

**WHEATLAND COUNTY  
ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SERVICES  
PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020**

Minutes of the Wheatland County Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting conducted via conference call on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 commencing at 1:00 P.M. with the following present:

Members: J. Wilson  
B. Van Laar  
R. Harwood  
D. Hallgrimson

ALUS Coordinator: S. Schumacher

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Alternate: A. Robb

Advisory: R. Muenchrath

Recording Secretary: G. Mowat

Absent/Regrets: Member – B. Armstrong (alternate)

**Call to  
Order**

Program Coordinator S. Schumacher, called the meeting to order–time 1:07 P.M.

Note: The following were present when the meeting was called to order

- B. Archibald, Extension Specialist South – Environmental Programming Unit, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, was present when the meeting was called to order
- C. Campbell, ALUS Canada, Hub Manager (West)

**ALUS  
Coordinator  
Update**

ALUS Coordinator S. Schumacher presented power point presentation titled “Wheatland ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee Meeting – June 2020”. The presentation provided the following highlights: WRRP Rosebud Grant; new ALUS Canada database; EFP’s process during COVID-19; ALUS Wheatland project approved January 15, 2020; articles submitted to County Connector; ALUS Wheatland – 2020 Goals; Project Funding Options – 2020.

Note: A. Robb left the meeting time – 1:30 P.M.

**Project Approval  
Process**

Discussion: prioritizing projects, converting annual cropland to perennial grassland – payment reduction; fund added value projects.

Note: ALUS program can’t subsidize agriculture under international trade agreements.

**Approved 2020  
Project  
to Date**

Project 1: (Approved January 15, 2020) – pollinator habitat, reseeding saline seep, ecobuffer

Note: J. Wilson joined the meeting time – 1:50 P.M.

**2020 Project  
Review**

The committee reviewed the seven (7) projects for consideration of approval following the set guidelines. Discussion followed highlighting individual projects.

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- Project 2: 2o2o:2** – Cropland to perennial vegetation. **APPROVED with Amendments (funding for riparian buffer only)**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 2	Conversion from annual cropland to perennial grassland	165	\$ 12,375.00	\$ -	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 32.50	\$ 5,362.50	5	\$ 26,812.50
Total		165	\$ 12,375.00	\$ -	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 32.50	\$ 5,362.50	5.00	\$ 26,812.50

- Project 3: 2o2o:3** – Saline area seeding to salt tolerant perennial. **NOT APPROVED**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 3	Conversion from annual cropland to perennial grassland	72	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$32.50	\$2,340.00	5	\$11,700.00
Total		72	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$32.50	\$2,340.00	5	\$11,700.00

- Project 4: 2o2o:4** – Riparian area fencing and offsite water, managed grazing in riparian. **APPROVED**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 4	Streambank protection fencing project and off-site watering system	32	\$17,642.00	\$0.00	\$13,995.00	\$3,647.00	\$20.00	\$640.00	5	\$3,200.00
Total		32	\$17,642.00	\$0.00	\$13,995.00	\$3,647.00	\$20.00	\$640.00	5	\$3,200.00

- Project 5: 2o2o:5** – Riparian area fencing and offsite water, exclusion from riparian. **APPROVED**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 5	Streambank protection fencing project and off-site watering system	5	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$200.00	5	\$1,000.00
Total		5	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$200.00	5	\$1,000.00

- Project 6: 2o2o:6** – Portable off-site watering system. **APPROVED**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 6	Streambank protection off-site watering system	40	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$6,627.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$800.00	5	\$4,000.00
Total		40	\$6,760.00	\$0.00	\$6,627.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$800.00	5	\$4,000.00

**Project 7: 2o2o:7** – Ecobuffer planting with SAR. **APPROVED**

Project Propoposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 7	Ecobuffer- Species at Risk	3	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$900.00	5	\$4,500.00
Total		3	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$900.00	5	\$4,500.00

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- **Project 8: 2o2o:8** – Cropland to perennial vegetation. **NOT APPROVED**

Project Proposal - BUDGET ESTIMATE

Project #	Description	Acres	Project Cost	Project Cost ALUS	Project Cost Partner	Project Cost Participant	Annual Payment Rate	ALUS Annual Payment	Contract Length (yrs)	Total Contract Costs
2o2o: 8	Conversion from annual crop to perennial grassland	85	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$40.00	\$3,400.00	5	\$17,000.00
Total		85	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$40.00	\$3,400.00	5	\$17,000.00

Note: A. Robb rejoined the meeting time – 2:30 P.M.

The following 2020 Projects were deferred to the next ALUS PAC meeting: Project 2020:2 – Cropland to perennial vegetation; Project 2020:3 – Saline area seeding to salt tolerant perennial; and Project 2020:8 – Cropland to perennial vegetation.

**RESOLUTION ALUS-2020-06-01**

2020

Projects      MOVED by VAN LAAR APPROVAL of 2020 Projects as follows: Project 2020:2 riparian buffer, Project 2020:4 – Riparian area fencing and offsite water, managed grazing in riparian; Project 2020:5 – Riparian area fencing and offsite water, exclusion from riparian, Project 2020:6 – Portable off-site watering system and Project 2020:7 – Ecobuffer planting with SAR, as presented.

Next Steps    ALUS Coordinator S. Schumacher reviewed the following:

- Conservation prioritization map layer incorporated into decision making process for funding
- Attracting new projects
- Program promotion

Next

Meeting      ALUS Coordinator S. Schumacher informed that the next ALUS PAC meeting will be at the call of the ALUS Coordinator.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned – time 2:55 P.M.

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Chair

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ALUS Coordinator

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Recording Secretary