Wainwright, Alberta
February 24th, 2026

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Administration Building at 9:00 am, February 24th, 2026.

Present: Chairman – Councilor Bruce Cummins
Councilor Shaun Rue
Farm Members – Jason Dahlgren, Colton Ukrainetz, and Bryan Skinner
Agricultural Fieldman – Shelby Oracheski
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and ASB Secretary – Kaitlin Hirsekorn

Chairman Clr. Cummins called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

07/26 Moved by Colton Ukrainetz that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

08/26 Moved by Clr. Rue that the minutes from January 15th, 2026 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Delegations: N/A

Correspondence was reviewed by the Agricultural Fieldman, Shelby Oracheski and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Kaitlin Hirsekorn.

a. Letter of Concern Regarding the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Proposed Amendments to Livestock Traceability Regulations (Big Laked County)
b. Letter of Concern Regarding the Proposed Amendments to the On-Farm Slaughter Operation License Program (M.D. of Spirit River)
c. Letter of Support for Unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Operation License in Alberta (Brazeau County)
d. Changes in the Office of the Chief Provincial Vet Announcement
e. PRMA Decision on the Strychnine Emergency Use Registration (ADM John Conrad)
f. Ministers Response for the Support for the Co-op Agribusiness Grant Program (Minister RJ Sigurdson)

The correspondence was taken as information.

The ASB agenda package included the January and February ASB monthly reports.

Reports were taken as information.

Shelby Oracheski, Agricultural Fieldman and Kaitlin Hirsekorn, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman presented their report:

a) An extension programming update was provided. An Environmental Farm Plan Workshop and Personal & Agricultural Solar Workshop have been hosted. A number of other events are planned including Shelterbelt Establishment, Environmental Farm Plan, Food Preservation, and No Till Gardening.
b) A Rural Routes update was provided. The Elks Hall and Veras Catering have been booked for the event.

09/26 Moved by Jason Dahlgren to hire Over the Moon as the Rural Routes Entertainment. CARRIED

c) An update was provided on the Shelterbelt Establishment Program. Orders closed on February 13th with over 8,110 seedlings sold, and 46 participants.
d) RFPs will be advertised for the 2026/2027 Roadside Mowing Contract and the 2026 Herbicide Order. RFPs will be brought to the April Council Meeting.

e) Price proposals are being collected for the roadside grass seed blend to complete the 2026 reclamation projects, to be brought to the March Council Meeting. The successful bidder may supply seed for the next 3 years.
f) The Fire Bylaw and Stubble Burning Bylaw were updated and passed by Council at the February Council Meeting. They were both reviewed along with associated policy draft updates.

10/26 Moved by Bryan Skinner that the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Following Councils approval of the development of a 125 Year Farm Family Award the ASB discussed plaque options.

11/26 Moved by Clr. Rue that the 125 Year Farm Family Award plaque be a secondary smaller cast iron plaque in the same style as the 100 Year Farm Family Award. A quote is to be brought to a future Council meeting for approval. CARRIED

The Northern Alberta Farm Family Award program has been taken over and relaunched by the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies (AAAS). The ASB requested clarification if a family can be nominated annually by the MD if the MD sponsors their attendance as the Municipal Farm Family Award is presented annually. The ASD is waiting for a response.

A funding request from Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) regarding development of a Livestock Guardian Dog Best Management Practices & Public Education program was discussed.

12/26 Moved by Jason Dahlgren that the ASB supports the ALP funding request for the requested amount of $5,000 split between 2026/2027. ASB also requests ALP to present the information at a future extension event. CARRIED

The ASB took a break from 10:14am-10:28am.

The Predator Reduction Incentive Program draft documents were reviewed.

13/26 Moved by Clr. Rue to proceed with the Predator Reduction Incentive Program documents with the amendments discussed. CARRIED

A discussion was initiated regarding Compound 1080.

14/26 Moved by Colton Ukrainetz that ASD staff complete required training including Form 7 and the Stewardship Program, but not to carry Compound 1080 unless a need arises. CARRIED

An application for a 100 Year Farm Family was reviewed.

15/26 Moved by Bryan Skinner that the ASB recommends to Council to approve the Dunbar Family to receive the 100 Year Farm Family Award. CARRIED

The changes to the Weed Control Regulation were discussed.

The 2026 Vegetation Management Program was discussed. ASD is considering altering the rotation into a one pass brush and blanket spray system.

A discussion was initiated regarding the Planning Meeting proposals. Proposals include concrete repair at the Rec Shop for a mixing and loading station, and development of boat cleaning units. The ASB was in favour of looking into Hydromulch units to enhance the roadside reclamation program.

The ASB Summer Tour is returning and will be hosted by Wheatland County July 14- 16, 2026. ASB members and additional Councilors have been registered.

The next ASB Meeting will be held on April 13th, 2026 at 9:00am in the Council Chambers.

16/26 Moved by Jason Dahlgren that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Clr. Cummins adjourned the meeting at 11:49pm.

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Chairman – Councilor Bruce Cummins

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Secretary – Kaitlin Hirsekorn