



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers
Administration Building

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| #1 | CALL TO ORDER | | |
| #2 | ADOPTION OF AGENDA | | |
| #3 | MINUTES | 3.1 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes held Wednesday, October 30, 2019 to be adopted. | 3 |
| | | 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes | |
| #4 | DELEGATION | | |
| #5 | BUSINESS | 5.1 Agricultural Research Association Grant Stipulations | 7 |
| | | 5.2 Support of <i>fusarium graminearum</i> Remaining on the Pest and Nuisance Regulation | 11 |
| | | 5.3 Managers' Report | 14 |
| #6 | MEMBERS BUSINESS & REPORTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Al Perkins• Member Warren Wohlgemuth• Reeve Dale Smith• Councillor Bill Smith• Member Richard Brochu• Member Stephen Lewis• Member Larry Smith | |
| #7 | CORRESPONDENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VSI AGM Managers' Report for 2019• VSI AGM Minutes• VSI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes | |

- Letter from the Minister of Agriculture regarding Fusarium
- Planning Your 2020 Cocktail Covercrop
- Dugout and Farm Water Management
- Deadstock Disposal and Predation Management Workshop
- Serious Animal Disease Emergencies
- Northern Native Plants and Ecosystems
- Field Day at the Research Farm
- Environmental Farm Plan and CAP Open House Workshop
- CAP Energy Efficient Grain Dryer Program
- Organic No-Till: Myth or Reality?
- Soil Health and Organic Production
- Soil Health Mini Conference
- Farm to Market to Table

#8 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of a
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16
Greenview Administration Building,
Valleyview, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 30, 2019

1: Chairman Al Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
CALL TO ORDER

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| PRESENT | A.S.B. Member – Chair | Al Perkins |
| | A.S.B. Member – Councillor | Bill Smith |
| | A.S.B. Member – Reeve | Dale Smith |
| | A.S.B. Member | Richard Brochu |
| | A.S.B. Member | Larry Smith |
| | A.S.B. Member | Stephen Lewis |

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| ATTENDING | Manager, Agriculture Services | Quentin Bochar |
| | Asst. Manager, Agriculture Services | Dave Berry |
| | Agriculture Supervisor Trainee/Recording Secretary | Kristin King |
| | Manager, Marketing & Communications | Stacey Sevilla |

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| ABSENT | A.S.B. Member - Vice Chair | Warren Wohlgemuth |
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#2: MOTION: 19.10.37. Moved by: REEVE DALE SMITH
AGENDA That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the October 30, 2019 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda as presented.
CARRIED

#3.1 REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES MOTION: 19.10.38. Moved by: COUNCILLOR BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 with the following changes;

- 7.1 Member Larry Smith, remove 'Attended field day in Fairview' and add 'Nothing to report'.
- 7.1 Member Stephen Lewis, remove 'Nothing to report' and add 'Attended Field Day in Fairview'.

CARRIED

#3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES **3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Requests Administration to invite the Regional Supervisor with Alberta Fish and Wildlife to attend an upcoming Agricultural Service Board meeting.

#4.0
DELEGATION

4.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

#5
BUSINESS

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 PEACE COUNTRY BEEF CONGRESS – GRANT REQUEST

PCBC GRANT
REQUEST

MOTION: 19.10.39. Moved by: MEMBER STEPHEN LEWIS
That the Agricultural Service Board approve a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for Gold Sponsorship to support the 21st Annual Peace Country Beef Congress, with funds to come from the 2019 Agricultural Operational Budget.

CARRIED

5.2 ALBERTA GOAT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

AGA SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST

MOTION: 19.10.40. Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board approve a Gold Sponsorship in the amount of \$500 to support the “Eighth Annual AGA (Alberta Goat Association) 2019 Conference”, with funds to come from the 2019 Agriculture Department Operational Budget.

CARRIED

5.3 AGRICULTURE SERVICES DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2020-2022

AGRICULTURE
SERVICES DRAFT
BUDGET 2020-2022

MOTION: 19.10.41. Moved by: REEVE DALE SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agriculture Services Draft Operating Budget 2020-2022.

CARRIED

#6
MANAGERS' & ASB
MEMBERS'
BUSINESS &
REPORTS

6.1 MANAGERS' REPORT & ASB MEMBERS' BUSINESS & REPORTS

BEAVER/FLOODING
POLICY

MOTION: 19.10.42. Moved by: COUNCILLOR BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend that the Manager, Agriculture Services create a Policy regarding beaver/flooding issues.

CARRIED

Member Richard Brochu vacated the meeting at 11:01 am
Member Richard Brochu re-entered the meeting at 11:03 am

**MANAGER AND
ASB MEMBERS
REPORTS**

MOTION: 19.10.43. Moved by: **MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU**
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Managers' report and ASB Members reports as information.

CARRIED

MEMBER STEPHEN LEWIS updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Attended East Peace Beef Cattle Evening

MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Attended East Peace Beef Cattle Evening
- Attended the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

MEMBER LARRY SMITH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Nothing to report

REEVE DALE SMITH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Attended East Peace Beef Cattle Evening
- Attended The Alberta Beef Producers Meeting at Triangle Hall
- Attended the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

**DEAD LIVESTOCK
DISPOSAL**

MOTION: 19.10.44. Moved by: **REEVE DALE SMITH**
The Agriculture Service Board lift Motion 17.09.47 regarding Dead livestock disposal.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR BILL SMITH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Meeting with Minister Nixon of Alberta Environment and Parks.

CHAIRMAN AL PERKINS updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which Include;

- Attended the Regional Agriculture Service Board Meeting

**LETTER OF
SUPPORT**

MOTION: 19.10.45. Moved by: **MEMBER STEPHEN LEWIS**
That the Agricultural Service Board send a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in regards to Dr. Stephen Strelkov with the University of Alberta to continue their work on pathotyping clubroot samples.

CARRIED

**#7
CORRESPONDENCE**

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

**ASB
CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION: 19.10.46. Moved by: MEMBER LARRY SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as presented.
CARRIED

**#8 CLOSED
MEETING**

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

**#9
ADJOURNMENT**

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 19.10.47. Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That this Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourn at 11:59 p.m.
CARRIED

MANAGER, AGRICULTURE SERVICES

ASB CHAIRMAN



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Agricultural Research Association Grant Stipulations**
SUBMISSION TO: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: February 26, 2020 CAO: MANAGER: DB
DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE GM: PRESENTER: DB
STRATEGIC PLAN: Level of Service

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – Agricultural Research and Demonstration - 6304

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agriculture Service Board recommend to Council that for every \$10,000 of grant monies received, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association will host a workshop within the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 boundaries, equalling 4 workshops for the 2020 year, to represent the requested amount of \$45,000.

MOTION: That the Agriculture Service Board recommend to Council that for every \$10,000 of grant monies received, Smokey Applied Research and Demonstration Association will host a workshop within the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 boundaries, equalling 6 workshops for the 2020 year, to represent the requested amount of \$60,000.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Currently, Greenview has no stipulations on the grant monies in which the Agricultural Research Associations receive from Greenview and as such, there is no guarantee of any workshops being held in our Municipality for our producers and/or ratepayers.

Having stipulations for hosting a set number of workshops within our Municipality may help our producers and/or ratepayers gain access to important and innovative information.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of the Agricultural Service Board accepting the recommended motion is that this will ensure our producers and/or ratepayers have reasonable access to important and innovative information.
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DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.
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ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: The Agricultural Service Board has the alternative to not accept this motion and continue granting the Agricultural Research Associations as we have in the past, however Administration does not recommend this action because this does not guarantee our producers and/or ratepayers get access to important and innovative information that are being provided by the ARA's.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Note your costs / source of funding in this location. You provided that information in the motion above, however, note it again or provide more specifics here. You also need to note any long term or ongoing costs associated with the recommendation. (eg. Building a new road will result in added road maintenance costs)

Direct Costs: \$45,000

Ongoing / Future Costs:

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Agricultural Services will draft a Request for Decision to Council for the recommended motion.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- List all the supporting documents included for this RFD
- Have you attached a copy/excerpt of the Relevant Legislation that is cited above?

Box 90
Falher, Alberta T0H 1M0

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| Date: | Invoice No. |
| 01/16/2020 | 2020-02 |

Terms
UPON RECEIPT

Sold to:

Municipal District of Greenview No. 16

Box 1079
Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF GREENVIEW No. 16
RECEIVED

JAN 27 2020

VALLEYVIEW

Telephone 780-837-2900
Fax 780-837-8223
Email manager@sarda.ca

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price | Amount |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Municipal Support for SARDA's 2020 program year | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Quentin</i></p> <p>GL: _____</p> <p>Amount: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Job ID: _____</p> <p>Object: _____</p> <p>Activity: _____</p> <p>Hold Back: _____</p> <p>Description: _____</p> | | | |
| <p>GST is not charged as we are a Registered Charitable Company</p> <p>Please make cheques payable to: SARDA</p> | | Total Amount | 60,000.00 |



Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
Box 3000
Fairview, Alberta
Canada T0H 1L0

Invoice

| Date | Invoice # |
|------------|-----------|
| 2020-01-23 | 19-239 |

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| Invoice To |
| MD of Greenview #16 Box 1079 Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0 |

| P.O. No. | Terms | Project |
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| | Due on receipt | |

| Description | Qty | Rate | Amount |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| PCBFA Funding Support for 2020-21 Year | 1 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Total | | | \$45,000.00 |
| Payments/Credits | | | \$0.00 |
| Balance Due | | | \$45,000.00 |

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GST/HST No.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| SUBJECT: | Support of <i>fusarium graminearum</i> Remaining on the Pest and Nuisance Regulation | | |
| SUBMISSION TO: | AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD | REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION | |
| MEETING DATE: | February 26, 2020 | CAO: | MANAGER: |
| DEPARTMENT: | AGRICULTURE | GM: | PRESENTER: |
| STRATEGIC PLAN: | Level of Service | | |

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – Agricultural Pests Act & Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board request Administration to draft a letter to Minister Dreeshen to support *fusarium graminearum* remaining on the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

On February 7th, 2020, a letter regarding the status of *Fusarium graminearum* (Fg) was shared among the Peace Region AAAF. Within this letter, Minister Dreeshen stated that at a fusarium roundtable, there was a consensus amongst stakeholders to remove Fg from the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (PNCR).

- Fg is not endemic in the Peace Region. Removal from the PNCR would remove the ability of ASBs to slow the spread of Fg within the Peace Region.
- The Agricultural Pests Act allows for regional application. This has been done with feral horses in Wildlife Management units in central Alberta and was applied to wild boar at-large in Lac St. Anne County prior to wild boar at-large being added to the regulation.
- Reduced Market Access: The presence of DON (deoxynivalenol [vomitoxin]) in food products is increasingly being regulated, and tolerance limits have been established in many countries.
- Reduced Profitability: Losses in Canada have ranged from \$50 million to \$300 million annually since the early 1990s. Direct and secondary economic losses due to FHB for all crops in the Northern Great Plains and central USA were estimated to be \$2.7 billion from 1998 to 2000 alone. Estimated impact of Fg in Alberta: “Given annual variability in disease development in these similar risk areas in Manitoba, projected average annual costs over a modelled nine-year period in Alberta could range from \$3 million to as high as \$49 million”

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of the Agricultural Service Board accepting this recommendation is to show the area and regional producers that we support the economic benefit of *fusarium graminearum* remaining on the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The Agricultural Service Board may be seen as unsupportive of a regional effort.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: The Agricultural Service Board had the alternative to not accept the recommended motion, however Administration does not recommend this action because it could be perceived as unsupportive of the area/regional producers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

A letter will be drafted to be signed by the Chairman of the Agricultural Service Board and sent to Minister Dreeshen.

ATTACHMENT(S):

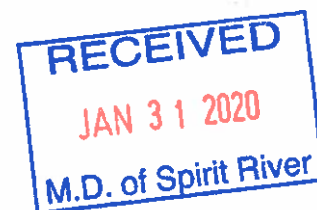
- Letter from the Minister of Agriculture regarding *fusarium graminearum*



ALBERTA
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Office of the Minister
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

JAN 28 2020



Mr. Nick VanRootselaar
Chair, Agricultural Services Board
Box 389
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Dear Mr. VanRootselaar:

Thank you for your November 27, 2019, letter supporting the continued regulation of *Fusarium graminearum* (*F. graminearum*) on the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* (PNCR) of the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA). Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is committed to ensuring Albertans have safe food through a robust food safety system. This system provides the assurance that Alberta is a supplier of quality and safe food products. The APA and PNCR are in place to manage, control, and eradicate various pests in the province, to mitigate market access risks, and to improve competitiveness for Alberta producers.

F. graminearum became a declared pest under the APA in 1999 to help prevent the introduction and spread of this crop disease. As a declared pest, no person is able to acquire, sell, distribute or use any seed or crop material containing *F. graminearum*. AF has supported management of this disease through the creation of the *Fusarium Action Committee*, which, in turn, developed the *Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan*. In addition, AF conducts regular surveillance and extension activities to inform crop producers on the distribution, severity, and management of this disease.

Over the past several years, *F. graminearum* has become endemic in several areas of the province, which makes regulation ineffective. Discussion has taken place to determine whether *F. graminearum* should remain a regulated pest. In this regard, AF has hosted several stakeholder engagement sessions. At the Ministry's third roundtable on *Fusarium*, stakeholders in attendance reached a consensus to support the removal of *F. graminearum* from the PNCR. The Ministry has also engaged stakeholders on this complex issue for options beyond regulation, including tolerance levels, exemptions, and regional flexibility. As the Ministry continues its examination of this issue, stakeholders will be kept informed of any decision.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I value your interest in keeping the Peace Region free from *F. graminearum* and other pests.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreesen
Minister, Agriculture and Forestry

**M.D. of Greenview Agricultural Services
Department Activity Report**

For the Period: January 2020 – February 2020

**ENQUIRIES – Manager, Asst. Manager, Administrative Assistant and Ag. Supervisor
Trainee, Beautification Coordinator**

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Weeds | 1 |
| Pests | 5 |
| Trees | 0 |
| Workshops | 5 |
| Wetlands | 0 |
| Rentals | 0 |
| Equipment Purchasing | 3 |
| Extension | 5 |
| Employment | 5 |
| VSI | 0 |
| Beautification | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 |
| TOTAL ENQUIRIES | 46 |

MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / TRAINING

Manager Agriculture Services

Asst. Manager Agriculture Services

- Oct 31 Exit interviews
- Oct 31 – Blasting Valleyview
- Nov 1 – Breakfast with the guys
- Nov 5 – spread gravel Gordon yard
- Nov 7 – pick up dynamite GP
- Nov 14 – picked up post pounder from Crooked Creek. Began repairs
- Nov 27 – Blasting
- Nov 28 – Skip Level meeting
- Dec 1-6 IST Banff
- Dec 20 – Load securement training

- Jan 1-6 holiday
- Jan 9 – met with Star Fab Re wash unit drafting
- Jan 13 – Met with Ron and Jens Re drainage
- Jan 14 – Peace Ag update Fairview
- Jan 15-16 – Mgrs Training DeBolt
- Jan 21 – 25 Prov. ASB Conf.

- Jan 28 – Feb. 1 Farmtech
- Jan 28 – began move to Gordon Building
- Feb 3 – PRAAF Woresley
- Feb 5 – Clubroot meeting GP
- Feb 6 – Seed Plant Directors meeting
- Feb 20 – review resumes for seasonal positions
- Feb 20 – wolf GD
- Feb 26 ASB

Agriculture Supervisor Trainee Agriculture Services

- Nov 28, 2019 - Meeting with Munisight for AG Mobile
- Dec 2-6, 2019 - In Service Training – Banff
- Dec 16, 2019 - Meeting with Mark Heckbert in regards to deadstock
- Dec 17, 2019 - Meeting with PCBFA Coordinator on upcoming events
- Dec 18, 2019 - EFP Tech Training
- Dec 20, 2019 - Conference Call regarding Deadstock Disposal Workshop
- Jan 14, 2020 - EFP Training – County Grande Prairie
- Jan 17, 2020 - Farmer Led Research Engagement – Grande Prairie
- Jan 27, 2020 - ASB Provincial Conference – Banff
- Jan 27, 2020 - Meeting with Munisight regarding AG Mobile – Edmonton
- Jan 28-30, 2020 - FarmTech Conference – Edmonton
- Feb 5, 2020 - Peace Region Clubroot Response Meeting – Grande Prairie
- Feb 11, 2020 - EFP Tech Training – Grande Prairie
- Feb 20, 2020 - Meeting with Health and Safety

GC Beautification Coordinator Agriculture Services

- Feb 26, 2020 – Pesticide Applicator Exam

Wetlands Coordinator Agriculture Services

STAFFING

We have received a number of resumes for seasonal positions, which are currently under review.

RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES

The Agriculture Department started the move to the new building in mid-December, we are approximately 50% moved. There are still two sheds, the chem shed and the last of the supplies to be moved. Vehicles and some of the rental equipment has been moved over to the yard site.

BUDGET

The draft Capital and Operational Budgets have been presented to Council for their consideration.

EXTENSION EVENTS

Currently planning a number of events for 2020 and will keep the ASB updated as dates and locations are finalized.

- Deadstock Disposal and Predation Management Workshop, DeBolt – March 25, 2020
- Stock Dog Seminar, Valleyview – May 2 & 3, 2020
- Canning and Food Preparation, Valleyview – September 14, 2020
- Canning and Food Preparation, Grande Cache – September 21, 2020

SARDA and PCBFA have been conducting a number of Extension events in partnership with Ag Services and Ag Services has been posting the information to our web page, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

Please see following list of events (year):

| Date | Workshop | Location |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| January 7-9, 2020 | Banff Pork Seminar | Banff, AB |
| January 7-8, 2020 | Agronomy Update 2020 | Red Deer, AB |
| January 14, 2020 | 2020 Peace Agronomy Update | Fairview, AB |
| January 16, 2020 | Veterinary Insights Across Canada | Webinar |
| January 18, 2020 | Ladies Livestock Lessons | Cremona, AB |
| January 23-24, 2020 | You Can Get There From Here – Farm Financial Management Seminar | DeBolt, AB |
| January 31-February 2, 2020 | 2020 Organic Alberta Conference | Camrose, AB |
| February 5, 2020 | Peace Region Clubroot Response Workshop | Grande Prairie, AB |
| February 12, 2020 | Peace Country Beef Cattle Day | Grimshaw, AB |
| February 13, 2020 | Assessing Winter Kill | Webinar |
| February 19, 2020 | Making the Grade | Grande Prairie, AB |
| February 20, 2020 | SARDA AGM & Extension Event | Girouxville, AB |
| February 20, 2020 | Agriculture Strategies for Producers | Sexsmith, AB |
| February 21, 2020 | Coyote Skinning and Pelt Preparation Workshop Cancelled | Agriculture Services, Valleyview |

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| February 22, 2020 | PCBFA Annual General Meeting | Fairview, AB |
| February 22-23, 2020 | Young Agrarians Peace Country Winter Mixer | Grande Prairie, AB |
| February 24, 2020 | Soil Health Mini Conference | Fairview, AB |
| February 25, 2020 | Cattle & Grain Market Outlook | Saddle Hill County, AB |
| February 25, 2020 | AgSafe: Farm & Ranch Safety Workshop Cancelled | Valleyview, AB |
| February 25, 2020 | Canadian Forage Seed Conference | Edmonton, AB |
| February 26, 2020 | Environmental Farm Plan & CAP Grant Workshop | Saddle Hills County, AB |
| March 4-6, 2020 | Alberta Beef Industry Conference | Red Deer, AB |
| March 5, 2020 | Planning your 2020 Cocktail Cover Crop | St. Isidore, AB |
| March 10-13, 2020 | Western Canadian Dairy Conference | Red Deer, AB |
| March 12, 2020 | Prevent External Parasites | Webinar |
| March 18-19, 2020 | 2020 Livestock Care Conference | Olds, AB |
| March 19, 2020 | Dugout & Farm Water Management | High Prairie, AB |
| March 25, 2020 | Sprouting Technology | Webinar |
| March 24-26, 2020 | Deadstock Disposal and Predation Management Workshop | DeBolt, High Prairie, Rycroft, La Crete |
| March 28, 2020 | 2020 Alberta Native Plant Council Workshop and AGM | Peace River, AB |

PROGRAMS

➤ **VETERINARY SERVICES INCORPORATED**

One (1) new card has been issued.

PEST AND NUISANCE CONTROL

To date, 49 wolves have been presented for payment. Total 2019 incentive expenditures: \$14,400.00

| YEAR | WOLVES | AMOUNT |
|--------------|--------|-------------|
| 2018 | 90 | \$27,000.00 |
| 2019 | 56 | \$16,800.00 |
| 2020 | 48 | \$14,400.00 |
| Total | 194 | \$58,200.00 |

WOLF PREDATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There has been 0 new requests for assistance with verified wolf predation. There has been zero wolves removed.

Problem Wildlife Officer has been requested to come out 0 times and visit some farm/ranch operations, and has provided advice and information to the ratepayers. Have also had discussions with another 1 individual regarding wolves.

COYOTE PREDATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There has been 0 new requests for assistance with verified coyote predation. There has been 0 coyotes removed, and (0) compound 1080 tablets were issued as per the Form 7.

Problem Wildlife Officer has been requested to come out 0 times and visit some farm/ranch operations, and has provided advice and information to the ratepayers. Have also had discussions with another 5 individual regarding coyotes.

OTHER PREDATORS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There have been 0 new requests for assistance with other predator problems (bears). There has been 0 pests removed. Have also had discussions with another 0 individual regarding bears.

OTHER PREDATORS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There have been 0 new requests for assistance with other predator problems (cougars). There has been 0 pests removed. Have also had discussions with another 0 individuals regarding cougars.

OTHER PROBLEM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There have been 0 new requests for assistance with other problem wildlife species problems (Skunks). There has been 0 pests removed and 0 traps rented. Have also had discussions with another 0 individuals regarding skunks.

There have been 0 new requests for assistance with other problem wildlife species problems (Ravens). There has been 0 pests removed.

There have been 0 new requests for assistance with other problem wildlife species problems (Magpies). There has been 0 pests removed. Traps are available for sale.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURE FLOODING PREVENTION PROGRAM

There has been 42 new requests (6 rate payers, 16 infrastructure) for assistance with beaver caused flooding issues (infrastructure) including multiple days to open up culverts and remove dams. There has been 8 locations that have had the use of explosives to open up dams. There has been 153 beavers removed to date.

WILD BOAR BOUNTY

There have been 0 sets of Wild Boar ears turned in. Total 2020 incentive expenditures \$0.00.

Education Opportunities

➤ RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Rentals is moderately busy at this time of year dependent on the weather, there have been 4 pieces of Equipment rented for 2020. The Valleyview Bale Hauler is out of service for repairs, other repairs are being made at the FSO shop as we can.

➤ VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

The program has sprayed approximately 0 Km (0%) of Greenview roads for 2020. The areas to be sprayed this year are Wards 1, 2, 6 and 7.

The program has sprayed approximately 0 Km of shoulder on Greenview roads for grass control, in a cooperative venture with the Operations Department.

SPOT SPRAYING / ATV / UTV/TRACTOR

The program has sprayed approximately 0 Ha requiring approximately 0 hours of spray time (includes: landfill, transfer station sites, private land spraying, fence line program, Grande Cache Coops/Enterprises. Etc.) for 2020.

BRUSH SPRAYING

The program has sprayed approximately 0 Ha of brush for 2020. Have received new maps from Operations and will continue spraying brush.

HAMLET SPRAYING

The program has sprayed approximately 0 Ha of Parks/Alleyways/Open Spaces for 2020.

PESTICIDE CONTAINER STORAGE

Containers continue to be collected. The recycled jugs were shredded on August 13, 2019, which is quite early for the year.

FENCELINE AND PRIVATE LAND SPRAY PROGRAMS

0 agreements have been signed to date for 2020.

SPRAY EXEMPTION AGREEMENTS

0 agreements have been received so far Deadline of April 30, 2020.

BUTTERCUP/BURDOCK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

0 agreements have been signed to date for 2020.

WEED CONTROL

White Zone

| # | Re- Inspections | Weeds Present | Personal Contact | Phone Calls | Weed Alerts | Weed Warnings | Notices | Enforce |
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Greenzone

| # | Re- Inspections | Weeds Present | Personal Contact | Phone Calls | Weed Alerts | Weed Warnings | Notices | Enforce |
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Hamlets

| # | Re- Inspections | Weeds Present | Personal Contact | Phone Calls | Weed Alerts | Weed Warnings | Notices | Enforce |
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Weed/Pest inspection program is being reviewed and enhancements to the implementation of the program are being considered.

AG Mobile – Inspection documentation program should be in working order and training will be provided by Munisight to our seasonal staff.

➤ AGRICULTURAL PESTS

Greenview will continue to conduct enhanced monitoring for Clubroot, now that it has been confirmed within the municipal boundaries. An electronic map for 2017 and 2018 and 2019 has been created showing the affected parcels. Additionally 50 comprehensive samples were sent to the lab for testing to confirm the severity of the infestations. All the samples were also sent to Dr. Strelkov's laboratory to determine the pathotype of the club root galls and we are waiting on results from the 2019 season.

Pathotype results:

2017 - 3H

2018 - 3H

2019 – Still awaiting results

| # Inspected | Suspect | Confirmed | Letter to Adjacent LandOwners | Phone Calls |
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SEED CLEANING PLANT

- Held Directors meeting Feb 6.
- Shareholders meeting scheduled March 10.
- Renewed Realtor contract for 1 year.

GC BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Flowers/Trees
 - working on plant material RFQs for 2020 season
- Mowing
- Vegetation Control
 - N/A.
- Miscellaneous
 - In process of removing Christmas decorations/lights form Rocky the Ram Park. (Due to colder conditions mixed with a 'melt & thaw' we are limited to what can be removed without damage being done)-Also have help from Operations when needed-
 - Continuous studying for exam-Feb. 26th
 - Working on an Inventory of all Equipment, tools, PPE, chemicals, etc.
- Christmas Decorations for Hamlet Area
- Snow Removal
 - Regular snow removal throughout parks and salting if needed.
 - Successfully plugged drain and started the flooding process for the outdoor rink (in collaboration with the Operations Dept.)
 - Warm weather has slowed down this process but will continue when it cools down again.

WETLANDS/ALUS/WATERSHEDS

Managers' Report for 2019 AGM

The following table compares the differences in services & costs for the top 10 codes for the periods Oct 1/17 to Sept 30/18 and Oct 1/18 to Sept 30/19

Notes: Items are listed from highest to lowest total costs for 2017/2018.

Most pregnancy testing is done in the fall thus for this service we are basically comparing 2017 with 2018.

| Code | Description | 17/18 | 18/19 | % | 17/18 | 18/19 | % |
|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | | Services | Services | Change | Cost | Cost | Change |
| 60 -67 | Semen Tests | 4,008 | 4,258 | 6.2% | 153,127 | \$166,587 | 8.8% |
| 6 | Pregnancy Tests | 59,371 | 63,098 | 6.3% | 149,087 | \$164,932 | 10.6% |
| 41-43 | Caesareans | 269 | 266 | -1.1% | 67,719 | \$70,717 | 4.4% |
| 25 | Herd Health | 173 | 356 | 105.8% | 31,365 | \$38,152 | 21.6% |
| 50 -52 | Gen. Examinations | 623 | 690 | 10.8% | 29,667 | \$34,026 | 14.7% |
| 9 | Clinic Fees | 1,152 | 1,148 | -0.3% | 25,032 | \$25,905 | 3.5% |
| 31-33 | Calvings | 193 | 191 | -1.0% | 22,924 | \$22,444 | -2.1% |
| 55 -56 | Fluid Therapy-calves | 156 | 147 | -5.8% | 13,011 | \$12,534 | -3.7% |
| 71 | Uterine Prolapse | 100 | 97 | -3.0% | 11,583 | \$11,854 | 2.3% |
| 22 | LDA | 37 | 16 | -56.8% | 7,990 | \$3,570 | -55.3% |
| | Other Services | 1,133 | 1,122 | -1.0% | 55,418 | \$53,581 | -3.3% |
| | Grand Totals | 67,215 | 71,489 | 6.4% | 566,923 | \$604,304 | 6.6% |

Between the two 12 months periods under comparison:

- a) Total claims lines were up 6.5% (6167 vs 5789)
- b) Total services were up 6.4% (71,489 vs 67,215)
- c) Total costs were up 6.6% (604,304 vs 566,923)

Percentage changes for the first 3 quarters are as follows:

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| Woodlands County | up | 28.3% |
| M. D of Greenview | down | -7.6%* |
| Lac La Biche County | up | 11.1% |
| Birch Hills County | up | 27.5% |
| Saddle Hills County | up | 4.8% |
| Clear Hills County | up | 2.7% |
| County of Northern Lights | down | -2.3% |
| Mackenzie County | up | 18.1% |
| M. D. of Bonnyville | up | 22.3% |
| M. D. of Lesser Slave River | up | 68.2% |
| M. D. of Big Lakes | down | -28.9% |
| M. D. of Smoky River | down | -16.3% |
| Northern Sunrise County | up | 5.1% |
| M. D. of Spirit River | down | -1.1% |
| M. D. of Peace | up | 2.4% |
| M. D. of Fairview | down | -2.1% |

Manager's Report for 2019 AGM

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| VSI total | up | 3.6% |
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* Still has outstanding 2-3qtr claims, so up 5% would be a more realistic figure

We were tentatively advised in time for the AGM about a recommendation to the Food Animal Committee (FAC) of the Alberta Veterinary Association of a 2.80% increase for 2020.

All our Surplus funds were invested with Manulife Bank. A total of \$ \$3,884.06 in interest has been paid to the end of September.

Our cost for the tax return and the financial statement was the same than last year at \$840.00.

Veterinary claims were usually mailed out on the next business day following the end of each month. A few late submissions were processed during the month following. Quarterly reports were issued to municipalities contact persons within 5 to 6 weeks of the end of each quarter, usually at the end of the weekend following the next month.

It has once again been an interesting year. I continued with including a running tally for each member in the quarterly reports.

**Minutes
Annual General Meeting
VSI Services (1980) Ltd
November 8, 2019**

Attendees

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>MUNICIPALITY</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| Dale McQueen | Woodlands County |
| Dale Smith | MD of Greenview #16 |
| Gerald Manzulenko | Birch Hills County |
| Brian Harcourt | Clear Hills County |
| Terry Ungarian | County of Northern Lights |
| Walter Sarapuk | Mackenzie County |
| Mike Krywiak | MD of Bonnyville #87 |
| Sandra Melzer | MD of Lesser Slave River #124 |
| Norm Boulet | MD of Smoky River #130 |
| Ken Herlinveaux | MD of Peace #135 |
| Peggy Johnson* | MD of Fairview #136 |
| Tara Guglich | Mighty Peace Veterinary Clinic (Grimshaw) |
| Rik Vandekerkhove | VSI Manager |
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Note: * indicates new Director for the Municipality

REGRETS

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| Evan Lowe | Emmerson Trail Veterinary Services Ltd. |
| Darlen Beniuk * | Lac La Biche County |
| Ed Armagost | Saddle Hills County |
| Dessa Dawn Nicholson | Saddle Hills County |
| David Marx | Big Lakes County |
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OTHERS

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| Janice Boden | MD of Bonnyville #87 – assistant ag field man |
| Sheila Kaut | Big Lakes County |
| Sebastian Dutrisac | Northern Sunrise County |
| Zoe Ross | Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic |
| Kathrin Langlois | Birch Hills County -Assistant Ag fieldman |
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TELECONFERENCE - Courtesy of Mosaik Veterinary Partners

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| Wendy Quist | Frontier Veterinary Services Ltd |
| Jocelyn Gibson | High Prairie Veterinary Clinic |
| JM Pozniak (partly reg appeal) | Greenview Veterinary Clinic |
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Ungarian at 10.00 a.m.

2. Introductions

3. Additions to Agenda

- k) non-following of the contract
- l) items from the floor

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Walter Sarapuk that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of last AGM – November 9, 2018

Minutes were presented for review

Moved by Dale McQueen that the minutes of the November 9, 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

Noted that the initial minutes draft would be forwarded to CAO and AG Fieldman / contact for MD in the next few weeks

7. Manager's Report

Dr. Vandekerkhove presented the managers' report

Q: By Dale Smith regarding email- contact with clinics – counties is it working.

R.: While not always ideal, it does work within the current confines

Moved by Gerald Manzulenکو that the Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

A copy of Dr. Vandekerkhove's report will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

8. VSI Update (Round Table Discussion)

Dale Smith

MD of Greenview will stay with the current 50/50 split

Dale McQueen

Woodlands County will remain with the current 50/50 split and conditions – 20 bulls, 400 preg checks

Walter Sarapuk

Mackenzie County will stay with the current 50/50 split – also has individual support agreement with the local veterinary Clinic in Fort Vermilion

Gerald Manzulenko

Birch Hills County will remain with current 50/50 split

Norm Boulet

MD of Smoky River will maintain current 50/50 split with overall limit of \$2,500 per client per year

Mike Krywiak

MD of Bonnyville will maintain the current 50/50 split, limit of 20 bulls

Sebatian Dutrisac

Northern Sunrise County will remain with the 50/50 split

Ken Herlinveaux

MD of Peace will maintain the 50/50 split with a \$1,800 cap per producer

Sandra Melzer

MD of Lesser Slave River Stay with the 60/40 split with limit of 8 bull semen tests and 200 preg checks

Peggy Johnson

MD of Fairview will be changing to a 60/40 Split from the current 70/30 split in place

Brian Harcourt

Clear Hills County will remain with the 50/50 split

Terry Ungarian

County of Northern Lights

Maintaining the 50/50 split currently in place

Sheila Kaus

Big lakes County will continue with the 50/50 split and the limits induced this year of 10 Bull Semen Tests per producer per year and 200 preg checks.

Other issues

Dale Smith brought up the issues of trying to deal with dead stock other than the current landowners' options of disposal on site.

No trucking available in most of the areas

Sandra Melzer brought up that in the Westlock area there was possibility of pick up for \$72/ animal, but only in a certain mileage range

Brian Harcourt Support for VCPR – is being provided with limit on time actively supported

Terry Ungarian this year they were faced with the threat of evacuation due to forest fires – the livestock side was ill prepared for this eventuality

Country of Northern lights host is hosting an open house on November 21, 2019

9. Approval of New Members

The following veterinarians have applied for VSI membership

Dr. Eric Burow

Peace River Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Charlotte Corbett

Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Danielle Gutter

Fairview Veterinary Clinic Ltd.

Dr. Kayleigh Mahony

Hilltop Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Carmen Schneider

Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic

It was moved by Peggy Johnson that Drs. Burow, Corbett, Gutter, Mahony, and Schneider be approved as V.S.I. members.

CARRIED

10. Deletions from Membership list

Drs. Kelli Haggett, Amy Hery, Trevor Jackson, Mira Kelada, Chris Kiepal, Richard Mc Watt, Emily Wilson, & Bogdan Zydalgo did not sign a 2019 VSI contract thus are no longer eligible to be members of VSI. Sadly Dr. Faintuk passed away so his membership will also be retired

Dale Smith moved that Drs. Haggett, Hery, Jackson, Kelada, Kiepal, Mc.Watt, Wilson, Zydalgo, & Faintuk be removed from the VSI membership list.

CARRIED

As of this date there are fifty-two (52) veterinary members out of the seventy- six (76) that signed a 2019 contract. Two veterinarians are in the process of signing on. We are down four (4) – likely to become two (2) veterinarians from 2018 and our membership has increased by 1 in overall numbers

Dr. Zoe: These numbers may mask a bit the underlying issue of a declining number of veterinarians in rural practices. There are more ads out for Veterinarians and Veterinary assistants than ever before. Where it used to be more single practitioner clinics in rural areas, it now includes multi- vet facilities, even into the cities. Burn-out and mental health issues are at a higher level than in other professions. Reason are multiple, but limitation to funding of Veterinarians colleges does not help the situation.

11. Nomination of Veterinary Directors

Last year Drs. Guglich and Lowe were the veterinarian Directors. They are the first line of support for the manager regarding veterinarian interpretation. Dr. Evan Lowe asked me to pass on his regrets to not being able to make the meeting but has indicated his willingness to serve again.

Dr. Tara Guglich indicated she would also be willing to serve again.

Dr. Ross and Dr. Quist declined at this time

Dr. Tara Guglich was nominated by Ken Herlinveaux

Dr. Evan Lowe was nominated by Sandra Melzer

Dale McQueen moved that nominations cease.

Moved by Walter Sarapuk that the Drs. Guglich &

Lowe be recommended for appointment to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

a) Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR)

Overall the impact from the VCPR addition to the schedule has been limited. At the same time, that is not necessary the case for individual municipalities. Four municipalities have seen impact on their budgets as a result.

On an individual base the impact for the current year ranges from 5% over 3.1% to 2.4% for the municipalities affected, for others it was below 1.1% to non-existing.

For the present veterinarians, new clients were required to have VCPR. For existing clients this mostly was based on a continuous relationship, without additional specific VCPR charges

Moved by Dale McQueen to recommend to the board that current VCPR support level stays in place.

CARRIED

b) contract issues

There has been this year some issue with the extra fees. In the contract description for these is under item 10 i)

“ All additional fees including but not restricted to travel (kilometer) fees, after hours fees, waiting time, etc. and such additional fees shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in the most recent AB.VMA suggested fee schedule.”

In the past limited to no close verification has been done on this as most clinics adhered to this. This year it became an issue and so there may be a need to revise this portion of the contract.

As a background the reason for this is that our schedule A compensation is based on the ABVMA suggested fee schedule. In the past it was looked upon that if we support the farmers in their veterinary costs, the veterinary cost should be based upon (not copy) the ABVMA suggested fee schedule. While VSI does not actively support these fees, VSI considered it prudent to include this link in other areas such as extra fees. Part of this was the impression higher fees for non-supported fees would give third parties. It may be looked upon then as just a support for veterinarians, not affecting the overall cost to farmers – thus negating the support to them. This would make VSI as an entity more susceptible to political and financial considerations on the funding level.

i) Mileage

ABVMA suggests per km one way, or zone approach

Discussion followed with the counter arguments based on the following

- Since VSI does not support it, so should not necessarily impede the individual decisions to set their own non-supported fees.
- Driving is a much less productive use of available time for the veterinarian, and takes him away from the clinic where other clients may also be looking for services.
- Prevents in certain cases maximum use of clinic facilities.
- Local costs and comparable rates in other professions

Consensus was reached that mileage fee restrictions be removed. Client-vet agreement.

ii) After hours

ABVMA suggests an after-hour rate past 8 pm, and on other times the clinic is closed. VSI has allowed this to be applied outside of business hours.

Discussion followed

Consensus was reached that the after-hours restriction would be removed

iii.) dispensing fees vs drug costing.

VSI does not allow a dispensing fee to be added to dispensed medication, even if this medication is for an additional animal that is not presented. In the past drug prices have been checked by both Jim and myself on the basis of the normal applied drug mark-up applied by the clinics. Recently I noticed one clinic that routinely has a much greater mark-up on used medication. As the contract is mute on the exact allowed mark-up for drugs, I have not continued my push to keep mark-ups within the most used range. This is now creating a divergence of measures on drug prices. Also to be considered is the new rules regarding dispensing of medication, which creates a bigger administrative burden on the veterinarian to dispense for this not seen animal. Do we need a firmer drug cost wording in the contract or do we want to re-consider the dispensing fee for not seen animals?

Consensus was to allow a dispensing fee for medication for additional animals. No change in the contract regarding drug mark-up.

Moved by Mike Krywiak that the contract be amended by removing section 10 i), as well as allow a dispensing fee on medication dispensed for additional not-seen animals.

CARRIED

c) In house lab costs

There has been an increase in in house lab charges applied to claims. Some of them, as a skin smear in clinic, have been considered part of the general exam. Up until now I have dealt with most of these as lab costs, which are excluded under our contract. The ABVMA has a fee schedule for in house lab charges, but it includes interpretation, where we considered that to be part of the exam.

Moved by Sandra Melzer to accept for info only

CARRIED

d) Coding in combination with flat fees

There currently is the provision in schedule A that in combination with flat fee procedures with cost equal or greater than that of a code #50 (examination) an additional animal will be considered as an extra animal – code #51- with a reduced fee. There is also the rule that more than 2 exams need to be coded under

code#25 – professional fee per hour. A third rule is that if in combination with a flat fee a second animal examined requires both these exams to be charged under a code #25. It would appear no veterinarian ever read the last rule. I would suggest that we allow a second animal to be also coded under the code #51. Three or more extra exams would be still need to be charged under code #25.

Moved by Sandra Melzer that we recommend to the board to allow a second extra exam under code #51 in combination with (a) flat fee(s) of equal or greater cost than a general exam (code#5) cost. When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 they will be claimed under code #25

CARRIED

e) Extensive herd treatment

Last year there was a case where the veterinarian with a couple Tech's treated a whole herd due to the fact the owner was away for work. This resulted in a fair-sized support for what in most cases would be an owner's responsibility. At the same time, it still falls within our definition of herd health.

Moved by Gerald Manzulenکو to accept for info only

CARRIED

f) Pot Belly pig classification.

The question was posed if pot belly pigs fall under VSI since it is a pig. Manager's decision was no, but he would want confirmation that is an appropriate stance

Moved by Sandra Melzer to accept for info only

CARRIED

g) Bees as an eligible species

proposition was put forward by a municipality to include bees as an eligible species. Due to the VCPR requirement they now require veterinary support for medication.

Discussion followed

Moved by Gerald Manzulenکو that this item will be taken back to the individual Councils

CARRIED

h) Mileage to be added to schedule A

Proposition was put forward by a municipality to include mileage under schedule A, receiving support from VSI

Moved by Dale Smith to accept for info only

CARRIED

i) Preview of 2020 fee schedule

Over the past number of years V.S.I. has mostly supported increasing the fee schedule in the amount recommended by the AB.VMA. The AB.VMA told Dr. Vandekerkhove that council is going to request increasing their fees with **2.8 %**. This increase is based on the Consumer Price Index for Alberta. The Food Animal Committee meeting will be held beginning of December, and they are likely to follow this request.

Moved by Dale Smith to recommend the board that 2020 year fee schedule be increased by 2.8 % from the current schedule

j) Compensation for Veterinary Directors

Last year it was suggested in the directors meeting to perhaps set an honorarium for the veterinary directors as they are the only ones not being paid for their time at the meeting or during the year. What is the opinion of the members?

Moved by Gerald Manzulenکو to recommend to the board that attending Veterinarian Directors would be paid an honorarium equal to an average of the councilors remuneration for this meeting plus mileage compensation based on the Alberta Provincial Compensation Guide. All veterinarians who attend in person may be eligible for a similar compensation but requiring a yearly confirmation vote in the AGM before application. Veterinarians attending the meeting by teleconference may be eligible for the honorarium portion only (no mileage) if approved in the yearly confirmation vote in the AGM.

CARRIED

k). non compliance to contract

Last year we had a clinic not follow the rule that VSI clients cannot be charged more than non-VSI clients for the same service. The clinic was made aware of this, and remedies were implemented as per contract. An additional request was made for them to provide us with their 2019 charge list for both VSI

and non-VSI clients, as proof this was remedied for this year. This request was also made during previous encounters of this breach of contract with other veterinarians/clinics, and to my knowledge was always complied with. There was reluctance to comply, so the request was repeated after every claim submission, with no results till the last quarter. However, only a non-VSI client equivalent of the submitted claims was provided, not the requested full listing of their charges. In those comparison there was once again a higher charge for VSI clients on one recurring code (Clinic fee). It also showed an item at a much higher rate for the non-VSI client. That particular item was capped at the maximum VSI fee for the VSI client as per contract. Previously in discussion with one of the veterinarians it was indicted that the charges were not under the veterinarian's control. No promise could be made by that person that they would comply with the request to provide a list, as the financial aspect was not under veterinarian control. The contract provides the possibility to not renew the contract for veterinarians that do not follow the VSI versus non VSI client charge rule.

Recommended by Sandra that letter be send indicating the need to comply and be given a date by which compliance has to be adhered to in order to get renewal offer.

13. Adjournment

Brian Harcourt moved for adjournment at 12:40 pm.

**Minutes
VSI Services (1980) Ltd
Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 2019**

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>MUNICIPALITY</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dale McQueen | Woodlands County |
| Dale Smith | MD of Greenview #16 |
| Gerald Manzulenکو | Birch Hills County |
| Brian Harcourt | Clear Hills County |
| Terry Ungarian | County of Northern Lights |
| Walter Sarapuk | Mackenzie County |
| Mike Krywiak | MD of Bonnyville #87 |
| Sandra Melzer | MD of Lesser Slave River #124 |
| Norm Boulet - alternate | MD of Smoky River #130 |
| Ken Herlinveaux | MD of Peace #135 |
| Peggy Johnson* | MD of Fairview #136 |
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| Rik Vandekerkhove | Manager |
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Note: * indicates new Director for the Municipality

OTHERS

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| Sebastian Dutrisac | Northern Sunrise County |
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TELECONFERENCE (Courtesy of Mosaik Veterinary Partners)

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| Sheila Kaus | Big Lakes County |
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REGRETS

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| Evan Lowe | Emerson Trail Veterinary Services Ltd. |
| Darlen Beniuk* | Lac La Biche County |
| Ed Armagost | Saddle Hills County |
| Tara Guglich | Mighty Peace Veterinary Clinic (Grimshaw) |
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Ungarian at 12:48 pm

2. Additions to the Agenda

move article 13 ahead of 12

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Dale Smith that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes – Board of Directors November 9, 2018

Errors or omissions

Correction: Sebastian Dutrisac is from Northern Sunrise County, not MD of Smoky River

It was moved by Dale McQueen that the minutes of November 8, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as corrected

CARRIED

5. Business arising if any

None

6. Retiring Directors

It was moved by Dale McQueen that the following resignations from the Board of Directors be accepted.

CARRIED

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| George L'Heureux | Lac La Biche County |
| Phil Kolodychuk | MD of Fairview #136 |

7. Appointment of Directors

Following motion

It was moved by Walter Sarapuk that the following appointments to the Board of Directors be accepted

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| Darlen Beniuk | Lac La Biche County |
| Peggy Johnson | MD of Fairview #136 |

CARRIED

8. Auditor's Report – 2018 Financial Statement

Moved by Dale McQueen that the 2018 Notice to Reader be accepted.

CARRIED

2019 Estimates – Dr. Vandekerkhove

This year most jurisdictions are in reasonable shape, but some could end up with a deficit, especially once administrative costs are included in the mix. Our overall spending has increase. I did not increase the overall estimate of our expenses beyond what I believe them to be in the future.

At risk are the county of Woodlands, Birch Hills, and Mackenzie as well as the MD's of Bonnyville and Lesser Slave River. Amounts are likely to be such that no interim requisition will be necessary, and shortfall will be added to final dollar request for 2020.

9. Appointment of Accountant for 2019 fiscal year

We managed once again to stay within the promised \$1.00 discrepancy, making 2018 once again uneventful on the accounting side. Sue Madden indicated that she would be willing to once again investigate this for us next year. Her bill of \$840 was the same than last year.

Moved by Gerald Manzulenکو that H & R Block of Fairview be appointed to prepare a **“Notice to Reader”** for the 2019 fiscal year

CARRIED

10. Approval to Destroy Claim Forms

Moved by Peggy Johnson that V.S.I. claim forms and contracts up to and including 2012 be destroyed

CARRIED

11. Requisitions for 2020

Dr. Vandekerkhove makes the same proposal as last year for determining the dollar amount that is put into the contract between VSI and Municipal Jurisdictions.

The proposal is to base the 2020 requisition estimates on actual claims from October 1 of 2018 to September 30th of 2019 with an adjustment based on an estimate of what the new fee schedule will cost plus an estimate of administration & GST costs. This would be the amount put in the 2020 contracts.

Furthermore, to add in a 10% contingency again this year so that it is less likely that we would have to go back and request additional funds should our estimates be too low.

The requisitions, which will go out in early February, after all the 2019 claims have been paid, and will be based on actual costs for 2019 with an adjustment based on an estimate of what the new fee schedule will cost with a 10% contingency plus an estimate of administration & GST costs. Surpluses will be deducted from the actual requisitions and deficits will be added.

Ask for Motion(s) on Contract and Requisition amounts

Moved by Gerald that Contract and requisition amounts will be based as indicated with a 2.8% fee-based increase with a 10% contingency with estimated GST and Administration cost.

CARRIED

Note: Item 13 (appeal) was dealt with first

12. Items from the AGM

Contract issues reg a: mileage, after hours, Dispensing fee vs drug costing.

Moved by Dale McQueen that recommendation to remove item 10 i) from the contract be accepted, and that dispensing fees would be allowed for not-seen animals.

CARRIED

Coding in combination with flat fees

Moved by Dale Smith that the recommendation to allow two code #51 as extra exams beside (a) flat fee(s) of equal or greater value be accepted

CARRIED

Compensation for Veterinary Directors

Moved by Gerald Manzulenko to allow a honorarium for attending veterinary directors based on an average compensation of the councilors (\$250) and mileage as per Province of Alberta guidelines. Attending veterinarians could qualify for similar compensation, but this requires a confirming vote by the AGM each year

before granted. If attending by teleconference mileage compensation is not allowed.

CARRIED

Noncompliance with contract

Moved by Walter Sarapuk that a letter be sent setting an end date for compliance. If not met contract would not be renewed till full listing of comparable charges for VSI clients and non-VSI clients is presented showing adherence to the contract principle of not charging the VSI clients more than non-VSI clients.

13. Appeal of manager decision/action to enforce contract extra fees – mileage

Dr. JM Pozniak does not believe the action taken by the manager towards him regarding the enforcement of the extra fees limits under 10 i) of the contract to be reasonable and made his decision clear that he would appeal it after the procedure was explained. He later agreed to postpone the decision to the AGM / Board of directors and was willing to wait till then on the payment. As a result the appeal was added to this board meeting, rather than have an extra board meeting during the summer months.

Dr. Pozniak explained his reasons for appeal.

- Mileage was not changed from before he took over the clinic. While he had signed the contract, he had initially signed it as an associate, not worrying over the details as they were handled by management. Once he took over, the renewal was a shortened version, so he did not realize there was something on the extra fees that he was not compliant with. The sudden change to enforcement interfered with his intended management of the way his practice was run. (discouraging traveling)

- Other arguments were the same as presented during The AGM on the mileage issue.

- The fact emergency fees during the day were not allowed hindered him as a sole practitioner to deal with the effect of such emergencies on the normal booked agenda of his clinic.

Discussion followed

Moved by Sandra Melzer to approve his appeal on the mileage constriction and allow payment of the claims that were on hold till settlement of the appeal, relieving his necessity to comply with section 10 i) of the current contract.

CARRIED with one opposed

Dr. Pozniak withdrew his appeal on the daytime emergency fee not being allowed and will comply with this requirement.

14. Items Relating to the Fee Schedule

It was moved by Dale Smith and seconded by Gerald Manzulenکو that Schedule A is to be increased by 2.8% for the 2020 year.

CARRIED

15. Review of President's Honorarium

The President's Honorarium is currently set at \$725 per year. If the AGM has approved a 2.8% increase for the fee schedule it would be reasonable to suggest that the President's Honorarium be similarly increased

Moved by Dale Smith that the President's Honorarium be set at \$725 for 2020.

CARRIED

16. Election of Executive

President

Brian Harcourt nominated Terry Ungarian for the position of President.

Sandra Melzer moved that nominations cease

CARRIED

Terry Ungarian was declared President by acclamation

Vice-President

Walter Sarapuk nominated Peggy Johnson for the position of Vice-president.

Sandra Melzer moved that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Peggy Johnson was declared Vice-president by acclamation.

Veterinary Directors

Dale McQueen moved that the Board accept the recommendation from the AGM that Dr. Lowe & Dr. Guglich be approved as Directors.

CARRIED

17. Other Business
a. Manager Review

Dale McQueen moved to have a 3% increase for hourly rate for the manager

CARRIED

Date for next AGM and Directors meeting

November 13, 2020 is set as the likely next date for the 2020 AGM and Board of directors meeting

18. Ken Herlinveaux moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:38pm

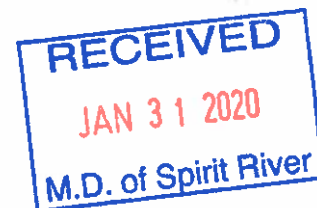
CARRIED



ALBERTA
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Office of the Minister
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

JAN 28 2020



Mr. Nick VanRootselaar
Chair, Agricultural Services Board
Box 389
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Dear Mr. VanRootselaar:

Thank you for your November 27, 2019, letter supporting the continued regulation of *Fusarium graminearum* (*F. graminearum*) on the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* (PNCR) of the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA). Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is committed to ensuring Albertans have safe food through a robust food safety system. This system provides the assurance that Alberta is a supplier of quality and safe food products. The APA and PNCR are in place to manage, control, and eradicate various pests in the province, to mitigate market access risks, and to improve competitiveness for Alberta producers.

F. graminearum became a declared pest under the APA in 1999 to help prevent the introduction and spread of this crop disease. As a declared pest, no person is able to acquire, sell, distribute or use any seed or crop material containing *F. graminearum*. AF has supported management of this disease through the creation of the *Fusarium Action Committee*, which, in turn, developed the *Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan*. In addition, AF conducts regular surveillance and extension activities to inform crop producers on the distribution, severity, and management of this disease.

Over the past several years, *F. graminearum* has become endemic in several areas of the province, which makes regulation ineffective. Discussion has taken place to determine whether *F. graminearum* should remain a regulated pest. In this regard, AF has hosted several stakeholder engagement sessions. At the Ministry's third roundtable on *Fusarium*, stakeholders in attendance reached a consensus to support the removal of *F. graminearum* from the PNCR. The Ministry has also engaged stakeholders on this complex issue for options beyond regulation, including tolerance levels, exemptions, and regional flexibility. As the Ministry continues its examination of this issue, stakeholders will be kept informed of any decision.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I value your interest in keeping the Peace Region free from *F. graminearum* and other pests.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreesen
Minister, Agriculture and Forestry



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Learn how to design a cocktail for your goals and
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Thursday March 5th
St. Isidore Cultural Center Bar/Bar room
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March 24, 2020

10:00 am

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Register through Eventbrite.



March 25, 2020

6:00 pm

DeBolt Community Center

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March 24, 2020

5:30 pm

Rycroft Ag Centre

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March 26, 2020

6:00 pm

La Crete Heritage Center

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Mark Heckbert; Provincial Wildlife Conflict Specialist
Dr. Kim Stanford; Beef Research Scientist

Information on modes of disposal, pros and
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Northern Native Plants and Ecosystems

32nd ANPC Workshop and AGM

In collaboration with the NAIT Centre for Boreal Research

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Chateau Nova Peace River

10010 - 74 Street, Peace River, AB

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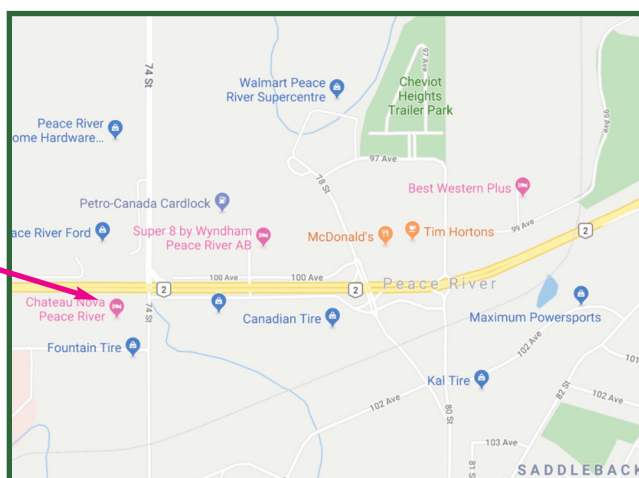
www.anpc.ab.ca/2020Workshop



Photo: Katryna Forsch

June 2015, Near Cold Lake, AB

Town of Peace River - west side



PROGRAM TIMES:

Check-in and Registration: 8:00am-8:30am

Workshop Presentations: 8:30am - 4:15pm

Annual General Meeting: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Banquet: 6:15-8pm

A tour of the NAIT Centre for Boreal Research has been organized for Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 9:30-10:30am.

Location: 8102-99 Ave, Peace River (next to Northern Lakes College)



32nd Workshop and Annual General Meeting

“Northern Native Plants and Ecosystems”

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Chateau Nova Hotel

10010 - 74 St

Peace River, Alberta

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2020 ANPC Workshop

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Please make payment to Alberta Native Plant Council

Please mail before March 14, 2020 to ensure timely receipt.

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[www.anpc.ab.ca/2020 Workshop](http://www.anpc.ab.ca/2020%20Workshop)

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Friday, March 20th, 2020

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Hines Creek

Registration 9:30AM

\$25/Member

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AFFPA / AFMA presents ... "From Farm to Market to Table 2020" – Tentative Agenda

| Thursday, February 27, 2020 – Day 1 | | |
|---|--|--|
| Ballroom 1 | Ballroom 2 | Ballroom 3 |
| 8:00 – 8:40 am REGISTRATION and TRADESHOW | | |
| 8:40 – 8:55 am Welcome & Opening Remarks – acknowledgement of sponsors / Intro by Tanni Doblanko - Mayor - Leduc County; Welcome from AFFPA, AFMA, and Leduc Regional Chamber | | |
| 9:00 – 10 am PLENARY – <i>Connecting with the Food Bank</i> – Jaime Larson | | |
| 10 – 11 am | 10 - 10:30 am – COFFEE BREAK & TRADE SHOW | |
| <i>Tour – Trusted Freshness Vertical Farm</i> (limit of 18 people) | 10:30 – 11:55 am | |
| 11 – 12 noon | <i>Inspiring Ideas from Local Food Week</i> 5-6 stories | <i>Selling to Venues beyond the Farmers' Market</i> Lindsey Sutton (AAF) / Gary Hughes (Sobey's) / Jesse Radke (Northlands) |
| <i>Tour – Trusted Freshness Vertical Farm</i> (limit of 18 people) | | |
| 12 noon – 12:30 pm – LUNCH | 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Annual General Meeting AFMA | |
| 1:30 – 2:25 pm | | |
| <i>Alberta High Tunnel Experience –</i> Blaine Staples (The Jungle Farm) | <i>Market manager meetup</i> | <i>Social Media Photography</i> Speaker TBA |
| 2:30 – 3:25 pm | | |
| <i>Drip Irrigation – Setting up a system + Fruit/Veg options</i> Andrew Neels (Southern Irrigation) | <i>Conflict of Interest (for Boards and Market Managers)</i> | <i>Work Smarter, not Harder</i> Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe |
| 3:30 – 4:00 pm – COFFEE BREAK & TRADE SHOW | | |
| 4:00 – 4:55 pm | | |
| <i>Plant Health Issues</i> Rob Spencer (AAF) | <i>How to host great local events</i> Christie Pollack (Christie's Gardens and Greenhouses) | <i>Scaling up your business (Selling to different venues)</i> Chris Lerohl Honest Dumplings |
| 5:00 – 5:30 pm – Networking and Tradeshow | | |

TRADESHOW

Evening Program: 5:30 – 10:30 PM Dinner, Awards, Evening Speaker (Cash bar available)

5:30 – 6:00 Cash Bar & Visiting

6:00 – 7:00 Dinner

7:00 – 7:30 Awards

7:30 – 8:00 Speaker – Red Barn story – Matt & Melissa Schur

8:00 – 10:30 Visiting



FARM to MARKET to TABLE



AFFPA / AFMA presents ... "From Farm to Market to Table 2020" – Draft Agenda

| Friday, February 28, 2020 – Day 2 | | |
|---|---|--|
| Ballroom 1 | Ballroom 2 | Ballroom 3 |
| 8:30 – 9 am REGISTRATION AND TRADESHOW | | |
| 9 – 9:55 am Plenary – Christie Pollack – <i>Connecting with Your Customers Year-round</i> | | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 am – COFFEE BREAK & TRADE SHOW | | |
| 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | | |
| <i>Experiences in Succession</i> Hidden Valley Gardens / Other farm TBA | <i>Labour Panel</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rules & Regs (Scott Dundas)- Sourcing Local Labour (Janelle H – Riverbend Gardens)- Foreign Labour Experiences (Rony Erdmann) | <i>Exploring New Market Options</i> Irving's Farm Fresh / Other farm TBA |
| 12:00 – 12:30 pm – LUNCH | 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Annual General Meeting – AFFPA | |
| 1:30 – 2:25 pm | | |
| Roundtable Topics (6-8 predetermined topics for table discussion) | | |
| 2:30 – 3:30 pm | | Tour – Trusted Freshness Vertical Farm (limit of 18 people) |
| <i>Refurbishing Your Business Plan</i> Kathy Bosse (AAF) | <i>Cut Flowers a la carte?</i> Speaker TBA | |
| 3:35 – 4:30 pm | | |
| <i>Microclimate Modification – mulches, covers and tunnels</i> Rob Spencer (AAF) | <i>The Code to Generating Epic Engagement</i> Christie Pollack (Christie's Gardens and Greenhouses) | |
| 4:30 – Conference Ends | | |
| Safe Travels | | |

TRADESHOW



FARM to MARKET to TABLE

