

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Agricultural Service Board

July 8, 2020

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Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution

Recommendation from Administration

That the Board approve the submission of the Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution to the South Region Agricultural Service Board conference for endorsement consideration;

And further that the Board forward the Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution to the August 18, 2020 Council Meeting for Council review and submission to the Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta – District 2 Fall General Meeting for endorsement consideration.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

At the January 15, 2020 ASB Meeting Stan Carscallen; lawyer, rancher, and co-founder of Alberta Farmland Trust, delivered a presentation to the Agricultural Service Board describing challenges in the use of agricultural conservation easements. The Board was inspired to undertake advocacy efforts in support of the protection, conservation, and enhancement of agricultural lands in Alberta. At the February 4, 2020 Council meeting a resolution was passed for administration to draft a resolution on the topic for Council review prior to submitting to the South Region Agricultural Service Board conference and Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta – District 2 Fall General Meeting for endorsement consideration.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Alberta Land Stewardship Act SA 2009, c A-26.8; South Saskatchewan Regional Plan 2014 – 2024: Amended 2018

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Protection and conservation of agricultural land is a priority under regional planning initiatives and is referenced within Wheatland County's Regional Growth Management Strategy and Municipal Development Plan.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

N/A

Organizational

N/A

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

If approved by both the Board today and by Council at the August 18, 2020 Council Meeting, the attached resolution will be submitted to both the South Region Agricultural Service Board Conference and Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta – District 2 Fall General meeting by the appropriate deadlines. Terminology and formatting used in the document is currently aligned with RMA but will be modified to suit the ASB for that submission.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Russel Muenchrath

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Michael Ziehr