

## Council Brief of the March 27, 2025 Agricultural Service Board Meeting

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### **1) Agricultural Service Board 2025 Level of Service**

The Agricultural Service Board recommended the 2025 Level of Service to Council for approval.

### DELEGATIONS

#### **1) Alan Efetha – ASB Provincial Specialist, Alberta Agriculture & Forestry**

Alan Efetha, ASB Provincial Specialist with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry was present to provide information on the Lethbridge County 2025 field visit.

#### **2) Neha Vaid, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sustainable Agriculture, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Lethbridge**

Neha Vaid, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sustainable Agriculture, Department of Biological Sciences, U of L provided a presentation on the introduction of millets as sustainable crops for marginal lands, carbon sequestration and prevention of soil erosion in Southern Alberta.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### **1) The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the following correspondence items**

- Summer Tour
- Declared Disasters
- ASB Provincial Conference Decorum/Code of Conduct
- Tariffs on Canadian Agriculture Products
- Farmer Pesticide Certification Program
- Bill C-293

The Agricultural Service Board made a resolution to send a letter in opposition to Bill C-293.

The Agriculture Service Board nominated three families, in order of preference, to be contacted by the Manager, Agriculture Services for acceptance of the 2025 Bank of Montreal Farm Family Award.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **1) Extension Update**

Matthew Wells, Rural Extension Specialist provided an update on the following:

Rural Extension Program

#### October – March

- Environment Farm Plans Program
- Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership funding
- On-Farm Climate Action Fund Program
- Alberta Agroforestry Crop & Agroclimate Impact Reporting

#### Workshops and Webinars

- Nutrient Management Webinar Series (Jan. 27, Feb. 3, and Feb.10)
- Growing Opportunities Workshop (Co-Hosted with Warner County)
- Shelterbelts and Resilient Landscapes Workshop (April 16)
- Oldman Watershed Group Meeting (October – Date TBD)
- EFP Workshop (November – Date TBD)

#### Attendance

- Innovations in Ag (November 27)
- RINSA Update (January 23)
- Ag Expo (January 26-28)
- Coaldale Ag Society Meeting (February 11)
- Farming Smarter Trade Show and Conference (February 12-13)
- Aggie Day at Lethbridge College (April 3)
- R.I. Baker Presentations (May 30)
- Farming Smarter 2-day Field School (June 25-26)
- Open Farm Days (August 16)

#### Projects

- Liquid Manure Dragline Program
- Prescribed Fire
- Rural Living & Ag Extension Newsletter
- Rural Extension Videos
- Promoting Legislation



**2) ASB Resolution Summary – Chairman John Kuerbis**

Chairman John Kuerbis provided a summary on the ASB resolutions.

**3) ASB Position Statements**

Chairman John Kuerbis spoke about the ASB position statements.

**4) Remuneration – Members at Large**

Dan Chapman, Member at Large spoke about remuneration for members at large.