

Claresholm, Alberta

December 11, 2013

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

Assistant Agriculture Fieldman Oscar Anderson was also present.

Kelsey Kilborn, Municipal Intern, was present.

Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Vizzutti at 9:02 a.m.

2. ELECTION OF A CHARIMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CAO, Cynthia Vizzutti called for nominations for Chairman.

Member Alm nominated Earl Hemmaway.

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

Member Sandberg moved to cease nominations.

Member Earl Hemmaway has been appointed 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.

Member Wilson nominated Henry Van Hierden.

Member Sandberg nominated Glen Alm.

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

Member Sandberg moved to cease nominations.

Member Van Hierden has been appointed to the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Service Board for the ensuing year.

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CARRIED

Moved by Member Wilson to destroy all ballots.

29-13

CARRIED

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting were presented for adoption.

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

Moved by Member Van Hierden that the minutes of August 14, 2013, be adopted as presented.

30-13

CARRIED

CAO Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

4. FIELDMAN'S REPORT

Fieldman MacKay read into the record the Fieldman's report

- **ASB grant application for 2014 to 2016 period** - Maximum legislative stream funding is \$150,000 per year. Applied for an additional \$15,000 for basic environmental stream portion.
- **Growing Forward 2 Regional Water Supply Strategic Program** - an application was completed by Ron MacKay and Johanne Hannas and mailed to GF2 on December 9, 2013.
- **Stavelly Research Center** – is in the process of transfer back to Alberta Public Lands.
- **Environmental Farm Plans (EFP)** – Murray Green delivered EFP to seven people at the Provincial Building in Claresholm on November 25, 2013. Cecile Fleming organized five people from Leavings group. Many Growing Forward programs are still tied to a completed Environmental Farm Plan.
- **Manage and Market what you Measure** – will be assisting Pat Ramsey with the workshop to be held on January 16, 2014, at the Agri-plex in Claresholm. Now taking registrations for the workshop.
- **Seed Plants** - Inspected Granum Plant November 19, 2014 with Dave Bishop. Oscar will take samples throughout the winter.
- **Grasshopper Survey**
Grasshopper survey was completed in September 2013 and forwarded to ARD for their Provincial forecast.
- **Clubroot Survey** - 57 canola and mustard fields were inspected for presence of Clubroot, none found. Presented map.
- **Fusarium Graminearum** - Have 2 reports of FG positive tests in seed samples. Farms are encouraged to rotate out of cereals and source clean seed.
- **In Service Training (IST)**- Oscar Anderson and Ron MacKay attended the IST in Calgary December 2 – 5, 2014. Presentations on new products, equipment, pests safety, environmental concerns, and an interesting presentation on how different water sources react with various chemicals.
- **Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC)** – Oscar Anderson is the new Chair of AISC replacing Nicole Kimmel of AARD

- **Provincial Ag. Service Board Conference** - Provincial conference will be hosted by South Region AAAF in Medicine Hat January 27th to January 30th, 2014.
- **Weed Map** – presented map of the first draft of 2013 spraying program that includes work done in Foothill
Moved by Member Wilson to approve the Fieldman's Report 2013 as presented.

31-13

CARRIED

5. RESOLUTION – DEADSTOCK REMOVAL BALANCE

Fieldman MacKay made a request for a resolution for the remaining balance of \$ 3,794.00 to be carried into the 2014 reserves.

Moved by Member Sandberg to approve carrying the remaining balance of \$3,794.00 into the 2014 reserves.

32-13

CARRIED

6. 2014 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE

Fieldman MacKay reminded the ASB Members of the 2014 Provincial ASB Conference January 27 to January 30, 2014 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Fieldman MacKay asked the members who will be attending.

Attending ASB Members are: Wilson, Alm, Hemmaway, Sundquist, Van Hierden, CAO Vizzutti, Fieldman MacKay, Assistant Fieldman Anderson and Municipal Intern Kelsey Kilborn.

Fieldman MacKay stated there will be a charity auction at the conference and the MD will be required to donate to the charity auction.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Member Sandberg to purchase a piece of art from a local artist up to \$250.00.

33-13

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assistant Fieldman Oscar Anderson gave his report of his field trip to Wyoming. He spoke of the elk refuge and how the buffalo are down to less than 500 head.

Anderson stated the weather was not the greatest. Bio control sites were snowed over. In the United States they use a product called plateau a lot, which is not licensed for Canada.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Sundquist to adjourn at 9:58 a.m.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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August 14th, 2013

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Assistant Agriculture Fieldman Oscar Anderson was also present.

Rob Vogt, reporting, was present.

Kelsey Kilborn, Municipal Intern, was present.

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

2.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8th, 2013 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Member Sundquist that the minutes of May 8th, 2013 be adopted as presented.

17-13

CARRIED

**3. NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Fieldman MacKay stated that Assistant Fieldman Anderson is the Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldsmen delegate to the North American Invasive Species Management Association and Assistant Fieldman Anderson requests to attend the North American Invasive Species Management Association conference in Wyoming.

Assistant Fieldman Anderson provided the following details of the conference:

- The date of the conference is August 28th to August 31st.
- Montana weed control would be there and provide information about cheat grass control.
- Information can be obtained about mapping and bio-control among other things.

Chairman Hemmaway requested an agenda and inquired about the related costs.

Assistant Fieldman Anderson stated the costs would consist of mileage (if he drives) and hotel.

Fieldman MacKay stated MD of Ranchland would also be attending and could potentially cost share.

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Moved by member Van Hierden to **APPROVE** Assistant Fieldman Anderson to attend the North American Invasive Species Management Association conference in Wyoming.

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CARRIED

Fieldman MacKay stated that Assistant Fieldman Anderson would not be able to attend the upcoming Legacy of Our Land banquet.

4. 2013 ASB RESOLUTIONS

Fieldman MacKay spoke to ASB Resolutions, providing the following information:

- Presented a spreadsheet to be filled out in regards to the decisions on grades.
- The information would be forwarded to Jason Storch.
- Asked if there was anything for Agricultural Service Board of the Province delegate, Garry Lentz, to carry forward.

Vizzutti expressed concerns in regards to evasive species resulting from the recent flooding.

1-13 Weed Control in Provincial Waterways

Member Wilson stated there are agreements between the province and 28 municipalities; \$10 000 does not seem adequate.

Fieldman MacKay provided the following information regarding ASB Resolution 1-13:

- We deal with Brian Lange, Alberta Public Lands.
- Bed, shore and public land budget is \$5000, plus \$1000 for work done on bed and shore within Fort Macleod.
- It is not a lot of money but they are not providing more in their response.
- There is no problem justifying the \$5000; there is no disputing what property is public land.

Fieldman MacKay stated 10 acres in Fort Macleod requires 3-4 people for 2 afternoons.

Member Wilson asked if the weed situation at the Fort Macleod proposed police college properties had been addressed.

Fieldman MacKay stated that the bulk of it is in crop; it is not in weeds and it will not blow away.

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2-13 Inclusion of all Invasive Hawkweed Species as Prohibited Noxious under the Alberta Weed Control Act & Regulation

Member Sundquist stated that it has been reviewed as requested.

Chairman Hemmaway asked if more money should be requested?

Vice Chairman Alm agreed that a review was requested and it has been reviewed.

ASB decided that this was found acceptable.

3-13 Reporting Rats

Fieldman MacKay provided the following information regarding ASB Resolutions 3-13:

- The act would require amendment to do what resolution requires and recommended protocol.
- It is not in the act and the act would have to be amended.
- When Medicine Hat had pest control issues pest control companies were called.
- Companies were not required to report details but companies could be requested to report details.

ASB decided this was acceptable.

4-13 Wild Boar Eradication Initiative

Fieldman MacKay stated wild boars are breeding and creating problems in northern Alberta.

Chairman Hemmaway stated that they could do a lot of damage.

Fieldman MacKay stated that only 8-10 farmers are raising wild boars.

Fieldman MacKay stated that it is illegal to raise rats; a permit is required to obtain them for research and proposed the same for boars.

Chairman Hemmaway asked if there is wild boar hunting.

Fieldman MacKay answered yes and they try to fence them in.

Vice Chairman Alm stated that with money involved some people would not want to terminate boar hunting and a resolution is nearly impossible.

Member Sundquist stated that with money involved there will be people that will not want to get rid of them.

Vice Chairman Alm stated that people pay big money to hunt wild boars.

Assistant Fieldman Anderson stated raising wild boars was proposed as a diversification of agriculture.

Member Sundquist stated eradication is necessary.

Assistant Fieldman Anderson explained that once out of the fencing the wild boars are hard to hunt.

ASB decided it was unsatisfactory.

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5-13 Agricultural Pests Act Review/Invasive Species Act

Fieldman MacKay stated zebra mussels and other non agricultural pests brought the need for review found on boats brought this review forward.

Fieldman MacKay provided the following information regarding ASB Resolution 5-13:

- Mussels will not survive more than 3 days out of water.
- Not an agricultural issue.
- Pest Act is only legislature to address issue.
- Transportation has not addressed issue.
- Concerns farmers if irrigation is blocked.
- Pest act now – maybe invasive species act in the future.

Vizzutti stated municipal affairs should deal with it.

Member Van Hierden stated that he knows Waterton Parks conducts checks and other places are starting to address it.

Vizzutti stated that some department needs to address it.

Fieldman MacKay stated that if transportation does not address it enforcement will be difficult.

Vizzutti stated that Idaho parks system enforces it.

Vizzutti stated that once mussels are in they are difficult to eliminate.

Chairman Hemmaway stated unsatisfactory.

Vice Chairman Alm stated that it will be everyone's problem.

Vizzutti stated that someone needs to step up.

ASB decided unsatisfactory.

6-13 Composition of Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee

Fieldman MacKay provided the following information in regards to ASB Resolution 6-13:

- Not stated in the act.
- It will be looked at when it comes up for review.

Member Wilson asked how current soil maps types are built in Alberta.

Fieldman MacKay stated information used is compiled from assessments completed years ago.

Member Wilson asks if there is mapping that classifies soils and if it could be used for municipal development.

Fieldman MacKay answered that there is no sub quarter mapping that is current.

ASB decided to accept in principal.

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8-13 Timelines of Agricultural Financial Services Corp. (AFSC) on farm hail investigations

Fieldman MacKay stated they are going to speed up the process but not going to retain more people.

Chairman Hemmaway stated he heard complaints about AFSC.

Member Neufeld stated hail insurance covers the breakeven price only.

Vizzutti asked why farmers can't submit a picture? Why do they need to wait for foot on ground? The wait times are long.

Chairman Hemmaway stated it was unsatisfactory.

10-13 Continuation of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program

Fieldman MacKay speaks to ASB Resolution 10-13.

Fieldman MacKay stated it is not going to happen.

Chairman Hemmaway stated to accept in principal.

11-13 Short Term Solid Manure Storage

Fieldman MacKay speaks to ASB Resolution 11-13.

Vizzutti expressed concerns regarding traffic issues and stated it is not in legislature.

Vice Chairman Alm suggested taking this to AMD&C.

12-13 Agri-Environment Service Branch Staffing

Fieldman MacKay speaks to ASB Resolution 12-13.

Chairman Earl stated they are cutting back.

Fieldman MacKay stated some engineering and maps can be done at a desk top and there is less need to spend time in the field.

Member Wilson asked if there would be more programs opened through growing forward.

Fieldman MacKay stated it would need to be opened by August to have impact on any fall work.

ASB decided to accept in principal.

5. LEGACY OF THE LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay asked if the ticket price should remain at \$15?

Vice Chairman Alm stated it should remain the same as last year.

Motion by Member Wakelin to **APPROVE** ticket price of \$15 per person.

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Fieldman MacKay asked if anyone had any suggestions for special invitations for the banquet:

- Stated the focus should be on century farm families.
- The Doyles would come.
- Suggested that 4H members be invited.
- Asked if any other groups should be invited.

Chairman Hemmaway asked if all the century farm families had been recognized previously and how many are there?

Fieldman MacKay stated the century farm families were recognized two years back.

Chairman Hemmaway stated he had one in his division.

Member Neufeld stated he had two in his division.

Vice Chairman Alm asked how many 4H members attended last year.

Fieldman MacKay stated there were 20.

Vice Chairman Alm suggested getting 4H involved or other youth groups.

Fieldman MacKay stated the beef 4H set up the fair for Claresholm days.

Fieldman MacKay confirmed Pat Ramsey was to speak about his trip to Kazakhstan.

Member Neufeld asked Fieldman MacKay to speak about his trip to Africa for 10 to 15 minutes.

Fieldman MacKay agreed to do that.

Chairman Hemmaway tabled decision on special invitations.

Fieldman MacKay stated it should be done by 1st of October; the 4H clubs are organized at the beginning of the school year.

6. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WILDLIFE

Fieldman MacKay stated Fred Hayes requested \$223 from the Municipal District of Willow Creek for Alberta Beef producers. They are receiving \$100 from MD of Ranchland.

Vice Chairman Alm stated that it would be worth the \$223 to be included.

Vice Chairman Alm suggested sitting down together and amalgamating on other research done on large carnivore groups as it would be a good survey that would be utilized.

Moved by Vice Chairman Alm to **APPROVE** the requested \$223 for Alberta Beef Producers.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fieldman MacKay stated Andrea Moore’s DNA report on grizzly bears determined there are at least 122 grizzly bears south of Highway #3.

Vice Chairman Alm stated it is because they changed the laws and bears cannot be hunted. There were 129 bears south of highway 3.

Fieldman MacKay stated he was in attendance at one of her presentations.

Vice Chairman Alm stated her funding is gone now and she has cut back her research.

Fieldman MacKay stated she counted more males than females.

Vice Chairman Alm stated that she recorded 4 bears at one tree at one time.

Vizzutti asked if grizzly bear hunting is being reconsidered? There have been bear sightings in Okotoks.

Vice Chairman Alm asked how much of the dead livestock removal fund has been spent.

Fieldman MacKay stated \$1200 of the \$5000 budget has been spent. Lighting struck one recently.

Vice Chairman Alm stated he had lighting kill a bull recently.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Wakelin to adjourn at 10:13 a.m.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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April 17, 2013

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.

Jeff Porter, Conservation Coordinator for Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership was present.

Patrick Ramsey, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development was present.

Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hemmaway at 9:07 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the minutes of the March 27, 2013, be adopted as presented.

09-13

CARRIED

3. **LEAVINGS WATER CO-OP**

Fieldman MacKay updated the ASB giving a brief description of the Growing Forward Program now on the M.D. website, but the Rural Water Project Program is not yet available.

Fieldman MacKay stated the Leavings Directors are invoicing the members for \$2,000 for engineering.

4. **RENTAL RATES**

a). 2013 Farm and Acreage rates for equipment and operators

Fieldman MacKay presented the 2013 Farm and Acreage rate sheet of equipment and operators to the ASB.

Councillor Wilson asked if the M.D. rates are in competition with the private contractors.

Fieldman MacKay replied that we are not in competition. He said the private contractors have more work in industry and are generally not concerned with ranch needs.

Councillor Sundquist asked how much work does Agriculture Services department do outside of our own regular work.

Fieldman MacKay stated the Agriculture Services department does between 30 to 40 invoices per year

Councillor Hemmaway stated that \$30.00 is cheap.

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Fieldman MacKay stated the rate use to be \$26.00 for the first hour and \$13.00 for every hour after that.

Councillor Alm entered the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway to approve the 2013 Farm and Acreage rates for equipment and operators.

10-13

CARRIED

b). 2013 Industrial Rates for Equipment and Operators

Fieldman MacKay presented the 2013 Industrial Rates for Equipment and Operators to the ASB.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist to approve the 2013 Industrial Rates for Equipment and Operators.

11-13

CARRIED

5. 23RD ANNUAL LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MacKay presented the information on Barbara Stegemann, Celebrated Entrepreneur/ Bestselling Author, as a possible candidate for a guest speaker for the 23rd Annual Legacy of Our Land banquet on November 1, 2013.

Fieldman MacKay stated the fee for Barbara Stegemann is \$5,000 plus travel from Halifax.

Councillor Alm suggested Patrick Watson, Biologist or Laurie Skreslet the first Canadian to summit Mount Everest.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin to table the discussion for a guest speaker until the next ASB meeting, May 8, 2013.

12-13

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a). AFSC Livestock Insurance – April 16, 2013 Premiums

Fieldman MacKay presented the information for AFSC Livestock Insurance – April 16, 2013 Premiums to the ASB.

Fieldman MacKay stated there has been a steady decline on the insured price. He said there will be an information session on April 18, 2013 at the Provincial building.

Vizzutti entered at 9:31 a.m.

6. JEFF PORTER, Conservation Coordinator, Southwestern Alberta Conservation

Jeff Porter announced to the ASB he will be terminating his contract as of April 30, 2013. He said he has accepted his new position as the Agricultural Fieldman for the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 as of May 6, 2013.

Jeff Porter thanked the ASB and feels he has left a foot print of great things on the ground and left a great value for the producers.

ASB wished Jeff Porter all the best and thanked him.

8. PATRICK RAMSEY, Business Development - Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Patrick Ramsey provided information to the ASB:

- 30 Positions cut in ARD
- Livestock has now been put in a new division.
- Cattle are thinner than normal this spring due to low protein in the hay fed this winter. Recommends feed test and balancing rations to ensure adequate nutrition for optimum fertility and rebreeding.
- Copy of the list of feed test labs was given and suggested the ASB have a feed test probe available to rent out to producers.
- High River veterinarians diagnosed Trichomoniasis in cattle that had been out in the Forestry Grazing Allocation west of Turner Valley. Anyone going into a forestry or community pasture should be aware of Trichomoniasis and take appropriate precautions.
- Copy of the publication guide for 2013 was provided.
- AgriProfit\$ cost of production data for southern Alberta for 2010 information was provided. Also included was the attached article AgriProfit\$ Cost & Returns Profiles information.
- Cowbytes ration balancing program is available for \$50.00 www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/Sdepartment/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex12486
- Beef Info Exchange Program (BIXS) is a great program for producers to learn more about how their calves perform in the feedlot and on the grid pricing system. There are plans to do a BIXS workshop across the province this winter.
- Working on Growing Forward - Sainfoin project over the next three years encouraging the adoption of more grazing tolerant cultivars of Sainfoin mixed with Alfalfa to mitigate bloat risk and boost pasture productivity and livestock profitability.
- Tremendous read ranges on tags through an experimental GPS project. They were able to track the cows in the United States through tag readers.

Councillor Neufeld asked Patrick Ramsey if he would like to be a guest speaker for the 23rd Annual Legacy of Our Land banquet on November 1, 2013.

Patrick Ramsey replied he would like to be one of the guest speakers.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

b). Dead Stock Removal Program

Councillor Alm asked if there has been any producers submitting a claim for the Dead Stock Removal Program.

Fieldman MacKay stated there has been one producer submit a claim to date.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

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

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting were presented for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the minutes of the January 16, 2013 , be adopted as presented.

04-13

CARRIED

3. **DEADSTOCK REMOVAL PROGRAM**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the \$5,000 funding has been received from Waterton Biosphere Large Carnivore committee and letters to the producers within the designated have been mailed out explaining how they may be eligible for the program.

Mackay stated the area map has been added to the MD website.

4. **LEAVINGS WATER CO-OP**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB the Annual General meeting for the Leavings Water Co-op will be held tonight, March 27, 2013

Vizzutti entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Mackay stated there have been no government grants. He said they are hopeful for funds this year, possibly looking into the Growing Forward Program.

Chairman Hemmaway stated the Leavings Water Co-op is on the Council Agenda today.

Hemmaway asked if the annual general meeting gets a good turnout.

Mackay stated there was about seventy people in attendance last year.

5. **MANURE SPREADER**

Fieldman MacKay stated the manure spreader rental unit is about ten years old now. He said there is approximately \$5,000 dollars of repairs and maintenance put into the unit over the past 5 years.

Mackay asked the ASB if the manure spreader should be kept for one more year, sell it, replace it or to even continue having it as a rental unit.

MackKay stated a new unit would cost around \$35,000 - \$40,000, vertical beaters versus horizontal beaters.

MackKay stated there was a resolution in the past, whether or not to continue with rentals at all.

Councillor Neufeld stated Ritchie Bros. possibly may have some up for auction.

MackKay stated that Cattleman’s Corner rents their manure spreader out for around \$250.00 per day.

Van Hierden stated Flamman’s rents the manure spreader out for about \$300.00 per day.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist for Fieldman MackKay to bring back some quotes for both a new vertical and horizontal manure spreader.

05-13

CARRIED

Moved by Alm for Fieldman MackKay to check into rental rates for all the MD rental equipment and to be reviewed at the April 17, 2013 ASB meeting.

06-13

CARRIED

6. DOW AGROSCIENCES TRAINING

Fieldman MackKay informed the ASB that Dow Agrosiences will be putting on a safety training session May 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. at the Claresholm Community Centre.

MackKay stated they will be contacting all commercial applicators to attend.

MackKay stated the cost for the hall is in this years budget.

7. 23RD ANNUAL LEGACY OF OUR LAND BANQUET

Fieldman MackKay asked the ASB for some suggestions for a guest speaker for the 23rd Annual Legacy of Our Land banquet.

Vizzutti suggested CEO Barb Stegemann, author and social business innovator. Barb Stegemann wrote the book, The 7 Virtues of a Philosopher Queen.

Councillor Van Hierden suggested a speaker on Succession Planning.

Councillor Neufeld suggested Les Kletke.

Fieldman MackKay replied we have heard Les Kletke twice in the past.

Councillor Hemmaway stated Farm Credit has a workshop for Succession Planning.

Councillor Wilson suggested a speaker on diversification.

MackKay asked the ASB what date they would like to hold the event.

Councillor Sundquist stated he would call the Stavely Community Hall to check on available dates for the end of October or beginning of November 2013.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a). 2013 ASB Provincial Conference

Vizzutti commented on how great the 2013 ASB Provincial Conference was and enjoyed the guest speakers.

b). The South Region Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman

Fieldman MacKay stated that the South Region Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman are looking for contributions or donated items for the charity auction they will hold during the Provincial Conference 2014.

Wilson suggested contacting Anchor Bar Bronzes for possible donations for the auction.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO

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Oscar Anderson, Assistant Fieldman.

Rob Vogt, Reporting, was present.

Johanne Hannas, Don Kitchener, Doug Sedgwick present

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

2. **MINUTES**

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

Moved by Vice Chairman Alm that the minutes of the December 12, 2012 , page 73, opening paragraph state Councillor Ian Sundquist as present and Vice Chairman Phil Wakelin to Vice Chairman Glen Alm be adopted as amended.

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CARRIED

3. **2013 BMO FARM FAMILY AWARDS PROGRAM**

Councillor Van Hierden has nominated Shane, Mary-Ann and Travis Doyle as the 2013 Farm Family for Division 1 of the M.D. of Willow Creek

Moved by Councillor Neufeld that Shane, Mary-Ann and Travis Doyle are to be nominated as the 2013 Farm Family for Division 1 of the M.D. of Willow Creek.

CARRIED

4. **2012 RESOLUTION REPORT CARD AND 2013 RESOLUTIONS**

Fieldman MacKay presented the 2012 Resolution Report Card and the 2013 Resolutions.

Discussion ensued.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Rob Vogt entered the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

5. **DEAD STOCK REMOVAL AREA**

Fieldman MacKay informed the ASB he has sent an application, requesting \$5,000 funding with a limit of \$250.00 reimbursement per producer, to the Waterton Biosphere Large Carnivore committee.

MacKay stated Waterton Biosphere have asked for the \$250.00 per producer to be eliminated.

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MacKay presented Waterton Biosphere map indicating the prime areas for grizzly bears and cougar predation.

MacKay stated once the boundary area has been re-adjusted, there will be a mail out to approximately 150 producers and a map will be on website the details.

Member Alm stated MacKay can re-adjust the boundary, eliminate the \$250 per producer limit, then the Waterton Biosphere will give the M.D. the \$5000 funding.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

089-12

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman

Municipal Administrator/CAO