

Wheatland County

Department Report

Agricultural Service Board

October 7, 2020

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Manager of Agriculture and Environment Report

Recommendation from Administration

That the Board accepts the Manager of Agriculture and Environment Report as information.


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- Mowing & Spraying completed in 9 grader divisions. On track to finish by late October.
- 15' mower cut completed on paved roads on West side of County only.
- Spot spraying underway on grader divisions that were mowed first in the season.
- Seeding and straw shredding on RR245 construction when time permits.
- 2 rentals for Weed wiper and pasture sprayer.
- 14 canola samples collected to inspect for clubroot and sent to Alberta Agriculture for sclerotinia and blackleg testing. Clubroot surveying will continue until the first of October.
- 6 weed complaints responded to in August.
- Inspected abandoned CN Rail line.
- 3rd round of Village inspections completed September 4th.
- Surveyed Bow River for Purple Loosestrife on August 19th with 27 plants controlled and no new locations found.
- Grain Bag rolling is starting up again with 2 bags rolled and 3 on the waiting list.
- Bursary committee meeting held September 16th with the recommendation to award 3 bursaries going forward to the October 7th ASB meeting.
- Agricultural Land Trust Resolution submitted to fall RMA conference and South Region ASB Conference.
- Environmental Coordinator initiated program in partnership with Health and Safety Advisor offering support to all staff developing RFDs in effectively noting and evaluating environment and safety considerations associated with projects.
- Informal inspection of County properties will occur in latter part of September as follow-up to the 2018 Environmental Audit to keep track of compliance on County-operated sites. Activity will aid our due diligence and offers a record of review for the purpose of environmental management.
- Will be advertising for Environmental Stewardship nominations for review at January ASB meeting.
- The Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship Program – 4 projects approved & 2 completed; Safe Water Wells Action Program – 9 applications with 7 projects approved; Rosebud Watershed Resiliency Restoration Program – 2 projects approved; Environmental Farm Plan – 12 in progress with 11 completed; ALUS – 5 projects approved; Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program – 13 applications with 5 projects completed.

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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Michael Ziehr