

Claresholm, Alberta

December 12, 2012

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

Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

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

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 21, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the minutes of November 21, 2012 be adopted as presented.

085-12

CARRIED

3. EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK RESCUE TRAILER UPDATE

Fieldman MacKay presented an article by Amelia Naismith of the Ponoka News, Emergency livestock trailer fleet launched. He said the Calnash Agricultural Centre is a great facility.

Mackay stated there was a presentation about the trailer for about an hour.

Mackay stated the Emergency livestock rescue trailer will be going to the Fort MacLeod Fire Hall. He said there are two bush buggy's there which will be able to haul the livestock rescue trailer.

Mackay stated there trailer is equipped with inventory sheets, generator, panels, roll gate, ropes and halters.

Mackay stated this Emergency Livestock Rescue Trailer is for all of southern Alberta. He said the M.D. will keep it roadworthy along with licensing and insurance.

Mackay stated Alberta Farm Animal Care would like copies of the incident reports.

Mackay stated the costs incurred from other fire departments will be billed out on mutual aid.

4. CANADIAN LAND INVENTORY SOILS MAP

Councillor Wilson presented the Canadian Land Inventory Soils map of 1960.

Councillor Wilson stated there is useful information and it may be used for planning and development on prime soils.

5. 2012 RESOLUTION REPORT CARD

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB to review the 2012 Resolutions Report and they can address them at January 16, 2013 meeting.

6. 2013 RESOLUTIONS (ALL)

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB to review and to be addressed at the January 16, 2013 meeting.

7. 2013 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARDS PROGRAM

Cindy Chisholm presented the information of the past years of farm family award nominees.

Councillor Van Hierden will be nominating a farm family from Division 1, to be presented at the January 16, 2013 meeting.

8. SOUTHERN ALBERTA CONSERVATION COORDINATOR – JEFF PORTER

Jeff Porter presented the 2012 Year End summary to the ASB.

Councillor Sundquist entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

9. ADDITIONAL

i. Large Carnivore

Councillor Alm stated the Waterton Biosphere have granted funds for dead stock removal programs in the M.D. of Pincher Creek, Ranchlands and the County of Cardston. He requested that MacKay apply to the Large Carnivore committee for similar funds for the M.D. of Willow Creek.

10. SOUTHERN ALBERTA WEED COORDINATOR - SAWC

Fieldman MacKay made a request to have \$2,500 budgeted for 2013, for the Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator position.

Fieldman MacKay stated he sees merit in having a Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator. He said seventeen out of eighteen of the south region municipalities, counties and special areas participate.

Fieldman MacKay stated the Town of Pincher Creek has joined the program.

Fieldman MacKay stated the budget for 2012 was 1,078 and budget for 2013 is 2,500 to support this position.

Fieldman MacKay stated Kelly Cooley has no mandate as a weed inspector within the various towns and cities in southern Alberta.

CAO Vizzutti asked if there could be a role set up for Kelly Cooley to help facilitate inspections.

Fieldman MacKay stated under the act they have to appoint someone.

CAO Vizzutti stated to have Ron MacKay, Kelly Cooley, Oscar Anderson and the Chief Administrative Officers meet to discuss.

CAO Vizzutti stated Kelly Cooley could be the educator for all of southern Alberta.

Fieldman MacKay stated Kelly Cooley is certified to train authorized Assistants and will still need someone with a pesticide applicators license to supervise the assistants within their respective towns or municipalities.

Fieldman MacKay stated there has to be enforcement with in the towns.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin to have \$2,500 on the 2013 budget to support the Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator position.

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CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Member Ian Sundquist was not present

Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Administrative Officer, Cynthia Vizzutti at 9:16 a.m.

2. ELECTION OF A CHARIMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CAO, Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Councillor Wilson nominated Earl Hemmaway.

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

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CARRIED

CAO, Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Councillor Wakelin nominated Glen Alm.

Councillor Alm has been appointed to the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

080-12

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Wilson to destroy all ballots.

081-12

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the minutes of October 10, 2012 be adopted as presented.

4. LIVESTOCK RESCUE TRAILER UPDATE

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from Alberta Farm Animal Care, stating the Livestock Rescue Trailer is ready for pick up on November 30, 2012, in Ponoka, Alberta.

Fieldman MacKay stated the Rescue Trailer will be stored at the Fort MacLeod Fire Hall.

Fieldman MacKay stated that Rick Lemier, Alberta Transportation, Contract Supervisor, was looking for an update and how the MD saw this unit working and possibly request the use of the unit if they have a wreck.

Fieldman MacKay read a list of the rescue trailers contents.

Councillor Wilson stated there will need to be an orientation.

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Fieldman MacKay stated there is a short course being developed at Lakeland College, Vermillion, AB., for Rescue Unit Trailer training.

Chairman Hemmaway stated he would go with Fieldman MacKay to Ponoka on November 30, 2012 to pick up the Livestock Rescue Trailer.

Councillor Neufeld entered the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

5. EARLY REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2014 ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the South Region Committee has proposed an early registration fee in the spring of 2013 to accrue to 2014. They are looking for a commitment from each M.D.

Fieldman MacKay stated they would like to raise money to put on a conference in Medicine Hat at the exhibition grounds.

Councillor Wilson moved to prepay \$1,500.00 registration fee for the 2014 ASB Conference.

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CARRIED

6. SOUTH REGION WEED COORIDINATOR

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the Town of Pincher Creek are on board to help sponsor support for the South Region Weed Coordinator.

Fieldman MacKay made a request of \$2,500 to budget for the South Region Weed Coordinator position in 2013. He said there has been an increase of \$500.00 from 2012.

Fieldman MacKay stated that nineteen of the twenty municipalities, including the M.D. of Willow Creek, were involved in the program for 2012.

Chairman Hemmaway stated it works well with the towns.

Councillor Alm asked how many towns paid into the position.

Fieldman MacKay replied that Pincher Creek is the first urban town.

MacKay stated that Kelley Cooley can supply his expertise to train. He said that Fort MacLeod is lined up for a two day course in the spring.

Councillor Wilson moved to table to the next ASB meeting on December 12, 2012, so Fieldman MacKay can supply the weed co-ordinators reports and more information on how successful this has been.

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CARRIED

7. COW-CALFENOMICS 2012

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB of the Cow-Calfenomics 2012 upcoming seminars. He said there will be a seminar held on December 13, 2012 in the town of Nanton at the Nanton Community Centre starting at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

8. MANURE MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2013

Fieldman MacKay presented the information on the Manure Management Update 2013 conference to be held on January 14, 2013 in Lethbridge, AB., at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel.

9. AGRONOMY UPDATE CONFERENCE 2013

Fieldman MacKay presented the information on the Agronomy Update Conference 2013 to be held on January 15, 2013, in Lethbridge, AB., at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel.

10. EXPLORE HORTICULTURE

Fieldman MacKay presented the information on the Explore Horticulture introductory workshop, exploring the opportunities for direct-market fruit and vegetable production. The workshop will be held on February 7, 2013 at M.D. of Foothills, location to be announced.

11. GREENHOUSE BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOP

Fieldman MacKay presented the information on the Greenhouse Business Planning Workshop to be held on February 5th and 6th, 2013 at the Airdrie Agriculture Centre.

Fieldman MacKay stated this if a two-day workshop for the new and experienced growers interested in learning about funding, financing, economics, production and growing.

12. 2013 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARDS PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay presented the information requesting nominations for a farm or ranching family to be submitted for the 2013 BMO Farm Family Awards, by February 1, 2013.

7. ADDITIONAL

a). GRAIN BEETLES

Fieldman MacKay stated that grain beetles have been found, but very few producers have a valid Farm Pesticide Applicators Certificate, as many certificates have expired.

MacKay stated they will be advertising for the Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate course.

MacKay stated he has his fumigation certificate, but farmers need to be certified to do their own work.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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October 10, 2012

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Member Glen Alm was not present

Patrick Ramsey, Business Development Specialist, was present

Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:16 a.m.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the minutes of September 12, 2012 be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

3. JEFF PORTER – MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTMEBER 2012

Fieldman MacKay presented the Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership monthly report for September 2012 to the ASB.

Mackay informed the ASB that Jeff Porter is attending the new Growing Forward program information day.

4. ASB GRANT PROCESS FEEDBACK SURVEY

Fieldman MacKay presented the survey to the ASB also stating they survey will be discussed at the regional meeting.

Discussion ensued and the survey was completed.

5. 2012 SOUTH REGION ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB of the 2012 South Region ASB Conference being held on November 1, 2012 at the Champion Hall, Champion, Alberta.

MacKay asked if the ASB would like to register for the conference.

Chairman Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Wakelin, members Sundquist, Neufeld, Van Hierden, Wilson and Fieldman MacKay will be attending the conference.

MacKay suggested that member Alm also be registered for the conference.

6. ADDITIONAL

a). PATRICK RAMSEY – COW CALFENOMICS 2012

Patrick Ramsey presented the Cow Calfenomics 2012 upcoming seminars for November and December dates.

Jaylene Church entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Fieldman MacKay stated that the information will be added to the M.D. website and newsletter.

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Patrick Ramsey informed the ASB that the Cow bytes Version No. 5 is now available for \$50.00 per copy and the Sheep bytes is available for \$300.00 as sign-up fee with a \$50.00 annual fee.

Patrick Ramsey informed the ASB that if the M.D. would be interested in doing workshops for the producers, he would attend and provide instruction on how to work the program.

Vizzutti left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

b). LIVESTOCK RESCUE TRAILER

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the Livestock Rescue Trailer is built. The trailer is a bumper pull, ½ ton towable.

Member Neufeld left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Member Neufeld entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Discussion ensued.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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September 12, 2012

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

Rob Vogt, Reporting was present.

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

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the minutes of August 8, 2012 be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

3. JEFF PORTER – MONTHLY REPORTS – JULY AND AUGUST, 2012

Jeff Porter presented the July and August monthly reports for 2012 to the ASB.

Councillor Wilson asked what the costs were for the large carnivore damage mitigation project.

Porter stated he will email the list of the costs and the list can be given out to the landowners also.

4. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET – CATERER

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB that the Claresholm Lions Club are available for catering the Legacy of Our Land banquet at \$16.00 a plate on October 26, 2012. He asked if the ASB would like to change the current rate of \$15.00 for the ticket sales.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist for the Legacy of Our Land ticket sales remain at \$15.00 per person.

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CARRIED

Councillor Neufeld suggested the former Councillors of the M.D. be invited as guests to the Legacy of Our Land banquet.

MacKay stated that since the theme this year for the banquet is youth opportunities in agriculture, to give 2 tickets to different 4-H Clubs of the M.D. He said this would be a good opportunity to have the kids involved.

Moved by Councillor Alm to send out two (2) Legacy of Our Land banquet tickets to each 4-H Club and to the former Councillors and spouses of the M.D.

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CARRIED

5. ADDITIONAL

a). Upcoming Fieldman / Fieldman Assistant events and ASB Conference

- MacKay informed the ASB that Oscar Anderson and MacKay will be attending a coyote and pest control (Form 7) training session on October 24th and 25th in Nisku, AB. Certification expires at the end of 2013.
- MacKay has been invited to speak at the Alberta Lamb Producers zone meeting on October 27, 2012.
- Mackay stated that the 2012 Southern Alberta Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference will be held on November 1, 2012 at the Champion Community Hall. The registration form will be coming soon for those who would like to register. He said he will need the resolutions by October 1st, 2012.

b). ASB Program Review Workshops

Chairman Hemmaway informed the ASB of the workshop he and Fieldman MacKay attended on August 28, 2012 and a report will be given out within a month.

Fieldman MacKay stated he will present at the next ASB meeting.

c). Town of Fort MacLeod Weeds

Fieldman MacKay stated that there was \$1,000.00 for Bed and Shore funding from Alberta Public Lands. He said that majority of an afternoon was spent spraying the Oldman River Bed and Shore.

Fieldman MacKay stated the police college land is impacting our ratepayers and Kelly Cooley has spoken with the town to try and get some weed control done in the spring of 2013. He said Kelly Cooley has a meeting with our weed crew on Friday, September 14th, 2012 to spray on the Knapweed around the Tim Horton's property.

Councillor Van Hierden asked if an agreement could be set up and if they could contact the Fieldman MacKay.

Fieldman MacKay stated it will depend on how much they will spend. The M.D. staff would do work on Town property and provide their expertise.

Councillor Alm stated there are services out there to accommodate this service.

Councillor Wilson asked what is being done to enforce the weed act.

Fieldman MacKay stated that the A.A.A.F. have lobbied the province to step in and enforce their act within urban municipalities

C.A.O., Vizzutti stated an appointment could be made to speak with the Minister Honorable Verlyn Olson regarding the weed act and weed control in Urban centers at the A.A.M.D.C. conference.

d). Wet Blade Mower

Councillor Wilson asked if a wet blade mower would be a benefit to the M.D.

Fieldman MacKay stated this would be a discussion for public works department. He said the wet mowers are used in the north county's. You would still be applying chemical and pesticide but the lower chemical rates is a bonus. They seem to be pretty effective. They are expensive mowers and typically not used by our public works department, could be used as a rental unit for the rate payers.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

e). Reflective Safety Clothing

Councillor Neufeld asked if a message could be put in the M.D. newsletter and to the local newspapers in the "Letter to the Editor" section, stating that reflective safety clothing should be worn when out bike riding, walking or running on roads within the M.D.

Councillor Neufeld has concerns for those who are out there on the road without reflective safety clothing on. He said the reflective clothing would help in making them more visible to drivers.

C.A.O. Vizzutti stated that she would write a letter to the editor of the local newspapers.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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August 08, 2012

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Service Board [ASB] of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Chairman Earl Hemmaway, Vice Chairman Phil Wakelin and members Ed Neufeld, Neil Wilson, Glen Alm, Ian Sundquist, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti, Fieldman Ron MacKay and Recording Assistant Brendan Schlossberger.

Councillor Henry Van Hierden was not present.

Rob Vogt, Reporting was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:29 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the minutes of June 13, 2012 be adopted as presented.

069-12

CARRIED

C.A.O., Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

3. **ASB PROGRAM REVIEW WORKSHOP**

Fieldman MacKay presented to the ASB the ASB Program Review Workshop letter and agenda which will be held on August 28, 2012 in Strathmore, Alberta at the Travelodge Hotel.

Fieldman MacKay pointed out the purpose of the workshop:

- To outline the scope and timelines of the Program Review
- To highlight the result of financial analysis of past ASB grant funding
- To gather ideas on how the ASB reporting system could be streamlined
- To discuss the key environmental issues/pressures faced by ASB's
- To discuss grant allocation for Environmental Funding Stream grant funding

Fieldman MacKay stated that the M.D. has received more from Environmental Stream grant because of a merit based allocation but this may change, we should stay with merit based so the M.D. doesn't lose grant money.

Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Arlene MacOdrum entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Fieldman MacKay stated he doesn't think the M.D. would receive much environmental stream funding if the grant is equally divided among all Agricultural Services Boards in the Province.

Arlene MacOdrum left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

4. LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET – CATERER

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB if they would like to use a local service club, Claresholm Lions Club, to caterer the Legacy of Our Land banquet.

Arlene MacOdrum entered the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

ASB suggested the date of October 27, 2012 be changed to October 26, 2012 if the Claresholm Community Centre is available, being the banquet conflicted with another event taking place on the October 27 evening, the Diamond Dinner, at the Empress Theatre in Fort MacLeod.

Moved by Councillor Neufeld to see if the Claresholm Lions Club will be available to cater the Legacy of Our Land banquet and to change the event date to October 26, 2012 if the Claresholm Community Centre is available.

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CARRIED

5. FORT MACLEOD FISH AND GAME BOUNTY REQUEST

Fieldman MacKay stated that he received a call from Ken Hedley, President of the Fish and Game Association of Fort MacLeod asking if the M.D. they would put a bounty on coyotes and wolves.

Fieldman MacKay stated that in the past a bounty was discussed but never had one. Cardston County has a wolf bounty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a wolf, a total budget of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the request for the bounty for coyotes and wolves be denied.

71-12

CARRIED

Arlene MacOdrum left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

6. WEED CONCERNS

Fieldman MacKay asked the ASB if they have any weed concerns along roadsides, to bring to his attention, because the weed season is drawing to an end.

7. ADDITIONAL

a). Dead Animal Pickup

Councillor Alm stated that he would like a dead animal pickup so there are not dead animals left on land to let coyotes and wolves pick at them. He said he would he will keep looking into it to find a solution, possibly a mass burn to be rid of them. The big problem is the prions and not getting them distributed through the land.

Fieldman MacKay suggested they may need to commit municipal land for it

Chairman Hemmaway agreed with Councillor Alm to continue looking into the mass burn as a possible solution.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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June 13, 2012

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Jeff Porter, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership, was present.

Rob Vogt, Reporting was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 8:57 a.m.
C.A.O., Vizzutti left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 28, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the minutes of March 28, 2012 be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

C.A.O., Vizzutti entered the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

3. **FIELDMAN'S REPORT**

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the June 13, 2012 Fieldman's Report.

- i. Livestock emergency response trailers
 - List was circulated to the various fire chiefs to eliminate duplicated items.
 - Target weight is under 6000 lb.
 - Trailers have been ordered and project is moving forward.
- ii. Grants
 - 2011 ASB grant report has been sent to ARD.
 - Received Bed and shore grant of \$5,000 for work on vacant public land, bed and shore within the M.D. and an additional \$1,000 for bed and shore within the Town of Fort MacLeod.
 - Also have MOU with SRD (forestry) for any work we do within the Forest Reserve up to \$5,000.
- iii. Road Allowance
 - Road Allowance east of NE 20-09-24-4 has been seeded by a contractor May 23, 2012. Road Allowance was damaged by oilfield traffic last fall.
- iv. Leavings Water Co-op
 - Leavings group has monthly meetings. Evan Berger attended their AGM in the spring, attended by 60 people.
 - Group met with MLA Pat Stier to introduce him to their project and the work done to date.
 - Group have been in contact with the Provincial and Federal governments on regular basis in an effort to secure funding.

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- v.** South Region Weed Coordinator
 - Kelly Cooley and Oscar Anderson gave presentations on weeds and escaped ornamentals to the Fort MacLeod Horticulture Society on May 22, 2012
 - Kelly Cooley also presented to the Nanton group on May 25, 2012.
 - These meetings resulted in several calls about various infestations.
- vi.** Alberta Weed Advisory Committee
 - Oscar Anderson has been appointed to the weed advisory committee that was struck after the legislative review of the weed act was finished. The committee reviews the plants on the new list and decides on new additions or deletions from the list.
 - Anderson is currently acquiring comments from Fieldman and other affected parties on placing Russian Olive on the list.
 - Russian Olive has only recently been removed from the shelterbelt program and is very common in shelterbelts from our M.D. to the border.
- vii.** Krovar Program
 - Krovar program has been completed.
- viii.** Strychnine Program
 - There has been increased demand of 2 % liquid strychnine
 - The latest requirement of the new label is that all product and bait must be locked in storage.
- ix.** Fort MacLeod Toxic Roundup
 - Toxic roundup and Joint E Waste collection took place on June 26, 2012. There was tandem load of ineligible items by 1:00 p.m.
- x.** Predator Program
 - Several calls during calving season and have control set at two sheep operations.
- xii.** Prescribed Burn
 - Toured prescribed burn with Kevin France, Provincial Rangeland Specialist. Looks really good so far with great grass release. There were no weed issues.
- xiii.** UTV
 - Kawasaki Mule will be replaced with a Kubota RTV1100. Equipped with full cab and air conditioning, which should keep the crew out of the herbicide drift. Expected delivery either June 13 or June 14, 2012.
- xiv.** Weed Program
 - South Region Fieldman met with CPR weed management. We have requested a blanket high rail application from Monarch to the Peigan boundary.
 - Treated some shoulders with glyphosate where public works plans to work up oil or widen out road surfaces.
 - Some work on highways has already been done and will resume once hay permits are done.

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- Trying two new products, Clearview a new weed and brush product and Overdrive an alternative to 2-4-D.
- xv.** Product Trials
 - Set up contacts with Engage Agro to test a new brush product on spurge and brush on 2 sites west of Claresholm.
- xvi.** Farm Safety DVD's
 - Received a series of DVD's from the Farm Safety center. May include the DVD's in the M.D. rental list.
- xvii.** Bio Control
 - In the process of receiving bio releases for hounds tongue and knapweed.

Councillor Wilson suggested the availability of the Farm Safety DVD be placed in the next MD Newsletter.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the June 13, 2012 Fieldman's Report be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

Councillor Sundquist entered the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

4. JEFF PORTER, SACP CONSERVATION COORDINATOR – MONTHLY REPORTS

Jeff Porter presented to the ASB the April 2012 and May 2012 monthly reports.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Neufeld left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Councillor Neufeld entered the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

5. 2012 ASB RESOLUTIONS GRADING FOR REPORT CARD

Fieldman MacKay presented the 2012 ASB Resolutions Report Card for the ASB to discuss and grade each resolution.

Fieldman MacKay suggested the ASB grade the resolutions after Patrick Ramsey's presentation.

6. LETTERS RE: PFRA SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

Fieldman MacKay stated the PFRA Shelterbelt Program has been axed. He said the program will run for one last time Spring of 2013.

MacKay presented to the ASB a letter written by Dale McQueen of Woodlands County, dated May 25, 2012, requesting that The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, reconsider the decision to end this extremely valuable program for which they believe the Prairie Shelterbelt Program continues to be a significant asset to the agriculture industry.

Discussion ensued.

7. PATRICK RAMSEY – FOOD INVENTORY TRACKING and SALES SYSTEM

Patrick Ramsey presented to the ASB the Food Inventory Tracking and Sales System (FITS). (See attached)

Councillor Van Hierden entered at 9:33 a.m.

Patrick Ramsey stated that if anyone is interested in the FITS Program to contact him.

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Porter suggested Ramsey talk with the Alberta Beef Producers about the FITS Program.

C.A.O. Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Ramsey informed the ASB that the Cow Calf Economic Series will be on December 13, 2012, in Nanton 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Ramsey stated the program consists of Cattle Price Program – John Bisarb, Beef Information Exchange System – Dr. Troy Drake, Profitable Strategies – Travis Lundberg and Phil Rolland, Producers Panel – Callum Sears and Dr. Troy Drake.

Ramsey asked the ASB if they would like any other topics to be a part of the program.

Ramsey suggested the Series be placed in the M.D. Newsletter.

Discussion ensued.

C.A.O. Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

8. 2012 ASB RESOLUTIONS GRADING FOR REPORT CARD (Continued)

Fieldman MacKay presented the 2012 ASB Resolutions Grading for Report Card for grading. (See attached)

Discussion ensued.

Fieldman MacKay will forward the results to Pam Retzloff.

9. ADDITIONAL

a). Drywood Yarrow Conservation Partnership - Watershed Tour, June 21, 2012.

- Tour starts at Yarrow Creek on the Bruder Ranch

b). Foothills Restoration Forum – 2012 FRF Range Health Assessment Course

- Spring Training Reclamation at Willow Creek Park on June 22, 2012

d). Weed School in Cypress County

- Assistant Fieldman Anderson and weed crew are attending today.

e). Claresholm Veterinarians

- The Claresholm Veterinarians are doing a study on branding stress to prove or disprove if calves lose weight to branding stress.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Neufeld that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

Claresholm, Alberta

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

Oscar Anderson, Assistant Fieldman

Jeff Porter, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership

Councillor Ed Neufeld absent

Rob Vogt, Reporting

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Hemmaway at 9:15 a.m.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the minutes of January 11, 2012 be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Jeff Porter, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership

Porter presented a power point presentation showing updates of progress for March of 2012. See attached

Councillor Alm entered at 9:22 a.m.

Fieldman MacKay entered at 9:23 a.m.

Discussion ensued.

b.) Patrick Ramsey, Business Development Specialist – New cow bytes program and other upgrades

Patrick Ramsey presented updates of Growing Forward project, sustainable livestock noting:

- Food inventory tracking system
- Business Development extension events
- Canadian Beef School March and November. Class of 20 students Hands on three (3) day course. Registration fee of \$395.00.

Councillor Van Hierden entered at 9:29 a.m.

Councillor Alm stated he is interested in the course.

- Lamb School, which is a intranet based course.
- Ropin' the Web – Cow bytes version

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Ramsey stated the program has been revamped to be compatible with Windows and is user friendly. He said the program will be available very soon for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per copy.

Ramsey stated the program could save a rancher at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) over the winter.

Cynthia Vizzutti entered at 9:50 a.m.

Ramsey stated if anyone is interested to give him a call and he will get a copy to you.

Discussion ensued.

**c.) 2012 Legacy of Our Land Banquet – Guest Speaker,
Leona Dargis**

Fieldman MacKay presented to the ASB a biography of Leona Dargis and a keynote presentation by Leona Dargis.

Chairman Hemmaway asked if ASB have to pick a topic.

Fieldman Mackay stated Leona Dargis topic would most likely focus on Youth and Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor Alm to have Leona Dargis as guest speaker at the 2012 Legacy of Our Land banquet, October 27, 2012.

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CARRIED

d). Update on Livestock Emergency Response Trailer

Fieldman MacKay informed ASB of meeting with Greg Bowie. He said the trailer would be warehoused in Fort MacLeod, allowing it to be in the proximity to Hwy 2, Hwy 3 and Picture Butte.

MacKay stated the trailer would be a cargo hauler type trailer with 25 to 30 panels. He said the costs would be in the sixteen to seventeen thousand dollar range (\$16,000 to \$17,000).

MacKay stated it would be a basic cargo trailer to carry equipment to rescue pigs, cattle and other livestock.

MacKay stated the Fire Chiefs would be consulted as to the equipment purchased so that very little was overlapped with existing fire equipment.

MacKay stated the County of Lethbridge are on-side with this.

MacKay stated that Lakeland College has a training program for fire departments. They will build a whole protocol around the whole scenario of livestock rescue.

Discussion ensued.

e). Nanton Fire Soil Erosion Update

Fieldman MacKay informed ASB that Rob Dunn had done another tour. Public safety issue will have to be dealt with. Some ripping has been done. The moisture will help.

Councillor Wilson stated the grass land was also blowing.

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f). Wheat Midge Scouting Day

MacKay informed the ASB that there were a few locations with high numbers of wheat midge, one place around Claresholm and one area around Granum. He said Wheat Midge did cause significant damage as did Ergot.

MacKay stated there will be a scouting event with Scott Meirs probably in July, just before the evening.

g). Foreign Animal Disease Emergency Support Plan – County of Lethbridge

MacKay informed the ASB of the Emergency Livestock Disposal information session at the County of Lethbridge meeting on March 27, 2012. Mark Murphy and Brad Andres hosted the event

MacKay stated that in a mock foot and mouth exercise, fifty five thousand (55,000) animals could potentially be impacted. Mass burial site(s), transportation need to be in place. They looked at different scenarios.

MacKay stated County of Lethbridge have an emergency livestock disposal plan in place.

MacKay stated it is proactive thinking this through, possibly landfills. Province could dictate and override landfill commissions.

Councillor Wilson asked if there would be composting.

MacKay stated composting could be done depending on the disease.

MacKay stated it could potentially cost twenty to thirty thousand for a CFO to drill and test property for a suitable site.

MacKay stated it would be well worth looking into as we could get the call one day.

MacKay stated County of Lethbridge are working on a master plan.

Discussion ensued.

4. ADDITIONAL

a). 2012 Strychnine Program

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB there is a permanent registration for the Strychnine Program. He said it is a much simpler process.

MacKay stated there is one entity which cannot purchase the product because of abuse.

b). 2012 KROVAR

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the 2012 Krovar project is underway.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Jeff Porter, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership

Greg Brkich, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership
representing M.D. of Ranchlands

Rob Vogt, Reporting

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

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting were presented for adoption.

It was noted that Councillor Ian Sundquist was not mentioned on the December 11, 2011 minutes.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the minutes of December 14, 2011 be adopted as amended.

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CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Jeff Porter, Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership

Porter informed the ASB of the 6th Annual "Holding the Reins" to be held on February 7, 2012 at the Fort MacLeod Community Hall.

Porter mentioned the following guest speakers:

- Adam Driedzic, Environmental Law Centre
- Michael Gerrand, Cows and Fish
- Kelly Cooley, Alberta Invasive Plants Council
- Stefan Kienzile, University of Lethbridge
- Leona Dargis, Keynote speaker

Porter presented a report for the years 2009 to 2011 by power point presentation, noting projects and creating funding opportunities for projects.

Fieldman MacKay reported on Oldman Watershed Council Ground Water presentation from that he and Councillor Wakelin attended. They had requested any information on static levels of wells in the M.D. They were referred to studies of the Stavelly and Carmangay aquifers done by PFRA and various engineering firms.

Councillor Wilson asked if it is worth while knowing the static levels.

Fieldman Mackay stated it does involve a yearly process of measuring levels. Have not done this provincially or personally.

Councillor Wilson asked if the last fifteen (15) years have been logged.

MacKay stated depending where you look, it's not that good.

Councillor Alm asked about the nutrient loads, if they were over limits.

Porter stated most fields tested were marginally deficient. Only one fields at Claresholm Beef was high, sampling was done a month after the manure was spread.

Councillor Alm asked about the Meadow Creek water quality issue.

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Porter stated Murray Peters, (water quality section) AARD had a meeting with MacKay and himself, that was pretty much it.

MacKay stated they informed people there was sampling to be done at several points where Meadow Creek crossed over grid roads. If there was new information, it was not released to us as of yet.

CAO, Vizzutti suggested the M. D. can set up information about Jeff Porter by having a link for AESA on the M.D. website, publishing information on the M.D. Newsletter and adding information to the Tax Notices mail outs.

Porter stated Council has a duty in mentioning his services.

CAO, Vizzutti stated they will add money to the budget to advertise Jeff Porter's services.

Porter stated using Agriculture week to raise the profile.

MacKay stated we need to promote events. It's a struggle how to get the information out there. We have gone through Adult Learning programs.

CAO, Vizzutti suggested have email addresses from MD rate payers so they could receive up to date info.

Porter stated he has an updated producers list and sends out information on up coming events, tours etc..

CAO, Vizzutti left meeting at 9:33 a.m.

CAO, Vizzutti entered meeting at 9:34 a.m.

b.) Review of Compound 1080 (Coyote Control) by the PMRA

Fieldman MacKay presented two letters which were sent to Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Honourable, Evan Berger and Health Canada, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P., from the Agricultural Service Board and Council of the M.D. of Taber. Letter stating we need this compound. The feds will review.

MacKay stated 1080 and cyanide are the two tools we have left. We need to make both governments aware that these two methods of control need to be retained.

c.) Management of Fusarium Head Blight, Ergot, Stripe Rust and Cereal Leaf Diseases – Seminar

Fieldman informed the ASB of the upcoming seminar "Managing Fusarium Head Blight, Ergot, Stripe Rust and Cereal Leaf Diseases". Seminar is being held at the Highwood Memorial Centre (Heritage Room) on Monday, January 16, 2012, starting at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The seminar is being hosted by M.D. of Foothills and the M.D. of Willow Creek. There are two guest speakers, Scott Meers and Kelly Turkington.

MacKay stated that CDC Brooks called and stated our fields tested negative for fusarium.

Fieldman Assistant, Oscar Anderson stated the best time for midge is to spray in the late evening. It's moving from east to west.

MacKay stated it will be interesting to see what happens with fusarium in the future.

MacKay stated, Oscar has posted posters all over. The seminar is also advertised in the Regional and on CHQR Radio.

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d.) Changes to the Barley and Wheat Marketing System

MacKay informed and presented the poster for the upcoming information sessions on "Changes to the Barley and Wheat Marketing System." There are several locations across Alberta and dates to register.

e.) Calgary Stampede Farm Family Nomination (Glen Alm Div. 4)

Councillor Alm stated since the Calgary Stampede is requesting the nominations to be "100 year Farm Family", he is nominating the Leeds Family. Doug Leeds and Charlie Leeds are the contacts for the family.

Moved by Councillor Alm to nominate the Leeds Family, as the 100 year Farm Family for the 2012 Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award.

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f.) January 4, 2012 - Nanton Fire / Fort MacLeod Fire Pictures

Fieldman MacKay presented a GPS illustration of the Nanton Fire, January 4, 2012.

Fieldman Assistant Anderson stated the GPS area of the fire location shows roughly 3,000 acres was burnt.

Fieldman MacKay presented a GPS illustration of the Fort MacLeod Fire, January 4, 2012. Approximately 2,000 acres was burnt.

MacKay stated if you carry "Lack of moisture" insurance on hay and pasture, if you get burnt out, you are eligible for sixty percent (60%) of coverage.

MacKay stated there will be a soil erosion meeting at Gunther Kotke place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 with Rob Dunn. A meeting with the Kohut family will be at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m. They will be looking at crop land burnt in the fires and possible remediation.

Councillor Wilson asked how much bacterial concern is there.

MacKay stated he will ask Rob Dunn when they meet with him.

Councillor Neufeld stated Gail Fjordbotten has straw bales if needed.

MacKay stated Anderson will go check it out. Dirt is blowing along the irrigation line, 13-09-27. May have to do some straw incorporation.

Councillor Wilson suggested possibly using the rippers.

MacKay responded yes, using both the graders and rippers.

g.) 2012 Legacy of Our Land Banquet date confirmed

Fieldman MacKay stated Saturday, Oct 27, 2012 is the confirmed date for the 2012 Legacy of Our Land Banquet. Event will take place at the Claresholm Community Centre.

MacKay asked if the ASB had any suggestions for a guest speaker.

Councillor Alm suggested Tim Ball on Climate Change.

6. **ADDITIONAL**

a.) **Foothills Forage and Grazing Association (FFGA)**

Fieldman MacKay presented a letter from Laura Gibney, FFGA Manager.

Foothills Forage and Grazing Association is requesting funding in the amount of two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the coming year. Funding would provide and support the FFGA events across our region. County funding helps FFGA to reach the required matched funds they need for their main source of funding through the Agriculture Opportunity Fund.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist to support the funding of two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000.00) to Foothills Forage and Grazing Association.

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CARRIED

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Neufeld that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO