



# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m. held

Virtually <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/590857206> (Meeting ID # 590857206) and  
Physically in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes
  - 3.1. Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
4. Delegation(s)
  - 4.1. Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, to provide information on their year-to-date activities @ 9:15 a.m.
5. Business – Requests for Decisions
  - 5.1 Policy Statement No. 62-05-06 ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor.
6. Issues for Information
  - 6.1 ASB Chairman’s Report.
7. Correspondence
  - 7.1 2024 Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference.
  - 7.2 Email received from Linda Hunt, Executive Assistant, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee, received June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, RE: Urgent Funding Need for AgKnow.  
**Recommendation:** Boards Recommendation.
  - 7.3 Letter received from Jody Wilson, ASB Chairperson, Municipal District of Ranchland No.66, received June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, RE: 2024 Proposed Changes to the Weed Control Regulations.  
**Recommendation:** File for Information.
  - 7.4 Letter received from Marty Baker, Reeve, County of Vermillion River, received July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, RE: Sustainable Funding for Alberta Farm Mental Health Network Program.  
**Recommendation:** File for Information.
  - 7.5 Letter received from Nolan Robertson, ASB Chair, M.D of Fairview No. 136, received August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, RE: Centralization of the Provincial ASB Conference.  
**Recommendation:** File for Information.
  - 7.6 Email received from Linda Hunt, Executive Assistant, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee, received August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, RE: Report Card on the Resolutions 2024.  
**Recommendation:** File for Information.

- 7.7 Email received from Kerriane Koehler-Munro, Manager Agricultural Service Boars, Crop Assurance and Rural Programming Branch, received September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024, RE: ASB Grant Program Renewal Update.  
**Recommendation:** File for Information.
8. Date and time of Next Meeting  
Adjournment.



Minutes of Smoky Lake County's **Agricultural Service Board Regular Meeting** held on Tuesday, **June 18, 2024**, at 9:02 A.M. held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Dan Gawalko, in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tues. June 18, 2024</u>
Committee Member	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Alt. Committee Member	Dominique Cere	Present Virtually
Alt. Committee Member	Lorne Halisky	Absent
Producer-at-Large Member	Tori Ponich	Present in Chambers
Producer-at-Large Member	Curtis Boychuk	Absent
Producer-at-Large Member	Tamara Flondra	Present in Chambers
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Kurt Melnyk	Absent
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Brett Rurka	Absent
County CAO	Kevin Lucas	Present in Chambers
County Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Present in Chambers
County Executive Services/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually

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No Members of the Media were Present.

One Members of the Public were Present.

Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was present in Chambers.

**2. Agenda:**

ASB38-24: Flondra That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 18, 2024, be adopted as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Change in Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Directors.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

ASB39-24: Ponich That the Minutes of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Change in Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Directors**

ASB40-24: Flondra That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the change in respect to the following three Producers from Smoky Lake County being removed or appointed, by Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) as Directors to the LARA Board:

- Barb Shapka, was removed in March 2024, due to resignation;
- Jamie Shapka, was appointed in March, 2024, and then removed in March 2024, due to being absent from three consecutive meetings of the LARA Board; and
- Charlie Leskiw, was appointed to replace Jamie Shapka for the remainder of the term; confirming Charlie Leskiw and Amanda Fischer as the Producers appointed from Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

## 7. Delegation:

### **Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)**

Virtually present before the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from 9:06 a.m. to 9:13 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide the following report of LARA's activities:

#### **Lakeland Agricultural Research Association June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

It has been a very busy year so far in 2024! The research staff have been working hard to ensure seeding was completed by the end of May and preparing for upcoming field days and summer tours. We welcomed Kristy Tetreau to our staff in May in the part-time role of Environment and Communications Coordinator. In addition to providing environment related extension activities for our local farmers and ranchers, Kristy will be spearheading our youth education programs.

In total we have 4 small-plot research trials in the County:

- Regional Variety Trials – Oats
- **Investigating the impact of low-growing clovers (white and subterranean clover) and nitrogen rates on silage crop yield, weed pressure, cereal leaf disease levels, and forage quality.**
- Determining the effects of EcoTea seed dressing on the emergence rate and early season vigor of canola.
- Determining the effects of EcoTea and varying starter fertilizer on barley biomass, feed quality and yield.

We have hosted a total of 4 extension events in the County and 3 webinars. A few recent highlights of those events include:

- It's Dry: Now What on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Bellis Hall. The event saw 33 local producers come out to listen to topics on cattle health considerations in extreme heat and dry conditions (Dr. Ann-Marie Russ) and rotational grazing for drought management (Kelly Sidoryk).
- Funding Assistance on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Smoky Lake County office saw 3 producers drop-in for assistance.
- Securing Success: Programs, Services and Funding Opportunities for your Farm or Ranch on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Ukrainian National Hall. This event included a booth and presentation by Smoky Lake County as well as information on funding programs open to local farmers. A total of 48 local producers attended.
- Overcoming Weed Challenges in Regenerative Agriculture on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Vilna Cultural Center. This event was presented by Dr. Kris Nichols and Kimberly Cornish and combined experience and science to explore the subject of weed management in regenerative systems. A total of 28 producers attended.

We currently have two (2) events scheduled in the County over the summer:

- Smoky Lake Summer Field Tour on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting at the Smoky Lake Agriplex followed by a field tour to our research site. Topics and speakers include a spot spraying demonstration, canola disease management and new wheat varieties.
- Agricultural Drone Demonstration on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Location TBD.

We have been very busy with assisting producers with filling out and submitting funding applications through the Resilient Agriculture Landscapes Program (RALP) and the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF). LARA staff assist producers in the County free of charge and, so far, we have assisted over 30 local producers from the County. LARA has also been assisting producers with the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), a grant administered by LARA to our local producers.

Our two environmental farm plan (EFP) technicians have been busy assisting local producers with completing and/or updating their EFP, which is now required for most funding opportunities available. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, we have assisted 14 producers in the County with completing their EFP this year and have 4 more in progress.

We greatly appreciate the continued support we receive from Smoky Lake County! We are always looking for feedback on our extension and research programming, please reach out to any LARA staff if there is a specific trial or event you would like to see in the County.

One Member of the Public, joined the meeting virtually, time 9:14 a.m.

## 5. Issues for Information:

### Agricultural Service Board Chairperson Report

#### Dan Gawalko ASB Chairperson Report June 2024

February 29, completed the ASB grant survey for the legislation stream, input will be used to inform the review and updating of the next ASB grant program documents and programming as the current 5-year grant cycle will conclude at the end of 2024.

March 5, Held a ASB meeting, received the ASB grant reporting overview for Smoky Lake county received the RMA guide for declaring municipal agricultural disasters in Alberta, received a moisture situation update from Alberta agriculture and irrigation, received a letter from Sunrise county proposed changes to the weed control regulation expressing their concern regarding lack of consultation and transparency throughout the process, the ASB connector was also presented to the board and anyone can sign up to receive it the link is ASB Connector, E-Newsletter-Agriculture Service Boards.

March 6 attended the LARA board meeting Wanda the chair gave her report attended a very well attended funding opportunity in Lac La Biche county and Innovation on the ranch, Alyssa gave the director report lots of ASB meetings, will be purchasing 2 wheel hoes, she attended LLB watershed meeting, LICA meeting, she is on the organizing committee of women's grazing school and western Canada soil health, a discussion on what subscriptions we need for our researchers, Lance gave the research report all proposals have been submitted, helping producers with the grants, sourcing seeds, Jay gave the LFA report they held their AGM 2 new board members, 140 people attended the farmer appreciation event in Glendon, the meeting was adjourned and we proceeded to have our AGM at Goodridge hall, Wanda Austin the chair will not be putting her name forward next term so she thanked LARA and the staff, RDAR and all the municipalities and directors involved in LARA, Alyssa gave the executive directors report some staff changes and going forward the 3 new staff members and the knowledge they have, the increased funding from RDAR, Barb from JMD gave the financial statements for the year, elections took place and Jamie Shapka was elected producer rep for Smoky Lake county, George L'Heureux Lac La Biche county and Patrick Elsen for St. Paul county all for 3 year terms. March 13, attended the LARA securing success: programs, services and funding opportunities for your farm or ranch in Smoky Lake with councillor Lorne Halisky a very informative session on how to access and how much money you can receive from these programs and what is eligible a very good turnout with approx. 40 producers attending Lance and Alyssa from LARA really know a lot about these programs and are proving to be an excellent contact for both OFCAF On-Farm-Climate- Action-Fund, RALP Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program and the WRRP Watershed resiliency and restoration program Smoky Lake county fieldmen had a information booth along with a presentation from our county trapper on beavers and pond levelers and how producers can control the water levels in ponds and streams, EFP environmental farm plans were also talked about as most programs need this living document to access funds, upcoming events EFP workshop March 23 Craigend hall, Funding assistance March 25 Smoky Lake county, March 28 St. Paul county, Its dry now what March 26 Bellis hall or April 9 at Flat Lake hall, April 27 no-till vegetable gardening, and Western Canada conference on soil health and grazing in Edmonton December 10-12 2024.

A LARA meeting was held on March 25 I did not attend due to conflicting schedule. April 15 attended the LARA meeting George L'Heureux is the new chairperson, discussed some capital funding through ARECA, policy manual update overtime must be pre-approved all overtime hours must be used within 6 months and can only bank 75 hours, reviewed some bylaws regarding board member roles & responsibilities and expulsion of a board member, will be replacing a truck that was in an accident, Alyssa gave her Executive director report she is trying to get our Facebook page back in our own name, will be doing a demo plot at Lakeland college, any events or things you would like to see or do please forward to myself or Alyssa at LARA, one member of the LARA team will be at Smoky Lake county office one day per month to help producers with funding applications or get questions answered, our next meeting is June 17 in Ashmont, other upcoming events include:

- June 10, Bellis 4H Beef Show & Sale @ Waskatenau VAS
- June 14, Farmer Appreciation Day Smoky Lake County @ Smoky Lake complex
- June 27, soil building school @ Ft. Kent
- July 25, Ft. Kent Field Day
- July 30, Smoky Lake Field Day
- August 1, Lac La Biche Field Day
- August 6, St. Paul Field Day

ASB41-24: Ponich

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson report prepared for June 18, 2024, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) - Delegation**

ASB42-24: Flondra That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the report provided by the June 18, 2024, Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), as information.

Carried.

**Compliance with License Coverage and the Vegetation Management Program**

ASB43-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend County Administration provide assurance of compliance with license coverage relating to the County's Agricultural Service vegetation management program.

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually left the Meeting time 9:30 a.m.

**2024 Spraying Progress Maps**

ASB44-24: Ponich That the document received by the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, displaying the 2024 Spraying Progress Map as of June 7, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

**2024 Mowing Progress Maps**

ASB45-24: Flondra That the document received by the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, displaying the 2024 Mowing Progress Map as of June 11, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee 2024 Resolution Responses & Grading**

ASB46-24: Ponich That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept the recommended initial grades for the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC) Year-2024 Resolutions, as listed below which were reviewed and assigned by ASBPC on April 17, 2024 and on May 24, 2024; and notify the ASBPC of acceptance of same by the deadline of June 30, 2024, to assist the ASBPC, in assigning the final grades:

RESOLUTION	ASBPC GRADE
# 1-24 Agricultural equipment highway signs	Incomplete
# 2-24: Compensating producers for ecosystem services	Accept in principle
# 3-24 Creation of livestock production insurance	Accept in principle
# 4-24 Supporting a compensation multiplier	Accept in principle
# 5-24 Wild boar and the Alberta agricultural pest act	Accept the Response
# 6-24a Improving the sustainability of Canadian apiculture through bee package imports	Accept the Response Incomplete (CFIA)
# 6-24b Improving the sustainability of Canadian apiculture through the control of varroa mites	Accept the Response Incomplete (CFIA)
# 7-24 Re-registration of 2% liquid strychnine for certified applicators	Accept the Response
# E2-24 Support for the export of live horses for slaughter	Accept in principle
# PC1-24 Financial sustainability for Field Crop Development Centre (FCDC)	Accept the Response

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Maintaining the Integrity of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency**

ASB47-24: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Corinna Williams, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Northern Sunrise County, dated February 12, 2024, to the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, and Minister of Health Canada, in respect to maintaining the integrity of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency; and the related response to Northern Sunrise County from the Senior Director General, Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada, dated April 15, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conferences Location**

ASB48-24: Serben That the letter received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Bob Chrenek, Agricultural Service Board Chair, County of Grande Prairie, to Agricultural Service Boards of Alberta, dated April 24, 2024, in respect to concerns with the centralization of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board conferences for the next three years, not allowing members outside of the central region to host, resulting in increased travel costs, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation - Municipal District of Willow Creek**

ASB49-24: Flondra That the letter received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from John Van Driesten, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Municipal District of Willow Creek, to the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, dated April 22, 2024, in respect to concerns with the 2024 Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation - Saddle Hills County**

ASB50-24: Ponich That the letter received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Dan Bourassa, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Saddle Hills County, to the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, dated April 8, 2024, in respect to concerns with the 2024 Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Review of the Weed Control Act of Alberta - Yellowhead County**

ASB51-24: Flondra That the letter received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Robert Mitchell, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Yellowhead County, to the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, dated May 23, 2024, in respect to concerns with the 2024 Proposed Changes to Weed Control Regulation, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation - Alberta Crop Report as of May 28th, 2024**

ASB52-24: Ponich That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from the Government of Alberta, titled: "Alberta Crop Report" as of May 28, 2024, produced by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation on May 31, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation - Moisture Situation Update as of June 5th, 2024**

ASB53-24: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from the Government of Alberta, providing a moisture situation update as of June 5, 2024, produced by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation for the period of May 30, 2024 to June 5, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation - Weed Control Act Survey**

ASB54-24: Ponich That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board approve action taken in completing the survey, in respect to the Weed Control Regulation (WCR) Review: AAAF / ASB, as requested by the Government of Alberta, by the deadline of June 28, 2024, for the purpose of the government receiving input in respect to the weeds being considered for reclassification, removal or addition into/from the Weed Control Regulation and identify unintended outcomes or concerns associated with these regulatory changes meant to protect Alberta's agricultural, riparian, urban and rural land from invasive weed species.

Carried.

**Weed Control – Letter to Alberta Transportation**

ASB55-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, recommend County Council write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, to address weed control and overgrown brush along provincial highways.

Carried.

**8. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**9. Date and time of Next Meeting:**

**Next Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

ASB56-24: Flondra That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to be held to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and/or physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

ASB57-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 18, 2024, be adjourned, time 10:01 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER





# Request for Decision (RFD)

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, October 3, 2024

**Agenda Item: # 5.1**

**Topic:** Policy Statement No. 62-05-06 ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor

**Presented By:** Agriculture Department

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**Recommendation:**

**That the Smoky Lake Agricultural Service Board recommend that Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-05-06 be rescinded.**

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**Background:**

Under the Alberta *Agricultural Pest Act*, grasshoppers have been declared a pest, therefore they require control action. Smoky Lake County participates in a grasshopper survey annually and provides those numbers to the Province of Alberta who then compiles the information and creates risk maps that can be found online.

The Agriculture Department has not funded this program through the operational budget for several years and has received no inquires on the program in that time. The Eco Bran bait is very difficult to find in Canada and typically needs to be purchased through a U.S company, which adds an additional expense.

Generally, the decision to control grasshoppers for crop protection is the responsibility of farmers that are affected; therefore, they should initiate any control measures, and the County would not anticipate being directly involved.

**Benefits:**

By having a grasshopper policy is allows Smoky Lake County to have clear expectations for grasshopper control within the County roadsides.

**Disadvantages:**

Smoky Lake County will no longer offer a specific service for grasshopper control.

**Alternatives:**

- 1) The County creates a policy stating that there will be no action taken by the County in the event grasshopper control is needed in the County roadsides.
- 2) The County creates a policy for when there is a concern for crop damage by grasshoppers, a producer is expected to pursue the appropriate advice, recommendations and techniques to prevent damage and enable protection of the crop. Costs incurred by a producer in controlling grasshoppers on County roadsides could be recovered and the following guidelines would need to be followed:
  - a. A copy of paid invoices for control work done would be forwarded to the Agricultural Fieldman, this would include the cost of insecticide, hired services etc.
  - b. The County would then provide a **one time** annual rebate to producers completing the control work **on County roadsides**, up to a maximum of \$xx/acre. This amount could be done the same way we do our beaver tail bounty, where we set out a certain amount annually and it's a first come, first serve basis.

**Financial Implications:**

~\$5,000-\$10,000 this would be determined once it's decided how the County would like to proceed and how much the County wants to, if at all have a monetary value dedicated to a grasshopper program.



# Request for Decision (RFD)

**Legislation:**

*Agricultural Pest Act*

**Intergovernmental:**

*(Describe any intergovernmental involvement and/or implications related to or affecting the recommendation or select from dropdown)*

**Strategic Alignment:**

*(Select the Strategic Plan Priority that this topic is associated with)*

**Enclosure(s):**

Policy Statement No. 62-05-06

**Signature of the CAO:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



<b>Title: ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor</b>	<b>Policy No.: 05-06</b>
<b>Section: 62</b>	<b>Page No.: 1 of 4</b>

<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide ratepayers with grasshopper control options; the opportunity to rent the Eco Bran spreader and purchase Eco Bran bait, participate in the County grasshopper compensation program or the County Eco bait program
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<p><b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b></p> <p>The Agricultural Service Board Committee may supply the Grasshopper Bait Distributor equipment on a rental basis for use by ratepayers for Grasshopper Control.</p> <p>All interested persons/ratepayers must execute a “<b>Equipment Rental Agreement</b>” – <b>Policy 14-A.04-01.</b></p> <p>This service will be supplied on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Equipment Rental- Eco Bran Bait Spreader: \$50.00 per day.</li><li>▶ Grasshopper Eco-Bait: Cost per bag at the County’s cost plus freight.</li><li>▶ Damage Deposit: \$100.00 will be refunded if the equipment’s return is free from any damages.</li></ul> <p>Smoky Lake County will implement a program to encourage private owner(s) to control Grasshoppers on road allowance ditches by compensating the landowner \$40.00 per mile of County road allowances, effective the crop year. If the County road allowance can not be sprayed by the private owner due to power lines, trees, bodies of water etc. The Smoky Lake County will apply a one time application of ECO bait in the adjacent road allowance at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, on a first come basis and as time and budget permits.</p> <p>All interested persons/ratepayers shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Schedule “A”: Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.</b></li><li><b>Schedule “B”: Grasshopper Spraying Program.</b></li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Smoky Lake County will provide one bag of Eco Bran Bait to the ratepayer if the ratepayer has sprayed the adjacent land per one (1) mile, one-side.</p>
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	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolution Number</b>
<b>Approved</b>	<b>July 10, 2003</b>	<b># 620 - Page # 7578</b>
<b>Amended</b>	<b>July 13, 2005</b>	<b># 539 - Page # 7985</b>
<b>Amended</b>	<b>June 28, 2007</b>	<b># 509-07 - Page # 8398</b>
<b>Amended</b>	<b>Aug 11, 2009</b>	
<b>Amended</b>	<b>March 1, 2016</b>	

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**Policy: 05-03**



## APPLICATION FORM FOR ROAD ALLOWANCE GRASSHOPPER SPRAYING

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_  Owner  
APPLICANT NAME  Lessee

ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
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I, \_\_\_\_\_  Owner  
APPLICANT NAME  Lessee

ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
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DO HEREBY apply for a grant of \$40.00 per mile to spray grasshoppers along the County road allowance, adjacent farmland that I own, rent, or control.

I declare that I have incurred expenses along the following rights-of-way as described by the following legal land locations:

- |          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 1. _____ | number of miles _____ |
| 2. _____ | number of miles _____ |
| 3. _____ | number of miles _____ |
| 4. _____ | number of miles _____ |
| 5. _____ | number of miles _____ |
| 6. _____ | number of miles _____ |

The attached invoices and receipts are proof of expenditures incurred by myself in carrying out a "Roadside Grasshopper Spraying" Program.

**SIGNATURES:**

SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____	DATE: _____
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SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: _____	DATE: _____
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# GRASSHOPPER PROGRAM

SCHEDULE "B"

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
**APPLICANT NAME**  Owner  
 Lessee

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FAX NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"):**  
**As per Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
**APPLICANT NAME**  Owner  
 Lessee

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FAX NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"):**  
**As per Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.**

I (We) hereby agree to, in consideration of the benefit derived by me (us) from the work description above shall indemnify and save harmless the Smoky Lake County, its Councillors, officers, employees and agents from any claim, damages, liability, cost, fee, penalty, action, cause of action, demand, damage to property, injury to person or death (including, without limitation to, legal fees of Smoky Lake County on a solicitor-client full indemnity basis), that may arise directly or indirectly out of the performance of the above described work(s).

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION AND AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS.**

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: \_\_\_\_\_ SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dan Gawalko ASB Chair Report September 2024

- July 15, attended the LARA meeting, Alysa provided a brief update regarding municipal funding an invoice has been sent to Lac La Biche county, Kristy has been working on pamphlets to send out to producers highlighting LARA's programs and services, the Lakeland college plot was seeded end of May & Lance will be presenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July, on the research side Lance & Angelica have submitted a proposal to the canola agronomic research proposal call also one with RDAR & the ultra early winter wheat cereals project has been approved through RDAR, Alyssa presented the finances the final report has been submitted to RDAR for 2023-2024 base funding & interim report for 2024-2025 base funding, next meeting August 19/24.
- July 30, attended the LARA field day in Smoky Lake councillors Cyr, Fenerty, Halisky myself ,the County CAO, and our ag fieldman were in attendance for a presentation on the introgression of clubroot from different sources, the breeding program, proper field rotation & development of clubroot resistance hybrid cultivar, Councillor Halisky, our ag fieldman and myself then boarded a bus to take us to the Smoky Lake Trial plot to see the different trials and listen to 2 more presentations on the Economics of cover crops & what is the value & timing of applying manure on crops.
- August 3 participated in the Smoky Lake Heritage Days parade on the county float with all council.
- August 17 participated in the Vilna Boom Town parade with all council in attendance, also auctioned off some hay bales donated

by local producers raising over 4,000 dollars for the Vilna Ag Society to be used for building maintenance.

- August 19, Attended the LARA meeting we had a presentation from Grateful Greenhouse Structures on a Alberta sustainable food solution & a northern greenhouse design, Alyssa is getting quotes for a new pole building to be funded from the Capital funding, we purchased a used sea can, Alyssa also gave her Executive director report working with Lakeland HR increasing awareness of LARA attended the summer tours, the drone workshop in Smoky Lake county with 25 producers in attendance, St. Paul field day was cancelled due to lack of registrants staff were on sight to give a tour of the plots, Kristy attended the field tours & the MD. Of Bonnyville beautification tour where LARA was a stop on, she is expanding social media and the mailing list so if you have producers in your division not receiving any LARA material have them reach out and enter the cultivating connection draw, Jay gave the LFA report vandals have been driving through fences & locked gates in over 20 spots on the pasture & private property the bulls were taken out Aug 7 to have a 60 day breeding, upcoming events include a COW Bytes workshop maybe one for our local 4H clubs Oct. 29, Nov. 14 tentative dates, a ladies ranching workshop in November & a micro green workshop, next meeting is October 21, 10:00 am in Ashmont.

Have a safe and bountiful harvest.





**2024 NORTHEAST REGIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD  
CONFERENCE**

October 25th, 2024

Czar Cultural and Rec Center  
49 Ave and 48 Street, Czar, AB



Scan for directions to  
Czar Cultural and Rec Center



## Canalta Hotel, Provost



**Address:** 3611 57 Ave, Provost, AB T0B 3S0

**Phone:** (780)753-2255

<https://canaltahotels.com/hotels/canalta-provost/>

Take advantage of recreation opportunities such as a fitness center, or other amenities including complimentary wireless internet access and barbecue grills.

A complimentary buffet breakfast is served daily from 5:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, a 24-hour front desk, and laundry facilities. Free self parking is available onsite.

79 guestrooms featuring microwaves and flat-screen televisions. Complimentary wireless internet access keeps you connected, and satellite programming is available for your entertainment. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Conveniences include coffee/tea makers and irons/ironing boards, as well as phones with free local calls.

Distance to Czar Cultural and Rec Center: 45.5 km

## R&R Inn & Suites – Provost



**Address:** 5603 35a Street Provost Alberta Canada T0B3S0

**Phone:** (833)307-1237

<https://www.rrinmotels.com/>

A complimentary continental breakfast is included.

Featured amenities include complimentary wired internet access, a business center, and a 24-hour front desk. Free self parking is available onsite.

44 air-conditioned rooms featuring refrigerators and microwaves. Wired and wireless internet access is complimentary, and flat-screen televisions with satellite programming provide entertainment. Conveniences include desks and coffee/tea makers, and housekeeping is provided daily.

Distance to Czar Cultural and Rec Center: 45.7 km

## Greenhead Motel & Restaurant



**Address:** 4717 57 Ave, Provost, AB T0B 3S0

**Phone:** (780)753-2201

Greenhead Motel & Restaurant is offering accommodations in Provost. The property provides an ATM and free WiFi throughout the property. Guest rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a fridge, a coffee machine, a shower, free toiletries and a desk. Guest rooms at the hotel come with a private bathroom and bed linen. At Greenhead Motel & Restaurant you'll find a restaurant serving American, Italian and Pizza cuisine. A gluten-free option can also be requested.

Distance to Czar Cultural and Rec Center: 44.2 km

## Best Western – Wainwright



**Address:** 1209 27th Street, Wainwright, Alberta T9W 0A2 Canada

**Phone:** (780) 845-9934

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Located one block from Highway 14, close to historic Main Street - with complimentary breakfast.

Pet-friendly hotel is situated near many businesses and area attractions - perfect for any traveler. Hotel guests are close to the Wainwright Museum, Wainwright Rail Park and Train Tressel. Corporate travelers will enjoy convenient access to Hardisty, Credit Union and Sun Life Financial.

Guest rooms and suites, each complete with a microwave, refrigerator, cable satellite television and free high-speed Internet access. Guests will receive a complimentary full breakfast each morning. Additional amenities at this Alberta hotel include an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, business center and guest laundry.

Distance to Czar Cultural and Rec Center: 44.9 km

## Ramada by Wyndham – Wainwright



**Address:** 1510 27th Street, Wainwright, AB, T9W 0A4, Canada

**Phone:** 1510 27th Street, Wainwright, AB, T9W 0A4, Canada

[https://www.guestreservations.com/ramada-wainwright/booking?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwzva1BhD3ARIsADQuPnVTyizrwH4gDNRAZ8xKcZvr8XVMVAI2S2WbELszjPCz3yZxVTrBZyMaAvZ-EALw\\_wcB](https://www.guestreservations.com/ramada-wainwright/booking?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwzva1BhD3ARIsADQuPnVTyizrwH4gDNRAZ8xKcZvr8XVMVAI2S2WbELszjPCz3yZxVTrBZyMaAvZ-EALw_wcB)

Located off Highway 14, this Wainwright, Alberta hotel offers an indoor pool and water slide, guest rooms with free Wi-Fi and serves a hot breakfast. It is 4.3 mi from Canadian Forces Base Wainwright. A 32-inch flat-screen TV, a microwave and a refrigerator are offered in all guest rooms at Ramada Wainwright. The traditionally decorated rooms include a DVD player and tea and coffee-making facilities. Guests at Wainwright Ramada can go for a workout in the on-site fitness center. A business center with fax and photocopying services and 24-hour reception are also available.

Distance to Czar Cultural and Rec Center: 45.0 km

June 12, 2024

Dan Gawalko  
Smoky Lake County  
Box 310  
Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0  
Subject: Urgent Funding Need for AgKnow

Dear Dan Gawalko,

As you know, AgKnow was established as a direct response to the 2019 ASB resolution aimed at addressing mental health on farms and ranches across Alberta. Your vision in founding this initiative has provided the means to begin developing effective, evidence-based, and practical resources that enhance the resilience of farmers and their families, and to address the barriers that prevent farmers from seeking assistance.

While considerable progress has been made in raising awareness and advocating for mental health in farming communities, the challenge lies in ensuring the widespread adoption of supports and services that deliver long-term positive change for farmers and their families.

We currently face a critical funding gap between our last grant and the anticipated funding for our next one. This inconsistency in funding jeopardizes our ability to provide continuous support to farm families year-round as they cope with the daily challenges of farm life and navigate times of crisis.

**We urgently need your financial assistance to bridge this gap and sustain the ongoing delivery of services including:**

- **Free Counselling Pilot Program** – Since its launch, 19 agriculturally-informed therapists and counselors have provided 123 free therapy sessions to 54 farmers, farm family members, veterinarians, and registered veterinary technicians. Demand for this program has tripled since February 2024, highlighting the need for this service.
- **Suicide Prevention Training** – In 2023, we adapted proven suicide prevention and awareness training specifically for the agriculture industry, launching two new courses and training 14 facilitators. The diversity and distribution of Alberta farmers requires substantial investment in communication and engagement activities to deliver these courses and give farm families the skills to support those impacted by suicide. Funding is needed to deliver these courses to rural communities.
- **Crisis Recovery Support** – The recent wildfires and drought risk in certain areas of the province emphasize the need for crisis recovery support. During the wildfires, the AgKnow therapist network (APN) was mobilized for immediate sessions, while resources like a shelter-in-place document adapted from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, along with crisis response cards, were distributed to affected communities. Our goal is to deploy the APN in community post-crisis and provide briefings to mental health professionals on current issues affecting agriculture, but we need resources to plan and implement these tasks effectively.
- **Priority Areas** – Our needs assessment and ongoing engagement with industry stakeholders have led us to identify priority areas with the potential to impact Alberta farmers. Among these, increasing capacity to support farmers and veterinarians during a depopulation event, and integrating mental health and agriculture professionals to assist with farm transition have been recognized as priority areas which continue to provide strategic direction and the structure for ongoing work.





Your support will enable us to continue to invest in programs that prioritize the mental health and well-being of farming communities, ensuring producers and their families have the necessary resources and tools available when they need them most. To contribute, please visit [https://fnd.us/72MKTe?ref-sh\\_fD8xLb\\_sh\\_0P2HK5R0PqB0P2HK5R0PqB](https://fnd.us/72MKTe?ref-sh_fD8xLb_sh_0P2HK5R0PqB0P2HK5R0PqB), use the QR code enclosed at the end of this letter, or call 587-200-2552 Extension 2.

I am available to present virtually to your counsel about the initiative. Our annual report can be found on our website with more details about our mission and accomplishments to date. We are deeply grateful to Wheatland County for being the first to donate \$2000 in one time bridge funding and hope that you will consider doing the same. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Alberta's farmers, and the rural communities they support.

Sincerely,

Linda Hunt

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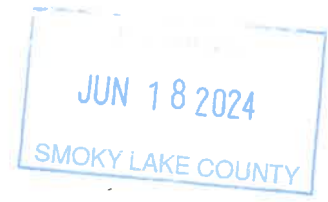


# M.D. OF RANCLAND No. 66

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June 4, 2024

The Honourable RJ Sigurdson  
Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation  
Executive Branch 131 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Ave, Edmonton AB T5K 2B6



**Re: 2024 Proposed Changes to the Weed Control Regulations**

To the Honorable Minister RJ Sigurdson:

The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 is writing to share our concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Alberta Weed Control Regulations. While we have concerns about how the proposed addition or deletion of individual species may affect our municipality, we understand that these would vary for each jurisdiction throughout the province.

In consideration of this, we feel that proposed amendments to the regulations should be paused until a formal, well defined, invasive species management strategy is in place. While the Weed Control Regulations would form part of that strategy, before invasive plant species can be placed into management groups, a management plan is required.

The first step of a formal strategy should be to clearly identify goals. These goals should be based on leading research in the field of invasive species management, including the invasion curve and established principles such as EDRR (Early Detection and Rapid Response) strategies.

Clearly identifying goals is fundamental in building a purpose orientated process for the management of invasive species and would serve as the foundation on which everything else, including the Weed Control Act and Regulations, are based on.

A formal management strategy would help answer critical questions such as:

- What is the function and mandate of the Weed Control Act and Regulations?  
Is it to protect the agricultural productivity of land or are other factors such as protecting our native vegetation & biodiversity also part of the mandate?
- How do we address concerns regarding the level of enforcement of the act and regulations in urban areas or in adjacent rural municipalities. Should the province actively enforce minimum standards related to the act & regulations?

- How is a plant's status as Prohibited Noxious or Noxious determined, is there a clear definition of each? Are two categories enough to meet management goals?
- How do we account for the diverse variation of species establishment across a province as vast as Alberta? Does a one size fits all approach align with management goals or would an area-based approach that considers natural regions and subregions, municipal, provincial and international borders as well as distribution pathways (railroads, rivers, highways etc.) be better for species already established in some but not all areas of the province?
- At what frequency should the regulations be reviewed or should adding and/or delisting species be an ongoing process in consideration of the increasing rate on new species introduction?

Further, we feel members of the AAAF are significantly underrepresented on the review committee. Agricultural Fieldman and the Agricultural Service Boards they represent, are responsible for enforcing the Weed Control Act & Regulations within their jurisdiction and have in-depth knowledge of the current distribution of invasive species and the potential threat of new species introduction.

Another area of concern is the training and networking limitations placed on provincial staff working on, and advising provincially elected officials, regarding the Weed Control Regulations. It is essential that provincial staff working in this capacity can attend professional development opportunities such as the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) conference, regardless of the location. This would provide them with access to the latest information on invasive species management strategies, potential new threats, and networking opportunities with leading experts in this regard.

**We request that the province form a task force for the purpose of developing a well-defined, formal invasive species management strategy with clearly identified goals.** Additionally, this strategy should be based on leading research in the field of invasive species management, including the invasion curve and established principles such as EDRR (Early Detection and Rapid Response) strategies.

In closing, we value the efforts of committee members, provincial staff and elected officials working to update the Weed Regulations. We believe pausing the current process, addressing the concerns raised in this letter, and working together, will ensure that the list of regulated species is part of an effective strategy to address invasive plant species.

Regards,



Jody Wilson  
Chairperson, Agricultural Service Board  
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66

Cc: Chelsae Petrovic, MLA Livingstone-Macleod  
Provincial Agricultural Service Board's  
Weed Control Regulation Review Committee

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July 16, 2024

Honourable RJ Sigurdson  
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation  
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**Sustainable Funding for Alberta Farm Mental Health Network Program**

Dear Honourable Minister Sigurdson,

The County of Vermilion River Council would like to echo the sentiments expressed by Wheatland County and Saddle Hills County regarding the need for stable and consistent provincial support and funding for AgKnow, the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network program. The services provided by the AgKnow program provide much needed support to the wellbeing and resiliency of agricultural producers throughout Alberta, now and into the future.

AgKnow is important to the agricultural community and rural Alberta. This program serves as one of the few avenues for farmers and ranchers to seek support and help in discussing mental health issues they may not feel comfortable sharing with professionals who lack understanding of agricultural challenges, concerns, and solutions. AgKnow therapists and consultants come from farming or ranching backgrounds and understand the unique challenges faced by the industry, whether they be weather, global markets, or isolation.

The need for mental health support within the agricultural industry is a growing concern and the opportunity for participants to speak with knowledgeable professionals is critical for supporting participation and successful outcomes. AgKnow is dedicated to supporting our agricultural producers and their mental health needs. The AgKnow program provides avenues for producers to seek mental health support from professionals knowledgeable about the unique challenges facing the industry. Stable provincial funding is essential to ensure these services are available and accessible, especially in rural communities.



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It should not be left up AgKnow staff to start go fund me pages and do other fundraising efforts, such as asking municipalities, to bridge the gap to keep staff paid until the Provincial Government delivers its grant funding. We find this unacceptable and so we urge you to provide the sustainable funding needed to keep this program working properly. As we know a gap in mental health so very often leads to additional health care costs for the Province and heartbreak for many families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marty Baker', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Marty Baker  
Reeve, Count of Vermilion River

Cc: Priemer Danielle Smith  
MLA Garth Rowswell Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright  
Agricultural Service Boards

Attachments: Letter from Wheatland County  
Letter from Saddle Hills County



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August 20, 2024

Agricultural Service Boards of Alberta

Dear Agricultural Service Boards of Alberta,

**RE: Centralization of the Provincial ASB Conference**

The Municipal District of Fairview No. 136 Agricultural Service Board wish to echo the concerns presented by the County of Grande Prairie in their letter dated April 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the centralization of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference over the next three years.

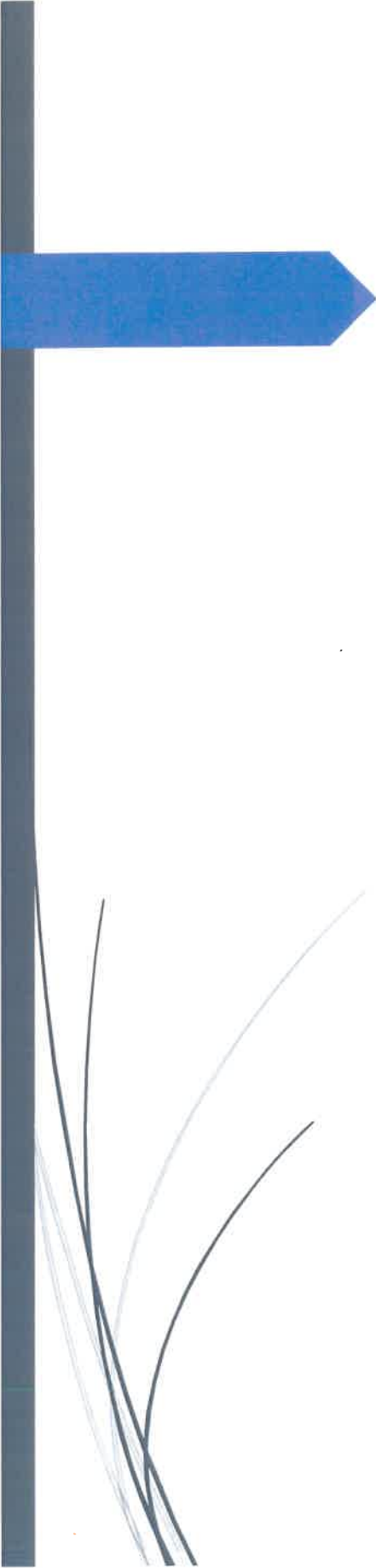
Our ASB understands the rationale behind the signing of a three-year agreement with the Delta Edmonton South Conference Center in the lens of cost effectiveness and convenience of hosting in a centralized hotel for the Central, Northwest, and Northeast regions. This would lead to decreased conference costs, and therefore lower registration costs, which we appreciate.

Our concern is that if future conferences continue to be centralized like this rather than being moved across the province, there will be a significant opportunity cost to each region in lost economic development and tourism opportunities. We feel that it is important to host this conference in more rural locations whenever possible, bringing the economic opportunities a conference of this size can bring to a region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nolan Robertson', is written over a white background.

Nolan Robertson  
Municipal District of Fairview No. 136 Agricultural Service Board Chair



# Report Card on the Resolutions

2024

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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## INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee is pleased to provide Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members and staff with the 2023 Report Card on the Resolutions. This report contains the government and non-government responses to resolutions passed at the 2023 Provincial ASB Conference. The Report Card on the Resolutions includes the *Whereas* and *Therefore Be It Resolved* sections from the resolutions, response, response grade and comments from the Committee and ASBs for each resolution. The resolutions and responses are also posted on the Agricultural Service Board website at [agriculturalserviceboards.com](http://agriculturalserviceboards.com). Actions taken by the Committee on current and prior resolutions are also included in this report.

### 2024 ASB Provincial Committee Members

Position	Members	Alternates	Representation
Chair, Region Rep.	Brenda Knight	Tietsia Huyzer	Central
Vice, Region Rep.	Dustin Vossler	John Van Driesten	South
Region Rep	Walter Preugschas	Ross Bohnet	Northwest
Region Rep	Sebastien Durtisac	Gene Hrabec	Northeast
Region Rep	Bob Chrenek	Corinna Williams	Peace
Secretary	Stephen Bevans		AAAF
Executive Assistant	Linda Hunt		ASBPC
RMA Rep.	Jason Schneider		RMA
AAAF President	Aaron VanBeers		AAAF
ASB Program Manager	Kerriane Koehler-Munro		AGI
Recording Secretary	Anita Ash		AGI

2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS		
COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Agriculture Plastics Recycling Group	Walter Preugschas	Dustin Vossler
Alberta Game Policy Advisory Committee	Gene Hrabec	Ross Bohnet
Alberta Endangered Species Conservation Committee (ESCC)	John Van Driesten	Brenda Knight
Clubroot Action Committee	Brenda Knight	Sebastien Durtisac
Fusarium Action Committee	Sebastien Durtisac	Dustin Vossler
Wildlife Predator Compensation Committee	Corinna Williams	Tietsia Huyzer
Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (Alternate for RMA appointment)	Sebastien Durtisac	Corinna Williams
Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta working group	Dustin Vossler	Brenda Knight
ASBPC Extension Committee	Walter Preugschas	Sebastian Durtisac

## Executive Summary

The ASB Provincial Committee has assigned the following grades to responses by government and non-government organizations for resolutions passed at the 2024 Provincial ASB Conference.

### Resolution Table

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION	GRADE
1-24	AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS	Incomplete
2-24	COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES	Accept in Principle
3-24	CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE	Accept in Principle
4-24	SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER	Accept in Principle
5-24	WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT	Accept the Response
6-24a	IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS	Accept the Response  Incomplete (CFIA)
6-24b	IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES	Accept the Response  Incomplete (CFIA)
7-24	RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS	Accept the Response
E2-24	SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER	Accept in Principle
PC1-24	FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (FCDC)	Accept the Response

The Committee reviewed the responses and assigned one of four grades: *Accept the Response*, *Accept in Principle*, *Incomplete* and *Unsatisfactory*. The Committee considers the quality of each response and the grading and comments submitted by ASBs when determining the final grades for the report card. The grades assigned by the Committee are intended to provide further direction for advocacy efforts for each resolution. Please contact your Regional Representative if you have questions or comments about the grade assigned to a resolution or advocacy efforts.

## Response Summary

### Number of ASBs that Responded

Region	#ASBs Responding	% of Region 2024	% of Region 2023	% of Region 2022	% of Region 2021
South	7	39	22	33	33
Central	13	93	100	93	43
Northeast	3	27	82	82	15
Northwest	7	54	15	38	31
Peace	5	38	38	38	23
Overall	35	51%	49%	55%	32%

### Summary of Grading Responses Submitted

Resolution No.	Accept the Response	Accept in Principle	Incomplete	Unsatisfactory
1-24	0	1	30	2
2-24	2	31	1	1
3-24	2	31	3	0
4-24	3	30	2	0
5-24	18	13	1	2
6-24a	26	3	4	1
6-24b	20	1	13	0
7-24	34	0	0	0
E2-24	1	32	1	0
PC1-24	31	3	0	0

## 2024 Activities of the ASBPC

### ASBPC Regular Meetings

Date	Delegations or Activities
2023 09 15	Alberta Beekeepers Commission
2023 11 06	Organizational Meeting
2023 11 06	Alberta Transportation, Cooperative Extension
2023 11 17	
2024 01 12	
2024 01 22	Provincial ASB Conference
2024 04 03	Wetland policy discussion
2024 04 17	Resolution response review
2024 05 24	Resolution response review
2024 08 16	Chief Provincial Vet

### Engagements:

Date	Event
November 6, 2023	Minister meeting at the Legislature
November 23, 2023	ADM Townhall
January 8, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension Model
Feb 8, 2024 - May 1, 2024	Seed Regulatory Modernization Information Task Team
February 29, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension
March 4, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension
June 20, 2024	ADM Townhall

### Activities on Appointed Committees:

Date	Committee	Member Attending
January, 2024	Ag Plastics Recycle Group	Walter Preugschas
Feb 8, 2024 - May 1, 2024	Seed Regulatory Modernization Information Task Team	Sebastien Dutrisac
March 8, 2024	Weeds/Well Sites Working Group	Brenda Knight, Jason Schnider, Walter Preugschas, Dustin Vossler, Sebastien Dutrisac
May 28, 2024	Weeds/Well Sites Working Group	Dustin Vossler, Brenda Knight
August 20, 2024	Extension Committee - Strychnine	Walter Preugschas

## Definition of Terms

The Provincial ASB Committee has chosen four indicators to grade resolution responses from government and non-government organizations.

### *Accept the Response*

A response that has been graded as **Accept the Response** addresses the resolution as presented or meets the expectations of the ASB Provincial Committee.

### *Accept in Principle*

A response that is graded **Accept in Principle** addresses the resolution in part or contains information that indicates that further action is being considered.

### *Incomplete*

A response that is graded as **Incomplete** does not provide enough information or does not completely address the resolution. Follow up is required to solicit information for the ASB Provincial Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

### *Unsatisfactory*

A response that is graded as **Unsatisfactory** does not address the resolution as presented or does not meet the expectations of the ASB Provincial Committee

## 2024 RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION 1-24: AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS

- WHEREAS** 13% of farm related fatalities in Canada are traffic related; and
- WHEREAS** farmers often travel long distances on public roads between fields; and
- WHEREAS** agricultural equipment is generally large and slow moving; and
- WHEREAS** the general public tends not to slow down around agricultural equipment on public roadways; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta’s highways do not currently give any warning in areas that are often traveled by agricultural equipment;

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Transportation provides each Agricultural Service Board with six signs that state “Slow Down Around Agricultural Equipment” to be installed on highways, at locations determined by the individual municipality.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brazeau County  
**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATUS:** Provincial  
**DEPARTMENT:** Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

RESPONSE: NONE

GRADE: INCOMPLETE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	0	
Accept in Principle	3	
Incomplete	86	More information needed in regard to AT requirements. Liability & effectiveness; Keep pressuring for a response from AT
Unsatisfactory	6	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC received communication from Jobs, Economy and Northern Development that the resolution should be answered by Transportation and Economic Corridors. The ASBPC recommended a grade of Incomplete as they did not receive a response from the Ministry of Transportation by either of the

deadlines. Further advocacy over the summer has resulted in a commitment by the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors to respond to the resolution in writing by September 2024. The response will be posted once received and communicated through the website and email to ASBs.



## RESOLUTION 2-24: COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

**WHEREAS** society is now placing more emphasis on the role of producers as stewards of the environment for their benefit; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has established a price metric for carbon and is considering reductions in nitrogen use that will impact producers without developing the appropriate offset or compensation system to producers performing these services; and

**WHEREAS** Governments and the Public are demanding or restricting more ecological activities such as wetland use, species preservation, wildlife management, predator control, reduced impact/emissions, carbon sequestration, changes in management practices and others; and

**WHEREAS** it is becoming increasingly costly for producers to shoulder the burden of every public interest at their expense without being compensated or offset fairly for the beneficial ecosystem services performed;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Federal and Provincial governments develop and implement immediately a “good actor” compensation mechanism for producers performing ecosystem services beneficial for society.

### **FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Federal and Provincial governments investigate creating an exchange to trade Carbon and other ecological services for compensation at the minimum rate already determined by the Federal Government.

**SPONSORED BY:** County of Northern Lights

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Provincial/Federal

**DEPARTMENT:** Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation,  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

### RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (July 4, 2024)
2. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	6	
Accept in Principle	89	Tools already in place (RALP and ALUS) on going opportunities - biodiversity offsetting. Other incentive programs; Accept in principle - programs already in progress like ALUS, AB wetland replacement program and many more.
Incomplete	3	Should look at a more provincial based issues & not so expanded, more focuses on less issues.
Unsatisfactory	3	<p>The provided response fails to address the main issue and instead discusses programs that aim to achieve the desired outcome on a small, specialized scale. For instance, one mentioned program allocated \$5.6 million for 208 hectares, an initiative that appears to have occurred only once in 2020-21. This program seems inadequate for supporting producers but beneficial for reclamation companies and governments seeking praise for their efforts.</p> <p>This approach does not fully encompass the broader landscape and the individuals providing essential ecosystem services, such as water and carbon cycling, wetland utilization, species conservation, wildlife management, predator control, recreation, and more. A more effective strategy would involve compensating farmers annually for implementing practices that promote ecological services across all their land, rather than focusing solely on sporadic niche projects.</p> <p>Farmers and producers would seek compensation or a stipend for the ecological services they provide to the broader public. Funding would be allocated based on arbitrary metrics, similar to the development of the current federal carbon pricing system. The second part of the proposed strategy addresses the fact that the Federal government currently levies an arbitrary carbon tax per tonne of emissions. Farmers should receive payment for sequestering and storing carbon through various Best Management Practices (BMPs). This approach is crucial for preserving more grassland and native habitat. Currently, in 2024, the Federal government is collecting \$80 per tonne of emissions. Research into the carbon-sequestering abilities of different BMPs can be used to calculate a payment per acre. By utilizing the federal pricing system, farmers can determine the payment they are entitled to. The Federal Government needs to establish these arbitrary averages, similar to how they determined carbon</p>

	<p><b>emissions pricing. For instance, if a farmer sequesters an average of 2 tonnes of carbon per acre, priced at \$80 per tonne, they should be eligible for a payment of \$160 per acre. The process should be as straightforward as the federal pricing system; the price has already been determined, and now it's a matter of agreeing on the land's capacity to sequester and store carbon and equally compensating for sequestration as for emissions.</b></p>
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COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle because the responses indicate that the Canadian and Alberta governments are continuing to work on carbon trade options. The responses indicate that carbon trade funds are currently being distributed through programs available to Alberta producers. The recommendation is to continue to monitor and communicate as information becomes available.

**RESOLUTION 3-24: CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS** livestock operations, especially cow calf operations, fall through the cracks on certain business risk management programs like AgriStability and Wildlife Predator Compensation Program; and

**WHEREAS** the current business risk management programs do not address in year losses and do not protect from extraordinary losses that occur from extenuating circumstances or abnormal cost of doing business losses; and

**WHEREAS** AFSC offers Crop Production Insurance which caps production losses, but does not provide a similar option for Livestock.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation work with AFSC and consult stakeholder groups in the livestock sector to develop a new Livestock Production Insurance Program or other suitable program.

**SPONSORED BY:** County of Northern Lights

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

**RESPONSE:**

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

**GRADE:** ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	6	
Accept in Principle	89	Accept in principle - consultations are in progress.
Incomplete	9	Looking forward to seeing AFSC's results; However, the uptake of the existing programs is terrible, if they adequately addressed concerns why is uptake of LPI and AgriStability so terrible? We need a simple program that addresses revenue and price all in one and guarantees revenue like crop production. Cost of production is a key factor but when considering most producers grow a large percentage of feed on farm the major rises in cost of production are attributed to the inflationary pressures caused by government spending leading to a devalued currency and the

		subsequent rise is all operating costs. And is just one half of the equation, the other major half is production/revenue, which is poorly accounted for by AgriStability and LPI—resulting payments come too late. They also do not touch on the Livestock Indemnity Program the USDA has that covers a lot more production risk losses.
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>0</b>	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle because the responses indicate that engagement and consultations are taking place. The recommendation is to continue to monitor and communicate results.

RESOLUTION 4-24: SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER

**WHEREAS** predator attacks can cause significant economic losses, but not limited to, death, decreased weight gain, treatment, rehabilitation, and lower conception rates; and

**WHEREAS** predation is highly variable from producer to producer and year to year; and

**WHEREAS** the current iteration of the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (WPCP) poorly addresses concerns and losses outside confirmed kills and producers affected with large losses; and

**WHEREAS** the use of a multiplier to increase compensation would go some way to compensate for unfound kills, kills without enough evidence, time and resources spent by producers locating, treating and deterring predators, injured and or dead livestock;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and Environment and Protected Areas work with the Alberta Beef Producers to adopt their proposed compensation multiplier to address direct and indirect losses from predation.

**SPONSORED BY:** County of Northern Lights

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Environment and Protected Areas

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)
2. Forestry and Parks

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	9	
Accept in Principle	86	Went to Fish & Wildlife. Need more information; Accept in principle - sent to the Ministry of Forestry and Parks as is their responsibility.
Incomplete	6	Information supplied on what is currently in place but does not address the Resolution; They introduced a compensation multiplier for only two categories of livestock, namely bred cows

		<p>and bulls. Extending this multiplier to encompass all livestock categories, including calves and yearlings, aims to address both direct and indirect losses. Direct losses refer to animals that are not recovered in areas known to have predation. Indirect losses, on the other hand, stem from stress-related factors such as decreased conception rates and growth, leading to reduced profitability.</p> <p>Research conducted in Montana and Wyoming supports this notion, indicating that even with the addition of a multiplier, only a fraction of the losses are covered. According to Wyoming's findings, to adequately compensate for all direct and indirect losses, the multiplier would need to be between 18 to 24 times higher for every discovered deceased animal. Even implementing a 2x multiplier for animals like calves and yearlings would leave the farmer bearing the brunt of the financial burden. As the predators are owned by the government, they should be responsible for covering these losses.</p>
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle since the response indicates that there is a multiplier in effect for some classes of beef animals. However the resolution talks about livestock in general and not specifically only breeding classes of beef animals. Discussion on the floor during the conference was that a multiplier would be available for all livestock using the model recommended by the Alberta Beef Producers. More engagement with the program is necessary to increase their understanding of the intention of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 5-24: WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT**

- WHEREAS** Alberta has designated Wild Boar at Large a pest since 2008; and
- WHEREAS** the Alberta Government established a minimum containment standard in 2013 to assist livestock owners with minimum guidelines to contain Wild Boar as livestock; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta pork producers raising Wild Boar as livestock are not mandated to follow the Minimum Containment Standards set out by the Alberta Government, they are only used as guidelines; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta Government Inspectors cannot uphold current Minimum Containment Standards for Wild Boar Farms or enforce penalties using the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST** that the Government of Alberta amend the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act to require Minimum Containment Standards for Alberta Wild Boar Farms, with penalties to enforce noncompliance.

**FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST:** that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation invoke a moratorium on expansions of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta, until the province makes a decision on the future of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta.

**SPONSORED BY:** County of Stettler No. 6  
**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATUS:** Provincial  
**DEPARTMENT:** Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

**RESPONSE:**

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

**GRADE:** ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	51	
Accept in Principle	37	Accept the response - Alberta pest act requirements, AGI mini containment standards in place for AB, NSC has bylaw with penalties; Flagstaff and Stettler Counties voted incomplete



<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Does not address the Resolution fully. Answer on moratorium</b>
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Removal of grand-father clause &amp; to ban wild boar farms; Did not answer what was asked. Contradictory.</b>

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response since municipalities have the responsibility and legislative tools to enforce compliance with the minimum containment standards. Each municipality can issue notices to a pest that may not be present provided that the municipality has a policy to provide this direction.

Section 12c of the APA – “12(1) When an inspector is of the opinion that land, property or livestock contains or is likely to contain a pest or should be protected against a pest, the inspector may issue a notice in writing directed to the owner or occupant of the land or property or to the owner or person in control of the livestock... (c) specifying the measures to be taken and the material, if any, to be used to prevent the establishment of or to control or destroy the pest, and...”

This portion of the legislation allows a municipality to ensure that measures are in place to prevent livestock from becoming a pest so in this case ensure that the minimum containment standards are followed.

Municipalities have the ability to create bylaws to restrict the development and implement standards to meet their concern.

**RESOLUTION 6-24a: IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS**

**WHEREAS** in 2022, honey producers across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba experienced one of the worst winters kill events in years, with some producers losing up to 90% of their hives;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) currently prohibits the importation of bee packages from the United States, yet allows bee package imports from intercontinental apiaries, including those in South America and New Zealand;

**WHEREAS** Varroa Mites are already present and established across Canada;

**WHEREAS** bee package imports from South America and New Zealand cost up to three times as much as bee packages sourced from the United States; and

**WHEREAS** since the 1980s, the CFIA has only approved two miticides for the control of Varroa Mites, a situation that has led to the development of miticide-resistant mites;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) permit Honeybee shipments from the United States for the purpose of hive repopulation, to combat the depopulation of Canada’s Honey Bee hives;

**SPONSORED BY:** Beaver County

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Federal

**DEPARTMENT:** Canadian Food Inspection Agency,  
Pest Management Regulatory Agency

**RESPONSE:**

1. CFIA (June 5)
2. PMRA (May 14)
3. Agriculture and Irrigation

**GRADE:** ACCEPT THE REPOSE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	74	AGI Response Grade, AIP Provincial Committee should follow up at end of June for results of risk assessment; Keep pressuring for a response from CFIA; Incomplete (CFIA)

<b>Accept in Principle</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>With CFIA's response, the Leduc County ASB felt that there was more information to come, and therefore the Accept in Principle grade was appropriate; AGI was not asked to respond (Their response was informational); Accept in principle - still waiting on the follow up from CFIA . not a completed response. Still want pressure maintained</b>
<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>3</b>	

**COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:**

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response to PMRAs response as they are not responsible for boarder restrictions.

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Principle to the CFIA response as they indicate that they are in process of assessing the risk for imports from the US. The recommendation is to follow up with the CFIA for further progress or conclusion.

The response from the CFIA was not received until after the grading packages were sent to ASBs, and so was posted on the website and distributed through email mid June. Not all ASBs had opportunity to comment and review their response.

**RESOLUTION 6-24b: IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES**

**WHEREAS** in 2022, honey producers across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba experienced one of the worst winters kill events in years, with some producers losing up to 90% of their hives;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) currently prohibits the importation of bee packages from the United States, yet allows bee package imports from intercontinental apiaries, including those in South America and New Zealand;

**WHEREAS** Varroa Mites are already present and established across Canada;

**WHEREAS** bee package imports from South America and New Zealand cost up to three times as much as bee packages sourced from the United States; and

**WHEREAS** since the 1980s, the CFIA has only approved two miticides for the control of Varroa Mites, a situation that has led to the development of miticide-resistant mites;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

that the CFIA and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) conduct further research on Varroa Miticide controls, and approve a new Varroa Mite miticide to address the lack of control options available to honey producers.

**SPONSORED BY:** Beaver County

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Federal

**DEPARTMENT:** Canadian Food Inspection Agency,  
Pest Management Regulatory Agency

**RESPONSE:**

1. CFIA (June 5) (see response above)
2. PMRA (May 14) (see response above)
3. Agriculture and Irrigation

**GRADE:** ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	57	CFIA's response did not alter the grade in Leduc County ASB's opinion; Accept the response - no solution for varroa mites - trying to find solution /actively researching; AGI Response Grade,

		<b>AIP PMRA is the appropriate authority for this portion of the resolution; Keep pressuring for a response from CFIA.</b>
<b>Accept in Principle</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Research is underway, Canola Council of Canada; No response from CFIA</b>
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>0</b>	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response from the CFIA because they have no responsibility for the approval of miticides. This response was received after the grading packages were sent out so was communicated through the website and email to ASBs. Not every ASB had access to the response when they reviewed and graded this resolution.

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response because it is accurate to the responsibility of the PMRA. PMRA can only review and approve products that have been researched and developed by companies and submitted for approval. Advocacy for research to be done needs to happen with research institutions or product developers. Advocacy asking for proven miticides used in other jurisdictions should happen by the industry with the companies doing the development.

Path forward would be advocacy by the beekeepers with the suppliers to bring products to registration.

RESOLUTION 7-24 : RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS

**WHEREAS** Health Canada has completed the re-evaluation of 2% Liquid Strychnine. Under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Health Canada has canceled the registration of Strychnine, and all associated end-use products, used to control Richardson’s ground squirrels for sale and use in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Alberta producers have used alternative baiting, suffocates, and fumigant rodenticides to control Richardson ground squirrels but have not had the successes of Strychnine; and

**WHEREAS** in an integrated pest management plan (IPM), there is a need for options of control like Strychnine dependent on different circumstances (time of year, area of land infected, infestation levels, pest being controlled, etc.); and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has banned the use of Strychnine without providing producers any comparative alternative or financial support to deal with the Richardson’s ground squirrel pest; and

**WHEREAS** training in the safe use of pesticides can be provided to agricultural producers in Alberta by participating in the Farmer Pesticide Certificate program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST** that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation propose to Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to allow Strychnine to be used exclusively by certified applicators.

**FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST** that the existing strychnine label be subject to meticulous review and amendment, with a specific focus on reducing the potential for off-target exposure and implementing enhanced control measures to mitigate any adverse environmental impact.

**SPONSORED BY:** Flagstaff County

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Federal and Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency

RESPONSES:

1. PMRA
2. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE	COMMENTS
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Accept the Response	97	Response is clear; Accept the response - GOA and Sask objected, Health Canada and PMRA says objections are unfounded and removal will go on as planned; Cardston does not agree with the response, but it does answer the resolution; Strychnine De-regulation and producers needing to move on from Strychnine and use the products that are available
Accept in Principle		
Incomplete		
Unsatisfactory		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response because PMRA is unable to make recommendations for products that are not currently registered. So long as Strychnine is not registered for use on Richardson Ground Squirrels there is no product for PMRA to adjust labelling or use restrictions. The response is accurate and appropriate to the resolution.

**ASBPC is working with the extension committee to put fact sheets together for future reference, standardize the background for future Strychnine resolutions and clarify the process and conditions that would have to be met to reinstate the emergency use registration.**

**Current research shows that products that are available work so there is no basis for an emergency use registration at this time.**

**RESOLUTION E2-24: SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER**

- WHEREAS** Bill S-270 is introducing the Prohibition of exporting live horses for slaughter and Bill C-355 is introducing the Prohibition of export of horses by air for slaughter Act; and
- WHEREAS** Federal Government is proposing new legislation and changes to three Acts that will dramatically impact the industry of raising draft horses by imposing fines of \$50,000 and up to six months imprisonment for a summary conviction or \$250,000 and up to two years imprisonment for an indictment for transporting horses by air for slaughter; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Government is always looking to open new doors for trade markets and partnering with other nations yet are willing to shut down an existing market with products already leaving Canada; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Government has not conducted or completed a scientific study as to the impact of transporting horses for slaughter overseas by air; and
- WHEREAS** there are 12,000 to 13,000 mares, studs and foals in Canada that are currently being raised for this market; and
- WHEREAS** the Western Canadian Slaughter Facility for Horses has ceased operations and is not purchasing animals to be processed at their facility; and
- WHEREAS** producers do not have a local market to distribute their product but have an already established market globally;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST** that the Government of Alberta jointly lobby the Government of Canada alongside Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to prevent these Bills from receiving royal assent.

**SPONSORED BY: County of Wetaskiwin No. 10**

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Federal

**DEPARTMENT:** Agriculture and Agri Food Canada



RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
2. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	3	
Accept in Principle	91	Accept in principle - AGI actively monitoring bills progress, still work to be completed on the bill, hence accept in principle to they can continue to monitor
Incomplete	3	
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle as at the time of the grading the bill was still going through the senate.

Letters asking the Senators to vote the bill down to provide options for end of life and meat horse producers in Alberta were sent from the Committee to senators from the west, from rural ridings or who were engaged with agriculture committee work. A blog post was posted on the ASB website with a summary of the situation, and a copy of the letter so ASB members could also send in letters and increase the advocacy.

A request for an emergent resolution was taken to FCM by an ASB member. They also brought this concern to the attention of RMA president Paul McLauchlin and past president of FCM Taneen Rudyk.

A similar resolution (8-24S) was passed by RMA and graded "Intent Not Met".

**Recommendation is for ASBs to continue to advocate with their Senators.**

**RESOLUTION PC1-24: FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (FCDC)**

**WHEREAS** funding for FCDC was transferred in January 2021 to Olds College from being a Government of Alberta plant breeding and agronomy research facility.

**WHEREAS** this funding transfer enabled the continuation and revitalization of research and regional trials of cereal crops under Alberta conditions to demonstrate proven traits for the benefit of seed, crop, and livestock producers.

**WHEREAS** the loss of funding for FCDC research capacity and infrastructure in December 2023 will have long term, negative implications on the viability and sustainability of Alberta and Canada’s seed, crop and livestock sectors.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation (AGI) facilitates the establishment of a stable funding framework for FCDC that includes the retention of existing infrastructure, sites, and human capital for the continued enhancement of programs for seed breeding and agronomic research.

**SPONSORED BY:** ASB Provincial Committee

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** AGI

**RESPONSE:**

1. Agriculture and Irrigation

**GRADE:** ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	89	Accept the response - WCI will carry on FCDC, current programming will go under review and make amendments as needed
Accept in Principle	9	
Incomplete	0	
Unsatisfactory	0	

**COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:**

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response as AGI and other partners are supporting the former Field Crop Development Center under the new branding Western Crop Innovation.

Interim leadership of the new WCI recognized that the ASB resolution played a roll in program continuation.

## Update on Previous Years' Resolutions

### 2023 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION	Accept in Principle	
2-23	<p>RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS</p> <p>It was discussed at length that the need for students with lived experience and coming from rural areas should be considered along with the academic standards when the Committee met with the ABVMA delegation in 2023. The veterinarian community continues to invest in expanding the criteria that qualifies students for vet school, and look for ways to encourage rural livestock vets.</p> <p>In August of 2024, the Chief Provincial Vet met with the ASBPC to propose a program that would provide support for rural vet practices to hire intern vets to increase the opportunities for students to experience rural livestock vet practices. They offered some suggestions including engagement with the Vet Services Cooperation, RhPAP and the SCAP secretariat. Looking forward to updates over the next while.</p>	Incomplete	
3-23	<p>APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING</p> <p>The ARAs and Forage associations continue to engage with RDAR and expand engagement in key projects that include post secondary institutions and ag tech and regenerative ag projects. They continue to receive base funding from RDAR</p>	Accept in Principle	
4-23	<p>GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION</p> <p>The ASBPC has not received a response to this resolution and will continue to follow up.</p>	Incomplete	

	<p>In August the Province provided a media release entitled "Protection of Life and Property from Problem Wildlife".</p> <p>""Alberta's government is announcing a multi-pronged approach to solving the issue of problem and dangerous wildlife by offering a range of management tools to address challenges and keep Albertans safe.</p> <p>Alberta's government is creating a new network of wildlife management responders to help stop dangerous and deadly grizzly bear attacks on people and livestock. When a problem animal like a grizzly or elk is identified, members of the approved network will help provide rapid conflict response times across all regions of Alberta. This response could include tracking and euthanizing a problem animal, while still following all rules and regulations already in place. This is not a bear hunt; this is a measure to ensure the safety of humans and livestock."</p> <p>These measures do not respond to any of the ASB resolutions. There has been no engagement from the province on issues around elk or grizzlies. No mention of regional or provincial planning or more frequent counts. Aren't "fish and wildlife officers" already "wildlife management responders"?</p>		
5-23	<p>LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE</p> <p>No update</p>	Accept in Principle	
6-23	<p>ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT</p> <p>Delegation from Environment and Protected Areas addressed the ASBPC in April 2024 to explain the enforcement of the Water Act and answer questions about the level of enforcement and engagement. They were assured that while some areas have had open positions there are still a mandate to investigate and follow up with every complaint.</p> <p>-</p>	Incomplete	

7-23	CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE	DEFEATED	
8-23	<p>CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RMA taking the lead, continues to advocate for rural municipalities</li> <li>- Gaps in regulations and oversight as well as ability to keep developers accountable to environmental laws and consider the loss of ag lands continues.</li> </ul> <p>Landowners are cautioned to review any contracts submitted to them with a lawyer as they are not regulated and many of them have significant holes and restrictions on the use of the land during and after the development.</p>	Incomplete	
9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS	Incomplete	
10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALLY REGULATED WEEDS	Incomplete	
11-23	LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE	Accept the Response	
12-23	REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)	Incomplete	
E1-23	<p>STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING</p> <p>The province engaged with numerous industry partners to work out what a cooperative extension system might look like, and went so far as to encourage the development of a pilot project. However the funding proposal was declined and the committee was disbanded in August of 2024.</p>	Incomplete	
E2-23	<p>STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>This resolution asked for 5 year funding for the AgKnow initiative to support operational costs to continue the supports and services offered. While there has been as positive and encouraging</p>	Incomplete	

	<p>engagement at the ministry level for this project and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions continues to be engaged, the funding commitment has shifted to project and operational costs are not covered. RDAR has extended some grant funds to help fill gaps however a stable funding model is still not yet established for 2024. In June of 2024 the AgKnow initiative reached out to its closest stakeholders for bridge funding support between grants. ASBs, ag business, commodity boards and individual farmers have responded and the initiative managed to make payroll one month at a time. The need for a stable funding model remains as the initiative has uncovered significant gaps and has made excellent progress to connect and be useful to the agriculture industry.</p>		
E3-23	<p>SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA</p> <p>While there has been few changes to the CWD program and approach by CFIA, advocacy by the Alberta government, industry and ASBs continues to push back and ask questions about the approach being taken and its impact on the industry and the health and welfare of the farmers involved.</p>	Incomplete	

## Expiring Resolutions

The January 2023 Provincial Rules of Procedure state in section 3(d) that the ASB Provincial Committee will actively advocate for resolutions for a period of three years. Any expiring resolutions that an ASB wishes to remain actively advocated for must be brought forward for approval at the next Provincial ASB Conference.

The following resolutions are set to expire December 31, 2024

### 2022 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-22	<p>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON ALBERTA PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS</p> <p>- Nothing new to report</p>	Accept in Principle	
2-22	<p>RESTORATION OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS</p>	Accept in Principle	

	<p>In 2023 work began to take the recommendations to create a cooperative extension model, and action it.</p> <p>An industry committee was formed, key topics were identified, a structure for delivery was created, industry groups and research were engaged to collaborate, and a pilot project was designed and funding proposal submitted.</p> <p>August 2024 the committee was disbanded as the funding proposal was denied.          “We recently received difficult news that funding is currently not available to continue our efforts to pilot an Alberta cooperative extension model. Although senior government officials complimented the Working Group for responding to the request for designing a compelling, world-class cooperative extension model with broad industry stakeholder support, financial support cannot be put in place.”</p> <p>The full message is available on the ASBPC blog post for August 30, 2024</p>		
3-22	<p><b>CELEBRATE CANADA AGRICULTURE DAY IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS (FEB 22, 2022)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- response received by sponsoring municipalities and they are encouraged to engage directly with schools and districts</li> </ul>	Accept the Response	
4-22	<p><b>PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- still no movement or engagement on this resolution</li> <li>- Ministries are reorganized and contacts are lost.</li> </ul>	Incomplete	
5-22	<p><b>EXEMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE FOR AGRICULTURE UNDER THE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION PRICING ACT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senate had two readings for bill S-234, and on June 8, 2023 the bill went to committee for consideration. After a report from the committee is received it will go for the third reading</li> <li>- Alberta Pork posted information on how ASB members and farmers could support this bill by writing to the</li> </ul>	Incomplete	



	<p>Senators involved. Information posted in the ASB Blog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASBPC writes to all the Senators listed in support of Bill S-234</li> </ul>		
6-22	<p>AMENDMENTS TO THE ASB CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RULES OF PROCEDURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All amendments were presented at the 2023 conference and adopted by the assembly.</li> <li>- Changes come into place for the 2024 and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ability for the ASBPC to bring emergent resolutions to the assembly for vote if not addressed by Regions</li> <li>- align the years of advocacy for resolutions with the RMA process so move from 5 years to 3 years of active resolutions</li> <li>- Adjustments made to the Regional ROP to align with the Provincial ROP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Accept the Response	

## Current Advocacy

- Weeds on Wellsites engagement has started again.
- Seed royalty regulatory modernization, and Farm saved seed engagement
- Coop extension
- Ag Plastic
- Vet work

### Mental Health and farmer wellbeing:

- E-19: ACCESS TO AG SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- E2-23 STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH

### Managing wildlife:

- 4-22: PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS and
- E3-23: SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA
- 4-23: GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
- 5-23: LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE

**From:** Kerrienne Koehler-Munro <Kerrienne.Koehler-Munro@gov.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 11:25 AM  
**Subject:** ASB Grant Program Renewal Update

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Good Morning,

As you are aware, the current ASB Grant Program comes to an end December 31, 2024. The good news is that the ASB Grant Program Renewal for all three streams (Legislative, Resource Management and Rat Control) has been approved for another 5-year cycle (2025-2029) with the funding anticipated to remain at current levels.

The ASB Unit can now move forward with our preparations to launch the ASB Grant Program Renewal later in the fall. More details about the grant renewal process including when the applications will be open will be shared at the Regional Conferences. Following opening of applications information sessions for fieldmen will be scheduled to support the completion and submission of the applications.

Thank you to the ASBs for your continued partnership.

We look forward to responding to your questions at the Regional Conferences.

*Sent on behalf of the ASB Program  
(bcc'd all fieldmen & ASB)*

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