REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 6, 2022		10:00 AM Virtus	Virtual Zoom	
#1	CALL TO ORDER ADOPTION OF AGENDA			
#3	MINUTES	3.1 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes held Wednesday, December 13, 2021 to be adopted.	3	
		3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes		
		3.3 Action Items	8	
#4	DELEGATION			
#5	BUSINESS	5.1 Manager's Report	9	
#6	MEMBERS REPORTS	 Chair Warren Wohlgemuth Vice Chair Shelley Morrison Deputy Reeve Bill Smith Councillor Dave Berry Member Richard Brochu Member Larry Smith Member Mark Pellerin 		
#7	CORRESPONDENCE	 Email from Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding the transition to digital equine infectious anemia (EIA) test certificates in Canada EIA Notification Letter 2021 – 12 Province wide notice final Response letter from Honourable Nate Horner to County of Paintearth No. 18 regarding ASB funding 	15	

- Letter from County of Warner regarding support of fertilizer emissions
- #8 CLOSED SESSION
- 8.1 Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party (Section 16, FOIP)
- #9 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of a

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

Greenview Administration Building, Valleyview, Alberta, on Monday, December 13, 2021

#1 CALL TO ORDER Chair Warren Wohlgemuth called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT ACR

A.S.B. Member - Chair

A.S.B. Member - Vice Chair

A.S.B. Member - Councillor

A.S.B. Member

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Mark Pellerin

ATTENDING

Manager, Agriculture Services
Agriculture Supervisor
Director of Community Services
Beautification Coordinator
Communications Coordinator
Recording Secretary

Sheila Kaus Kristin King Michelle Honeyman Jessica McCormick (Virtual) Nicole Brooks (Virtual) Denise Baranowski

ABSENT

A.S.B. Member – Deputy Reeve

Bill Smith

#2 AGENDA MOTION: 21.12.137. Moved by: CHAIR WARREN WOHLGEMUTH

That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the December 13, 2021, Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda with the following additions;

- 5.5 RFD Grain Vac Purchase
- Elevation of kochia

CARRIED

#3.1
REGULAR
AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: 21.12.138. Moved by: CHAIR WARREN WOHLGEMUTH

That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, with the following changes;

 Change Motion 21.11.124 to "That the Agriculture Service Board approve Regular Scheduled Agriculture Services Board Meetings to occur in the Council Chambers at 9:30 on the following dates:".

CARRIED

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#3.3 ACTION ITEMS 3.3 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: 21.12.139. Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Action Items, as presented.

CARRIED

#4.0 DELEGATION

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There were no delegations present.

#5 BUSINESS

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 SCHEDULE OF FEES 2022

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MOTION: 21.12.140. Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend that Council approve the Schedule of Fees 2022, with the following changes;

- Item 7v Decrease rental fee for No Till Drill to \$200.00 per day.
- Item 15iv Remove "by box purchased".
- Item 16i Increase rental fee for Water Pipe Trailer for out of season, November 1st - March 31st, to double regular seasonal fee on Manager's discretion.

CARRIED

5.2 PEACE AGRONOMY UPDATE 2022 SPONSORSHIP

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MOTION: 21.12.141. Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON

That the Agricultural Service Board approve sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to the North Peace Applied Research Association for the Peace Agronomy Update 2022, with funds to come from Extension and Outreach Grants to Organizations, as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS RECYCLING

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MOTION: 21.12.142. Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Plastics Recycling

report, as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION: 21.12.143. Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to postpone the Agricultural Plastics Recycle capital purchase project for 2022 and to be considered for 2023.

CARRIED

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth recessed the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

5.4 MANAGERS' REPORT

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MOTION: 21.12.144. Moved by: MEMBER LARRY SMITH

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Managers' report, as presented.

CARRIED

5.6 ELEVATION OF KOCHIA

ELEVATION OF KOCHIA & BULL THISTLE

MOTION: 21.12.145 . Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council elevate kochia and bull

thistle to noxious weeds under the Designated Noxious Bylaw.

CARRIED

5.5 GRAIN VAC PURCHASE

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MOTION: 21.12.146. Moved by: MEMBER MARK PELLERIN

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council add the purchase of a new Grain Vac to the 2022 Capital Budget with an upset limit of \$43,000.00, as **CARRIED**

presented.

MOTION: 21.12.147. Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Administration track hourly usage of the grain vac in 2022 for consideration of altering the Schedule of Fees by November 2022.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' BUSINESS & REPORTS

6.0 MEMBERS' BUSINESS & REPORTS

ASB MEMBERS REPORTS

CHAIR WARREN WOHLGEMUTH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his

recent activities, which include:

Very tough year overall

VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON updated the Agriculture Service Board on her recent activities, which include;

- Feed shortage
- Decreased number of head
- High pellet costs

DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

No report

COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- November 22-26 RMA
- November 29 Budget Orientation Meeting
- November 30 December 1 Budget Presentation Meetings
- December 6 Golden Triangle Meeting
- December 9 MPC Planning Meeting (via Zoom)
- December 13 ASB Meeting

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

No report

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

Had carry over feed

MEMBER MARK PELLERIN updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- No report

MEMBERS BUSINESS AND REPORTS

MOTION: 21.12.148. Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Members reports as information.

CARRIED

#7
CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

ASB CORRESPONDENCE MOTION: 21.12.149. Moved by: MEMBER MARK PELLERIN

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

#8 ADJOURNMENT **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

ASB

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 21.12.150. Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON That this Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourn at 11:30 p.m. CARRIED

MANAGER, AGRICULTURE SERVICES

ASB CHAIR

3.3 Action Items - Agricultural Service Board Motions

No.	Motion	Assigned to	Status
MOTION: 21.03.20 March 24, 2021	Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU that the Agricultural Service Board rescind motion 21.01.05 to recommend to Council to direct Administration to take over the Fox Creek Walleye Spawning Enhancement Project for 2021 from the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA).	Ben Brochu, Problem Wildlife Officer	To be reviewed for 2022
MOTION: 21.06.66 June 23, 2021	Moved by: MEMBER MARK PELLERIN that the Agricultural Service Board direct administration to produce a document assisting interested producers with having commodity and livestock check off dollars returned to the producer.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 21.08.76 August 25, 2021	Moved by: MEMBER LARRY SMITH that the Agricultural Service Board authorize Administration to develop options to publicly highlight the past, present and future Greenview Farm Family Award recipients with the following revision: Change 1995 recipient to Larry & Donna Noullett	Stacey Sevilla, Communications Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 21.10.112 October 27, 2021	Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY that the Agricultural Service Board recommend that Administration draft an agreement template that landowners can use to develop their own agreement pertaining to rental or access of their land.	Kristin King, Agricultural Services Coordinator	In Progress
MOTION: 21.11.131 November 24, 2021	Moved by: MEMBER MARK PELLERIN that the Agricultural Service Board direct Administration to gather information on AgriStability accessibility issues and report back to the board.	Sheila Kaus. Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 21.12.143 December 13, 2021	Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON that the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to postpone the Agricultural Plastics Recycle capital purchase project for 2022 and to be considered for 2023.	Sheila Kaus. Agricultural Services Manager	2023
MOTION: 21.12.145 December 13, 2021	Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON that the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council elevate kochia and bull thistle to noxious weeds under the Designated Noxious Bylaw.	Sheila Kaus. Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress Sent to Council for February 8 meeting
MOTION: 21.12.146 December 13, 2021	Moved by: MEMBER MARK PELLERIN that the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council add the purchase of a new Grain Vac to the 2022 Capital Budge with an upset limit of \$35,000.00.	Sheila Kaus. Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

Manager's Report

Department: Agricultural Service Board

Submitted by: Sheila Kaus, Manager, Agricultural Services

Date: 1/6/2022

Agricultural Services is working with the Legislative Services Officer to review the Agricultural Service policies to ensure consistency with the department's actions and remove redundancies. In addition to this policy review, Agricultural Services is developing an Intermunicipal Appeal Committee bylaw, similar to that in effect in Northern Sunrise County. This bylaw will ensure the appointment of the inter-municipal board occurs as is appropriate. Administration is working with inter-municipal colleagues to develop an orientation for the inter-municipal board for delivery in March.

Administration has been preparing to begin requesting quotes for capital purchases and finalizing the seedling order for the Greenview Shelterbelt Program. The program is expected to launch in January.

The Non-Profit Weed Pull program targeting scentless chamomile in the hamlet of Grande Cache has wrapped up for 2021. Non Profits collected 24 bags of scentless chamomile for 2021 and program participants have been sent their funds. It is hoped the program grows in popularity for 2022.

In July of 2021, the Pests Regulatory Management Agency (PMRA) launched a regularly scheduled review of Compound 1080 as a toxicant to control canid species. While the results of this review have not been finalized, changes are expected. All M44 devices are required to be returned to Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development. A new requirement of confirmed coyote predation within the last 30 days has been added to the criteria for Administration to release Compound 1080. Additionally, PMRA is considering collecting information to ensure baited carcasses are disposed of properly, recording the number of coyotes controlled and if there were any secondary poisonings. Administration is developing a policy for the Boards review.

On December 7th, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development (AFRED) announced that 87 cases of equine infectious anemia (EIA) had been found in 10 different municipalities. EIA is a federally

reportable disease, meaning cases must be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The province-wide notification included a list of symptoms to assist horse owners:

Infected animals may show few clinical signs of disease, particularly in the early stages of infection. However, infected animals remain carriers of the virus for life, putting other animals at risk. Infected animals may show some of the following signs:

- loss of coordination*
- anorexia
- depression
- general weakness
- intermittent fever up to 41°C
- jaundice

- bleeding under the tongue and eye
- swelling of the extremities
- weight loss

*Note: loss of coordination may be the only clinical sign observed.

On December 17th, AFRED announced the discovery of an atypical case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Atypical BSE is not a threat to human health and is not transmissible. It was expected to have little to no impact on market access or prices, but on December 21st, South Korea announced a restriction on Canadian beef imports. It is hoped the restriction is of short duration as South Korea conducts its investigation.

Covid-19 may result in changes to the Provincial ASB Conference, currently set to take place at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton on January 25-28^{th.} Administration will update the Board should any changes occur.

Rental Equipment stands at 592 rental days for 2021 with some outstanding Grovedale rentals yet to be included in the annual total.

In 2021, 64 wolves have been submitted for incentive, totalling \$19,200, and 456 beavers have been submitted for incentive, totalling \$13,680. Total hunting incentive payments for 2021 stand at \$32,880.

Problem Wildlife Work Orders, up to October 21st

File Status	Beaver- MD	Beaver- Ratepayer	Customer Service	Predation	TOTAL
In Queue					
Open	0	0	0	3	3
Closed	25	29	19	10	83
TOTALS	25	29	19	13	86

PWO Culls: Over 300 beaver, 17 skunks, 19 muskrats.

Other highlights: Solved multiple black bear and roadkill issues.

VSI Quarterly Reports and Service Breakdown- 3rd quarter

	# Services	2021	2020	+/-(%)
Total 1 st Quarter	99	\$19,269.77	\$21,172.35	-8.99%
Total 2 nd Quarter	231	\$33,953.33	\$36,569.40	-7.15%
Total 3 rd Quarter	53	\$ 8,382.80	\$ 8,342.09	+0.50%
2021 Claims	383	\$61,605.90	\$66,083.84	-6.80%

Semen Testing: 614 claims; \$24,809.71 Preg Checks: 2389 claims; \$6,689.20 C-Sections: 22 claims; \$5,893.25 Exams: 108 claims; \$5,367.00



Inspection and Investigation Section

Toxicant Dispensing Guidelines and Form 8 Checklist

- Current Form 7 must be held by person dispensing a Form 8 to the owner or occupant of land requesting Compound 1080 (Sodium Monofluoroacetate).
- Store tablets under lock and key; double locked (locked cupboard in a locked warehouse).
- Keep tablets out of sun or heat. Keep them cool.
- Current Form 7 holders are to issue tablets only to agriculture producers suffering active coyote predation to livestock that has occurred within the past 30 days, after confirming management practices are in place such as: guard dogs, carcass disposal, electric fences, etc...
- A maximum of six tablets of Compound 1080 can be dispensed at one time.
- Compound 1080 tablets must be dispensed in a labelled pill vial.
- Form 8 is issued for a maximum of 30 days.
- Remove all poisoned baits within 15 days of initial placement.
- Current Compound 1080 SDS and Pest Management Regulatory Agency Label, which outlines the Use Limitations of the product, must be given to agriculture producer with the Form 8 and Compound 1080 tablets.

Always wear disposable gloves when handling product

Please contact Karen Wickerson at karen.wickerson@gov.ab.ca or 403-701-9668 if you have any questions.

From: Aimee Boese

To: Aimee Delaney; Ashley Stewart; Bettina van Nieurkerk (bvann@clearwatercounty.ca); Blaine Welsh; Bowen

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Shayne Steffen; Quentin Bochar; Riley Nooy; Sebastian Dutrisac; Sheila Kaus; sraven; ssoucy; Terrence Peever; Tracelle Hinze; Trent Keller; Bill Hnatiuk; Braiden Bodin; Bree Webb (bree.webb@foothillscountyab.ca); Caleb Scott; Carla Preachuk; Catherine Christensen; Cathy Preston; Don Hogan; Doug Jensen; Gary Murray; Gary Secrist; George Bloom; James Meeks; Jason Bullock; Jason Regehr; Jeff Porter

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Olson; Todd Green; Will Schaap

Subject: FW: 2021 Year End Coyote Control Device Use Report

Date: December 17, 2021 9:43:09 AM

Attachments: image001.png

FORM Annual Coyote Control Device Use 2021.pdf

AFRED-coyote-predation-control-manual-and-study-guide-2021-11-30.pdf

Compound 1080 PMRA Label 2021.pdf

Sodium Monofluoroacetate new SDS Updated with address 2021.pdf

1080 Checklist for Ag Fieldmen 2021 11 02.pdf

Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Please see the email below and respond to Karen directly if you have questions.

Aimee Boese Agricultural Fieldman Beaver County Box 140

Ryley, AB TOB 4A0 Direct: 825-385-0063 Office: 780-663-3730

www.beaver.ab.ca



From: Karen Wickerson < karen.wickerson@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 8:55 AM

To: Aimee Boese <aboese@beaver.ab.ca>

Subject: 2021 Year End Coyote Control Device Use Report

Hello everyone,

It is that time of year again!

Attached is the **2021 Year End Coyote Control Device and Poisonous Material Report** to fill out and return to me with all expired or completed **Form 8 and Form 9** permits **by January 15, 2022. Please note the email address to send the report and Form 8s to is**<u>AF.iisreports@gov.ab.ca</u>. The form is pdf fillable so can be filled out online if you have the capability. If you are mailing in the reports my address in Airdrie is on the form.

If you have any sodium cyanide, compound 1080 toxic collars or coyote den bombs please contact me for pick up and disposal of them as they can no longer be used.

Update on the 15 year re-evaluation of Sodium Monofluoroacetate – Compound 1080. I am meeting with PMRA in the new year to revise the Form 8 permit. After reviewing the 10 years of reports and Form 8s that I sent in last June, PMRA is asking for more information to be collected each time the product is dispensed. This is to comply with the use limitations of our registration of the product. They have not given me a timeline on how long the re-evaluation will take so there may be more changes to the registration after the re-evaluation.

I have attached copies of our label from PMRA which lists the use limitations, an updated copy of the SDS, a quick checklist of the requirements that have to be met for dispensing of compound 1080, and the updated version of the Coyote Control Manual. It is your responsibility to go over the use limitations with the producer and follow up that they have followed them.

Please make sure you are doing the following when dispensing compound 1080:

- Coyote Predation to have been confirmed in the past 30 days
- Maximum of 6 tablets dispensed
- The expiration of the Form 8 permit is 30 days

PMRA is also looking at collecting information confirming baited carcass has been disposed of properly within 15 days of initial placement, recording number of coyotes removed, and if there were any secondary poisonings.

Please make sure you are following the use limitations of the registration as misuse of this product puts our ability to maintain this registration for the whole province at risk. It is an

important tool in our toolbox.

The question of wolf control in the province came up in the last session of Form 7 training that I held and I want to confirm that wolf control is the responsibility of Fish and Wildlife. They are not an agricultural pest so we do not have authority to control them. Fish and Wildlife has a program for livestock predation by wolves, so if a producer or yourselves are unsure if it is wolf predation you can contact a Fish and Wildlife officer to come out to investigate. Please contact me if you need any further information on this.

I apologize for the long email but I wanted to update you on what is happening with the reevaluation of compound 1080.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Hope you have a wonderful holiday!



Rat and Pest Program Specialist

Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Airdrie Agriculture Centre 97 East Lake Ramp NE, Airdrie, AB Office 403 948 3999 Cell 403 701 9668



Alberta's Rat Control Program Celebrating 70 years 1950-2020

Classification: Protected A



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Correspondence

SUBMISSION TO: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION MEETING DATE: January 6, 2022 CAO: MANAGER: SK DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE GM: PRESENTER:

STRATEGIC PLAN: Level of Service LEG:

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) - N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) - N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as information.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Email from Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding the transition to digital equine infectious anemia (EIA) test certificates in Canada.
- 2. EIA Notification Letter 2021 12 Province wide notice final.
- 3. Response letter from Honourable Nate Horner to County of Paintearth No. 18 regarding ASB funding.
- 4. Letter from County of Warner regarding support of fertilizer emissions.

UPCOMING EVENT(S):

1. March 2 – 4, 2022 <u>Alberta Beef Industry Conference</u>

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

 The benefit of the Agricultural Service Board accepting the recommended motion is that the Board will be made aware of the events, seminars and conferences within the agricultural community throughout the Province.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: The Agricultural Service Board has the alternative to alter or deny the recommended motion.

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.

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:

There are no follow up actions to the recommended motion.



To: Equine stakeholders

From: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Subject: Transition to digital equine infectious anemia (EIA) test certificates in

Canada

November 2021 Date:

For Information Purposes Only

The CFIA will be making the use of digital equine infectious anemia (EIA) test certificates (Coggins) mandatory in Canada as of December 1, 2021. The current paper version of the single horse EIA test certificate (Form CFIA/ACIA 3937), will only be allowed in unique circumstances. The multiple horse test certificate (Form CFIA/ACIA 4679) will not be accepted as of December 1, 2021.

Many EIA accredited veterinarians already use a CFIA-approved digital EIA test certification system and as a result, their clients will not notice any change when the mandatory policy goes into effect. For those horse owners whose veterinarian will be making the change to digital in the near future, it's important to note the following:

- The actual EIA test has not changed
- The EIA test certificate will look a little different and include photographs of the horse instead of hand drawings
- You will be able to access the digital EIA test certificate online in real-time and when needed, a paper version can be printed off*
- Your veterinarian will need to take digital photographs of each horse the first time they are tested using a digital system. An exception to this would be if the horse's appearance changes significantly since the original pictures were entered into the system.
- To ensure good quality photographs can be taken by your veterinarian, it will be important for the horse to be clean enough so that their markings are visible and they are located in a well-lit area.

If you have any questions, please follow up with your accredited veterinarian or your local CFIA animal health district office.



^{*}Do not photocopy printed versions of digital EIA test certificates. Specifically, only use the computerprinted version for official purposes.



Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian

OS Longman Building Suite 905, 6909 – 116 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 4P2 Canada Telphone 445 0427-3448

December 6, 2021

Fax: 780-415-0810 www.agriculture.alberta.ca

From: Dr. Keith Lehman

Chief Provincial Veterinarian

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) cases in Alberta in 2021.

As of December 6th, 2021, 87 cases of EIA have been detected on 15 premises, located in 10 different counties or municipalities (Athabasca, Big Lakes, Bonnyville, Foothills, Grande Prairie, Lac Ste. Anne, Opportunity, Parkland, Smoky Lake, and Sturgeon). The Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian is electing to notify all owners of horses registered in Alberta's PID system by email to increase horse owner awareness.

For more current information, new cases are generally available on the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Systems (CAHSS) equine disease dashboard within 2 to 3 weeks of detection by CFIA. A link to the dashboard can be found at the CAHSS equine network page at https://cahss.ca/cahss-networks/equine

Signs of EIA and what to do

Infected animals may show few clinical signs of disease, particularly in the early stages of infection. However, infected animals remain carriers of the virus for life, putting other animals at risk. Infected animals may show some of the following signs:

- loss of coordination*
- anorexia
- depression
- general weakness
- intermittent fever up to 41°C
- *Note: loss of coordination may be the only clinical sign observed.
- jaundice
- bleeding under the tongue and eye
- swelling of the extremities

Date:

weight loss

EIA is a federally reportable disease, which means that producers or veterinarians must notify the CFIA of all suspected or confirmed cases. If you suspect your horse may be infected, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Many other diseases can cause the same signs in horses, which is why it's so important to call your veterinarian to examine and possibly test your horse for EIA. There is **no human health risk** with EIA.

Preventing EIA and more information

While no vaccine is available for EIA, you can ask your veterinarian about other ways to prevent EIA in your horses. You can also visit the CFIA website at bit.ly/1gNSwGN to learn more about prevention and other general information about EIA. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Alberta's Chief Provincial Veterinarian at 780-427-3448.

About this notice

You have received this notification as an animal owner who has registered your land location in Alberta's Premises Identification System. It is important your information in the system is accurate and up-to-date for effective and timely notification. To check if your information (e.g. contact information, location, species at the location) is current or to make a change, please visit https://partners.agric.gov.ab.ca/pid/ or call the Alberta Ag-Info Centre toll-free at 310-FARM (3276).

EIA Notification Letter Created December 2021

Classification: Protected A





AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Minister MLA, Drumheller-Stettler

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DEC 1 5 2021

December 9, 2021 Mr. Maurice Wiart A.S.B. Chair, County of Paintearth No. 18 #1 Crowfoot Drive, Crowfoot Crossing Box 509 Castor, AB TOC 0X0

Dear Mr. Wiart:

Thank you for your October 29, 2021, letter regarding funding for Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs).

ASBs are an important resource in Alberta's agriculture industry and I can assure you that my department and I appreciate all the work done each year. The ASBs and Agricultural Fieldmen enforce the *Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Soil Conservation Act,* assist with the *Animal Health Act* and promote sustainable farming practices. Over the past 75 years, ASBs have protected the agricultural industry from harmful and market-affecting pests and improved agricultural land productivity. The Government of Alberta remains committed to supporting the important work ASBs do.

As you know, the economic downturn and the onset of COVID-19 have led to significant reductions in government revenue. It put immense pressure on the budget and led to tough decisions about how we supported organizations and what services we could provide. As a result, the 2020-21 budget included a reduction in the overall ASB program budget, starting in spring 2020. Although the 2020-24 ASB program budget was reduced, the new five-year ASB Grant Program agreement is intended to provide increased program stability and ensure annual program payments will be processed quickly. I understand the grant reduction has put pressure on municipal budgets. Unfortunately, due to the existing economic climate, Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development is not in a position to increase ASB grant amounts at this time.

I also understand that changes to the ministry staff and website have led to shifting demands on the expertise and technical knowledge that agricultural fieldmen and other municipal staff provide. I appreciate the support that these professionals have supplied over the last year. To ensure we remain connected to ASBs and Agricultural Fieldmen, we recently launched the new Regional ASB Liaison program, which replaces the Key Contact program. The Regional Liaisons will link more informally with fieldmen and ASB members on a regular basis. In addition, an ASB-directed newsletter will be shared with ASBs on a quarterly basis, along with a town hall meeting to be held between ASB Chairmen and Assistant Deputy Minister John Conrad twice per year. We recently updated the ASB webpage to be a one-stop shop that links to information relevant to ASBs. Engagement with ASBs on all four levels—newsletter, liaison, updated ASB website, and through executive senior management—will support a strengthened relationship between the department and ASBs.

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Thank you again for writing. The growth and success of Alberta's agriculture industry remains at the heart of the Government of Alberta's economic strategy, and ASBs will continue to be an important partner in that success.

Sincerely,

Honourable Nate Horner

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

cc: Sebastian Dutrisac, Provincial ASB Committee Chair

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Honorable Steven Guilbeault Minister of Environment and Climate Change House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

Re: Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions

The County of Warner Agriculture Service Board (ASB) is supporting letters from other municipalities regarding the federal government's emissions target for synthetic fertilizer.

Canadians in both urban and rural communities rely on agriculture as we overcome the crisis that we are in. There is currently a focus on increasing Canadian agricultural exports, increasing production of crops used for biofuels, and continued domestic demand for agricultural products from a growing population.

To achieve this, an increase in fertilizer is also required, as producing more crops requires the use of fertilizers. We ask your government not to further jeopardize this keystone industry by providing an emission target, which will result in cutting of use. Instead, a reduction in emission intensity or a measurement based on bushels produced may be more appropriate. Additionally, increased grants for research and development into innovative technologies to improve crop fertilizer uptake and retention are better approaches to meet the goal for better agricultural products and practices that will save farmers money and time while protecting Canada's environment.

The County of Warner ASB strongly encourages Honourable Steven Guilbeault to continue to review how best to achieve the fertilizer emissions target without placing limits on overall crop production.

Yours Truly,

Shawn Rodgers, ASB Chairman

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Honourable Jason Nixon, AB Minister of Environment and Parks

Honourable Nate Horner, AB Minister of Agriculture

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