

**NOMINATION OF
CHAIRPERSON**

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, called for nominations of the Chairperson of the Partnership Advisory Committee.

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043-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, that nominations for Chairperson cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, called a second time and a third time for nominations. Hearing none, B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, called for a motion to appoint a Chairperson.

044-16 Moved by M.E. Shain, PAC Member, to appoint Duane Movald as Chairperson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Movald, assumed the Chair.

**NOMINATION OF
ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON**

D. Movald, Chairperson, called for nominations of the Alternate Chairperson of the Partnership Advisory Committee.

Henry Hughes, PAC Member, nominated Graham Kathol, PAC Member for Alternate Chairperson.

D. Movald, Chairperson, called a second time and a third time for nominations.

045-16 Moved by K. O'Shaughnessy, PAC Member, that nominations for Alternate Chairperson cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Movald, Chairperson, called for a motion to appoint an Alternate Chairperson.

046-16 Moved by L. Strocher, PAC Member, to appoint G. Kathol as Alternate Chairperson of the Partnership Advisory Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Candace Vanin, PAC Member, entered meeting at 9:23 am.

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

047-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, to adopt the minutes of the August 24, 2016 ALUS PAC meeting as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Martino Verhaeghe & Candace Vanin introduced themselves to the group.

BUSINESS ARISING

048-16 Moved by Henry, PAC Member, to adopt the 2016/2017 PAC meeting schedule.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**WEST-CENTRAL FORAGE
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP**

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, discussed the addition of the West-Central Forage Association to the PAC.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FARM
PLAN WORKSHOP**

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, discussed the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshop to be hosted on December 14, 2016 at the Clean Energy Technology Centre. J. Watson, PAC Member, & T. McGinn described the details of the workshop. If a producer already has an EFP, it can be updated at the workshop. Pre-registration with West-Central Forage Association is required.

**ANNUAL PAYMENT
SCHEDULE**

Members discussed the current Annual Payment Schedule that was approved for 2016. Members also discussed the payment cap. B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator suggested that the caps amounts should be included in the payment schedule. Members discussed adding another pasture category for pasture of less quality. The payments per acre are based on the ecological goods & services value provided and it was suggested to add to the notes section that the payment schedule indicates environmental value for stewardship not agricultural value.

Q/M

049-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, for the annual payment schedule to remain as is for 2017 with the addition of a line to state that payment rates are not solely based on lands' ability to create traditional agricultural production, but also includes value created for environmental stewardship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

050-16 Moved by L. Strocher, PAC Member, to add to the annual payment schedule a maximum cap of \$7/meter for fencing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PAC Members discussed creating payment caps for other items as necessary on a go-forward basis. This has been added as a Parking Lot item for follow up in the future as required.

**AGRICULTURE WATERSHED
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION DEADLINE**

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, advised that the deadline for AWE project submissions is extended and will now be on a first come-first served basis. This is for the Modeste Watershed area only. The projects must be new projects only, and the producer must have farm tax status.

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, added that Brazeau County ALUS will potentially fund 50% of establishment costs for existing projects.

**UPDATE ON PROJECT
16E-002**

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, advised that the applicants for 16E-002 have declined the approval on their application and withdrawn their application.

D. Movald, PAC Chairperson called for a break at 10:50 am and the meeting resumed at 10:55 am.

T. McGinn left meeting at 10:50 am.

D. Movald, Chairperson, asked that if anyone has a conflict of interest or a pecuniary interest in the proposals, they can excuse themselves from the room.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL: Wildlife Corridor and Habitat
FILE: 16E-004

B. Misener, ALUS Coordinator, referred to the additional information provided for 16E-004 and presented the application proposing fencing for two areas (10.19 acres on the west side of the property and 8.12 acres in the SE corner) within the quarter. Both areas are partially fenced. Both areas have wetland features. The applicant is not an agricultural producer and does not have farm tax status, but the area is used for agricultural purposes. Originally, the applicant proposed 3 strand fencing. Based on costs, the applicant is now proposing one strand electric rope fence, corner posts, one gate, brush clearing, and two 6-volt solar electric fencers.

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, advised this project does not qualify for the AWE provincial grant because they are not agricultural producers.

Administration recommends a 50% cost-share of the exclusion fencing establishment costs (total of 624 m) and annual payments of \$37.50 per acre for 10.19 acres of riparian and upland forested pasture, annual payments of \$15.00 per acre for 8.12 acres of forest (existing) rate, and annual payments of \$20.00 per acre for 0.3 acres of permanent wetlands. Administration recommended a 5-year agreement for annual payment.

Members discussed the project and eligibility requirements. Members also discussed the possible requirement to provide to the County a copy of the lease agreement between the landowner and the individual renting the pasture lands and also the possibility of a caveat on the lands.

Members decided to move forward to file 16E-005 on the agenda and then return to file 16E-004.

PROPOSAL: Riparian/Creek Exclusion Fencing
FILE: 16E-005

D. Movald, Chairperson, declared a conflict of interest and G. Kathol, Alternate Chairperson, assumed the Chair.

D. Movald left the meeting at 11:38am.

B. Misener, ALUS Coordinator, presented the above application proposing 2050 m of exclusion fencing, 23.4 acres of riparian and upland pasture (6.28 acres in the northern parcel and 17.12 acres in the southern parcel) and 1.91 acres of permanent wetland.

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, referred to the additional information provided for 16E-005 outlining a change to the proposal submitted, which now includes the use of gates along the undeveloped road allowance.

Administration recommends submitting the application to the AWE grant for 100% coverage of the exclusion fencing costs, with a 50% cost share with Brazeau ALUS for any remaining fencing amount not covered by the AWE grant, and annual payments of \$37.50 per acre for the 23.4 acres of riparian and upland pasture areas and \$20 per acre for 1.91 acres of wetland area. Administration recommends a 5 year agreement with special conditions as outlined in the proposal.

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator advised that the use of unlocked, closed gates across the undeveloped road allowance would have to be approved by County Council. If the use of the gates was not accepted by Council, the applicant would utilize electric fencing along the undeveloped road allowance, to be provided and installed by the applicant.

Members discussed future plans for more of the creek to be enrolled. The placement of fencing was determined with the landowner, mostly at the top of bank, but also trying to take make as straight of lines as possible for ease and cost of fencing. Members recommended allowing the producer the ability to move the dates for accessing the riparian area, dependent on the growth and the current conditions, in discussion and consultation with Cows & Fish based on best practices.

051-16 Moved by H. Hughes, PAC Member, to approve the project with the budget as recommended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

052-16 Moved by C. Vanin, PAC Member, that subject to council approval, an additional budget amount be approved as presented, to be allocated to cover the cost of gates and fencing through the undeveloped road allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

053-16 Moved by K. O'Shaughnessy, PAC Member, that time controlled grazing be allowed based on recommended range management best practices, subject to the approval of the ALUS Program Coordinator, and that fence line vegetation control be allowed using appropriate methods.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Movald, Chairperson re-entered the meeting at 12:32 pm and assumed the Chair.

Discussion continued on proposal 16E-004, specifically regarding the impact of the horses on the lands and the acquisition of a copy of the rental agreement for the pasture. Members reviewed the three criteria for eligibility. It was noted that this proposal does not qualify for the AWE program because the applicants are not agricultural producers.

054-16 Moved by G. Kathol, PAC Member, that the PAC reject the application until such time that the applicant can provide proof that the lessee is fully aware of the 5 year agreement period and is a bonafide farmer himself or the applicant obtains farm status and can meet the eligibility criteria.

L. Strocher, PAC Member, asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to read that the application is refused because the proposal does not meet the eligibility criteria.

G. Kathol, PAC Member, accepted the friendly amendment.

Members voted on the motion as worded in the friendly amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator, discussed and reviewed expense claims. As per County policy, compensation for travel time is through the mileage rate. Travel time is not included in the meeting time. PAC Members attending the meeting on behalf of an agency are not compensated by the PAC because they are paid through their own agency.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.



Duane Movald
Chairperson



Nancy Chambers
Recording Secretary