

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 THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017.

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

IN ATTENDANCE Duane Movald, Chairperson & Member-at-Large
Henry Hughes, Member-at-Large
Lawrence Strocher, Member-at-Large
Cliff Whitelock, Member-at-Large
Shirley Mahan, Councillor
Kerri O'Shaughnessy, Cows & Fish
Mary Ellen Shain, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
Jessica Watson, West-Central Forage Association
Christine Campbell, ALUS Canada
Benjamin Misener, ALUS Program Coordinator
Tara McGinn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Nancy Chambers, Recording Secretary

ABSENT Graham Kathol, Member-at-Large
Candace Vanin, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

OTHER ATTENDANCE Brian Ilnicki, Land Stewardship Centre

INTRODUCTIONS No new PAC members, Administration or guests required introductions.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA B. Misener requested the addition of the Ag Watershed Enhancement Program update, to be added as item 6b and provided a handout.

B. Misener requested the addition of the Alberta Farmer Pesticide Applicator Training to be added as item 6c and provided a handout.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA 026-17 Moved by S. Mahan to approve the agenda with the additions.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES 027-17 Moved by K. O'Shaughnessy to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2017 PAC meeting as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

There is a conflict with the MPC meeting on June 15, 2017.

028-17 Moved by H. Hughes to amend the meeting schedule by moving the June 15, 2017 meeting to June 8, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Shain entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

B. Misener advised that AWE funding is very limited, as per the April 12, 2017 email from Diana Bingham which was distributed to the PAC. We will continue to encourage producers to apply for AWE funding and we will continue to seek additional funding sources. AWE will also continue efforts to seek funding.

029-17 Moved by S. Mahan to table the Alberta Farmer Pesticide Applicator Certificate Training information to later in the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALUS BUDGET SUMMARY

B. Misener presented a summary of the current ALUS budget. It was suggested to add another section for pending/committed funds, to show amounts that have been approved for projects but not paid out yet.

C. Campbell entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

BREAKDOWN OF \$7/METER CAP

B. Misener asked for clarity on what was to be included in the \$7/meter cap. It was suggested that similar to provincial standards, \$7/meter is for the actual fencing material and labour only. Mulching, dirt work, old fence removal, etc. is over and above. Materials costing more than \$7/meter are at the expense of the applicant. It was suggested that the PAC determine minimum standards for fencing. B. Misener will look for provincial standards and recommendations and bring the information back to the next meeting for discussion.

It was discussed that \$7/meter is for materials and hired labour only but does not include in-kind labour done by the producer. C. Campbell will look into how to account for labour done by the producer.

030-17 Moved by L. Strocher that the \$7/meter cap is for materials and labor costs only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

031-17 Moved by S. Mahan that B. Misener research information for a fencing minimum standard to be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA FARMER
PESTICIDE APPLICATOR
CERTIFICATE**

T. McGinn presented information on the Alberta Farmer Pesticide Applicator Certificate Course on April 20 & 21, 2017 to be held at the County office and how to RSVP.

**DECLARATION OF
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

D. Movald reminded PAC members that if there were any conflicts of interest they must be declared before proceeding to the discussion of the projects. None were noted.

PROJECT UPDATES

B. Misener provided verbal updates on files 16E-008 & 16E-012. B. Misener will contact the applicant for 16E-008 and advise on the AWE funding. They may re-submit their proposal to the PAC, considering the lack of AWE funding. The applicants for 16E-012 are still considering the PAC recommendations and have not yet advised how they will be moving forward.

Christine Campbell introduced herself to the PAC as the Western Hub Manager for ALUS Canada. She reported that there are about 2500 ALUS projects in 11 communities within 5 provinces.

B. Ilnicki entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

C. Campbell provided updates from ALUS Canada including staffing updates, charitable status, ALUS funders and local fundraising.

D. Movald called for a break at 10:10 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m.

INFFER DISCUSSION

Brian Ilnicki, Executive Director of the Land Stewardship Centre, advised that colleagues from Australia will be in Alberta in mid-July. The timeframe for the INFFER assessment to be completed is March of 2018; however the hope is that it will be completed this fall.

Members discussed the "Initial Questions for Consideration" presented to the PAC at the March 30, 2017 meeting. Initial discussions centered on water quality in the Modeste Creek and the contributors to the water quality issues. B. Ilnicki will work with B. Misener to summarize all of the comments and suggestions.

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RECESS FOR LUNCH

032-17 Moved by S. Mahan that the ALUS PAC meeting of April 13, 2017 recess for lunch at 12:01 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VIDEOS

A video titled "The CACHE Project – Keeping up with ALUS" was shown during the lunch break.

**INFFER DISCUSSION
CONTINUED**

B. Innicki and the PAC continued discussions based on the "Initial Questions for Consideration". Discussions continued surrounding water quality and whether or not water quality data is available. B. Misener will work with County staff, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, and NSWA to determine what data is available. After it is determined what data is available, the PAC can discuss the direction they want to go with the INFFER analysis.

B. Innicki will also look into what water quality studies are available for other waterbodies within the County. B. Misener and B. Innicki will also research what data is available regarding household open sewage discharge systems.

033-17 Moved by K. O'Shaughnessy to bring the pertinent information back to the next PAC meeting of June 8, 2017.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

034-17 Moved by H. Hughes to table the INFFER discussion to the June 8, 2017 meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS**

B. Misener discussed the submission of Expense Claims.

ADJOURNMENT

035-17 Moved by S. Mahan to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Duane Movald
Chairperson



Nancy Chambers
Recording Secretary

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