 11-14th details at www.2017asbtour.ca and early bird registration deadline on April 30th. Members to look at which tours they are interested in attending and get back to Fieldman Preachuk at next ASB meeting.
- Verified Beef Production Plus workshop on March 22nd, hosted by MD of Willow Creek at the Claresholm Community Centre.
- Environmental Farm Plan workshop on March 29th, located at the MD of Willow Creek Administrative Building.

Open the discussion for any other items not on the agenda. None presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT

17-17

Moved by Member Sundquist that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 09:48 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Member John Kroetsch absent.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason, and the Foothills Forage & Grazing Association representatives, Andy Hart and Laura Gibney present.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 10:15 a.m.

2. DELEGATION

FOOTHILLS FORAGE AND GRAZING ASSOCIATION DELEGATION (FFGA)
Fieldman Carla Preachuk introduced the representatives from FFGA, Andy Hart and Laura Gibney presented the 2017 funding request (attached). FFGA are asking the M.D. of Willow Creek for support both in event planning as well as financially in the amount of \$3,000 for 2017. Laura Gibney informed the Board that funding would support the delivery of their 2017 program including events, conferences, tours, workshops, demonstration trials, newsletter, social media as well as delivery of the Environmental Farm Plan and Growing Forward 2. Chairman Hemmaway suggested events be more southern based and targeted for younger generation farmers. Member Sandberg asked what level of support FFGA is looking for annually from ASB? The FFGA responded the annual membership is \$30, however, the organization is non-profit and open to discussion and various levels of support. Member Hemmaway thanked the FFGA representatives for their time. He moved on with agenda at 10:40 am.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of January 11, 2017 meeting were presented for adoption. Member Sandberg noted the following amendments to the January 11, 2017 Council meeting minutes:

Page 1 (01-17)– word changes from “should” to “could” before the word “attend”

Page 2 (02-17C) – edit “sending” a local to “send”

Page 3 (03-17D) – edit “species. As well” to “species, as well”

Page 3 (05-17) – edit the adjournment sentence.

06-17

Moved by Member Wilson that the minutes of January 11, 2017 meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED

4. FIELDMAN’S REPORT

Fieldman Carla Preachuk presented the Fieldman’s report (attached).

Fieldman Preachuk stated the Legacy of Our Land "Thank-You to Sponsor's" will be in the Regional newspaper. Fieldman Preachuk reviewed results from the ASB information survey results with Board members. (results spreadsheet attached)

Member Alm invited Fieldman Preachuk to the next Large Carnivore Working Group meeting if she has time.

07-17

Moved by Member Alm that the Fieldman's Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) RESULTS OF AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD SURVEY TO-DATE

Fieldman Preachuk suggested the 2018 ASB Legacy of Our Land Banquet date be February 2, 2018 due to other ASB events in January taking place. Also requested members decide on a location for the event. Discussion took place.

08-17

Member Sundquist moved that the 2018 Legacy of Our Land Banquet be held in Nanton.

CARRIED

Fieldman Preachuk enquired what kind of workshops the Board would like to see hosted in 2017 taking into account the survey information. Fieldman Preachuk suggested an Environmental Farm Plan Workshop in March. Member Hemmaway suggested a 1st Aid course for rate payers. Discussion took place. Fieldman Preachuk asked for input on what type of certification/course. Member Wilson suggested that the full 2 day certifiable course would be more beneficial due to Farm Safety programs. Tabled for further discussion.

b) VOICES OF THE OLDMAN-AGRICULTURE MATTERS WORKSHOP

The workshop will be in Stavely on March 1st starting at 2 pm. Fieldman Preachuk informed the Board that she was asked by the workshop organizers to sit on a panel of agriculture experts and provide a brief update on the ASB activities. Member Alm stated he planned on attending and he encouraged other members to attend. Members Wilson, Sundquist, and Sandberg stated they would like to attend as well. Fieldman Preachuk will register members for the workshop in Stavely.

c) 2017 CROWN MANAGERS PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL FORUM

The Forum will be on March 14-16, 2017 in Choteau, Montana. The theme for this year is "Improving Drought Resilience-Forest to Valley

Bottom." Discussion of members and/or Fieldman Preachuk attending the Forum took place.

- 09-17** **Member Maryanne Sandberg moved to not send an ASB representative to the 2017 Crown managers Partnership Forum** **CARRIED**

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 10-17** **Moved by Member Glen Alm that the meeting be adjourned.** **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

Claresholm, Alberta

January 11, 2017

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Members Henry Van Hierden and Neil Wilson absent.

Reporter Lawrence Gleason present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:35 a.m.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of November 9, 2016 meeting were presented for adoption.

01-17

Moved by Member Glen Alm that the minutes of November 9, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

3. FIELDMAN'S REPORT

Fieldman Carla Preachuk presented the Fieldman's report (attached).

Fieldman Preachuk updated board members on the upcoming Legacy of Our Land Banquet. At this point there is a rough estimate of 130 people known to be attending. Fieldman Preachuk informed the members that the Alberta Farm Animal Care Conference will be held on March 22, 2017 in Leduc. Member Maryanne Sandberg asked if Producer Livestock Members could attend this conference. She advised that the conference details should go on the website.

02-17

Moved by Member Maryanne Sandberg that the Fieldman's Report be approved as presented. CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2017 PROVINCIAL ASB RESOLUTIONS

Discussion took place on the following three Resolutions.

1. Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways
2. Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products
3. Incorporating Ag and Ag food and Education into the classroom

b) DATE FOR NEXT LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman Preachuk requested input from members on a date for the 2018 Legacy of Our Land Banquet. Discussion took place. Fieldman Preachuk suggested a paper survey at the Banquet for attendee's. Some of the questions would include time of year preferred for the Banquet, speaker

preferences, and what kind of workshops Producer's would like to see offered. Discussion also took place on offering a survey on the website to be completed by people that are unable to attend the Banquet.

c) ALBERTA FARM FRESH PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Fieldman Preachuk explained to the Board members that the Alberta Farm Fresh Producer's Association is looking for sponsorship for their upcoming 2017 Farm to Market conference. Member Maryanne Sandberg suggested instead of event sponsorship sending a local representative from each of the local Farmer's Markets. Discussion took place. The person in charge of the local Farmer's Market would be responsible to designate somebody to attend.

03-17

Member Ian Sundquist moved to offer \$200/community Farmers Market (Nanton, Claresholm and Fort Macleod) to send a representative to the 2017 Farm to Market Conference.

CARRIED

d) SOUTHWEST INVASIVE MANAGERS (SWIM) UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Fieldman Preachuk requested financial support for the workshop that will be held on April 20, 2017 in Pincher Creek. Applicator credits are available and the main objective of the workshop is to promote awareness of control strategies available for managing invasive species, as well as to gain an understanding of the challenges faced by land managers regarding invasive species. This will be the 3rd annual workshop.

04-17

Member Ian Sundquist moved to give \$500.00 towards the 3rd Annual Southwest Alberta Invasive Species Workshop.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

05-17

Moved by Member Kroestch that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO