

Wheatland County

Department Report

Agricultural Service Board

April 29, 2020

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Manager of Agriculture and Environment Report

Recommendation from Administration

Acceptance of the Manager of Agriculture and Environment Report.

Report

- 150 cases of strychnine sold to 75 producers.
- 112 grain bags rolled for 25 producers. Approximately 10 producers with 80 bags on waiting list.
- Calgary and Area Governmental Weed Committee meeting on Feb 18th – Rocky View County hosting Weed School this June.
- Presentation on weeds for the Strathmore Country Garden Club held on March 4th at the Strathmore Library with 20 in attendance.
- Gopher Control bait stations currently put out in Gleichen, Cluny, Carseland and Waste Transfer sites.
- Watershed & Resiliency Restoration Program (WRRP) Crowfoot and Rosebud: Accepting applications.
- ALUS Wheatland: Accepting applications, 1 project approved, PAC meeting cancelled.
- Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship Program: accepting applications, 2 applications received.
- Safe Water Wells Actions Plan: 4 applications received.
- Environmental Farm Plan: 18 requests, 10 completed.
- Livestock Emergency Public and Resources Session open house held on Feb 25th with 15 in attendance.
- Classroom Ag Program, Farm Transition Workshop, Working Well workshop, Water Day booth and Emergency Livestock training sessions all cancelled or postponed.
- Received a 1 year extension for Emergency Livestock Training grant.
- Completed research with regards to Council's resolution for staff to determine compliance with water legislation at Eagle Lake RV Park. Information provided to community services.
- Environmental Update publication completed in-house. Document was printed in February and presented to Council in March.
- Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Workshop was held on February 22 with 76 attendees. Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Funding Program was released on the same day. 13 applications have been received under the program requesting a total budget allocation of approximately \$12,000.
- Exploring opportunity presented by the Alberta Environment and Parks Wetland Replacement Program that has a current intent to partner with municipalities for the pursuit of wetland restoration and construction opportunities.
- Upcoming work includes chemical treatment of cut brush and roadside/borrow area seeding.

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