

MINUTES OF THE BRAZEAU COUNTY ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SERVICES (ALUS) PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC), HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EOC MEETING ROOM, IN DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016.

IN ATTENDANCE

Shirley Mahan, Councillor
Duane Movald, Chairperson & Member-at-Large
Graham Kathol, Vice Chairperson & Member-at-Large
Henry Hughes, Member-at-Large
Cliff Whitelock, Member-at-Large
Cecil Andersen, Member-at-Large
Candace Vanin, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
Mary Ellen Shain, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
Christine Campbell, ALUS Canada HUB Manager (West)
Benjamin Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator
Colin Poitras, Planning & Development Summer Student
Lisa Rabel, Agricultural Fieldman
Nancy Chambers, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Denika Piggott, Parkland County ALUS
Kerri O’Shaughnessy, Cows & Fish

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

none

CALL TO ORDER

D. Movald, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Cecil Andersen, PAC Member, entered the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Lisa Rabel, Agricultural Fieldman, entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additions to the agenda included:

- B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, requested that a map of the 2005 Natural Regions and Subregions of Alberta to be added to the Project Proposal section
- B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, requested to add the email correspondence from Parkland County “By Their Own Hand – Parkland Policy” to the section for ALUS-1 Policy Update.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

025-16 Moved by S. Mahan, PAC Member, to approve the agenda with the additions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

026-16 Moved by C. Vanin, PAC Member, to adopt the minutes of the June 27, 2016 ALUS PAC meeting as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

The 2016 ALUS PAC meeting schedule was reviewed and it was suggested to re-visit the PAC meeting schedule after item #7 – “Brazeau ALUS Launch / Open House – Set Date” has been discussed.

ALUS-1 POLICY UPDATE

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, presented the revised ALUS-1 Policy and reviewed the changes.

Mary Ellen Shain, PAC Member, entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

027-16 Moved by S. Mahan, PAC Member, to adopt the ALUS-1 Policy as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

028-16 Moved by Henry Hughes, PAC Member, to receive for information the “By Their Own Hand – Parkland Policy” email.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BRAZEAU ALUS LAUNCH
/ OPEN HOUSE**

D. Movald, PAC Chairperson, opened discussion on the event. B. Misener, ALUS Coordinator, advised that we don’t have to do the launch this fall if we are not ready. No projects are in the ground, so there will not be a site to visit yet; however, we can still provide information and have discussions at an open house event. Members suggested that we might be able provide photos from other communities and there are some videos available as well. A workshop session may be an idea to engage interested participants and information on how to apply, etc. Based on attendance and interest, this would be a good tool to assist with forecasting for budgeting, and we could promote the Modeste Creek project or higher priority areas.

As September and October are very busy months for most producers, it was suggested to have several sessions throughout the winter, perhaps starting in November. The best time of day was agreed to be in the evenings.

October 5-7, 2016 field conference in Red Deer and Brazeau ALUS PAC is invited to attend. November 4, 2016 is the ALUS Launch at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Ontario. The Guitars & Denim event hosted by the Drayton Valley Agricultural Society is scheduled for November 5, 2016 at the Drayton Valley Legion. It was

suggested we could promote ALUS at the local Guitars & Denim event.

ACTION ITEM:	Benjamin to follow up with Guitars & Denim event staff to see if ALUS can have a booth. This may require sponsorship.
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The suggested date for Brazeau ALUS workshops are November 8, 2016 at the Lindale Hall from 7-9 pm. Subsequent workshops to be held on January 11, 2017 at Easyford Hall and March 9, 2017 at Funnell Hall, all pending availability of the halls. "Eventbright" can be used for on-line registration.

029-16 Moved by H. Hughes, PAC Member, to approve dates of November 8, 2016, January 11, 2017 & March 9, 2017 for workshops and launch events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEM:	B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator to book community halls for evenings of November 8, 2016 at Lindale, January 11, 2017 at Easyford and March 9, 2017 at Funnell.
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030-16 Moved by C. Vanin, PAC Member, to cancel the September 8, 2016 PAC meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

031-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, to approve up to \$1500 in total to cover the three ALUS workshops.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Movald, PAC Chairperson, called for a break at 10:15 a.m.

D. Movald, PAC Chairperson, called the meeting back to order at 10:23 a.m.

032-16 Moved by S. Mahan, PAC Member to approve up to \$500 for the Guitars and Denim event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued surrounding possible awards in the future.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

File 16E-002 was presented by B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator.

Project 1 – Riparian / Creek Exclusion Fencing - The red line (existing fence) portion that was completed last year is what they are

applying for through ALUS. The green line (proposed fence) has been submitted through the AWE grant program. The yellow lines (proposed fence) may come back to the ALUS PAC after it is determined how much is covered under AWE grant.

Project 2 – Portable Solar Waterer - applying for through the AWE grant.

This project meets two out of three criteria for eligibility as established by the Brazeau ALUS PAC. However, the proposal would have more than 20% of the titled land being taken out of production. It is estimated at 24%.

PAC Members expressed concern with wildlife getting inside the fence and also with the cost of the elk fencing because it is substantially more than a regular livestock fence. It was noted that the AWE grant would not be supporting the full cost of the fencing on their portion due of the cost of the elk fencing. Receipts were provided by the applicant to show actual costs. It was suggested to cap the fencing payment to be the equivalent of a basic 5 strand wire fence at \$7 per meter.

Members discussed the eligibility of retro-active projects.

The PAC members agreed the mower is not eligible for funding.

C. Whitelock, PAC Member left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria established by the PAC. Members agreed that 20% of the lands is the maximum to be enrolled with no variances.

033-16 Moved by C. Andersen, PAC Member, to cap the fencing costs at \$7 per meter with 50% of the establishment cost to be covered ALUS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

034-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, to limit ALUS eligibility for acreage funding to up to 20% of the deeded land per quarter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

035-16 Moved by H. Hughes, PAC Member, to approve a 50% cost share for project 16E-002 of the existing fencing establishment cost, up to the established maximum rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

036-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, to approve the funding for 16E-002 for annual payments for 20% of the eligible area at the ALUS established rates with 28.7 acres at the pasture rate and 3.3 acres at the existing permanent wetland rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

037-16 Moved by S. Mahan, PAC Member, that the mower be excluded from the payments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

038-16 Moved by H. Hughes, PAC Member, that the cost of purchasing maintenance equipment be excluded from eligibility for ALUS funding.

H. Hughes, PAC Member, requested permission to withdraw the motion.

039-16 Moved by S. Mahan, PAC Member to allow H. Hughes to withdraw his motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

040-16 Moved by M.E. Shain, PAC Member, to receive 16E-002 project summary for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REVIEW PARKING LOT ITEMS

D. Movald, Chairperson, discussed parking lot items.

- Application deadline for Brazeau EOI's – may want to have a deadline in the future if numerous applications are arriving.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, discussed the submission of Expense Claims.

ADJOURNMENT

041-16 Moved by C. Andersen, PAC Member, that the Brazeau County ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee meeting of August 24, 2016 adjourn at 12:19 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Duane Movald
Chairperson

Nancy Chambers
Recording Secretary