

ALUS PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA



Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025
Time: Following the Agricultural Services Board Meeting
Location: Committee Room
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Note: the ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee will be held after the Agricultural Service Board meeting

B. UPDATES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. GENERAL BUSINESS

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E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee will be held on March 13, 2025.

F. ADJOURN THE MEETING



ALUS PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Committee Room
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2

Present: Councillor G. Boehlke, Chair
Member A. Bates, Vice-Chair
Deputy Reeve D. Kochan
Councillor S. Wright
Member T. Fehr
Member T. Birchall
Member L. Gallelli

Also Present: K. Lines, Manager, Agriculture and Environmental Services
L. Poile, Agricultural Services Officer, Agriculture and Environmental Services
M. Chilakos, Agricultural Services Officer, Agriculture and Environmental Services
K. Wrzosek, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
M. Mitton, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
I. Vaisman, Western Hub Coordinator, ALUS Canada

A Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order 11:07 a.m.

B Updates/Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Kochan that the November 21, 2024 ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

C-1 September 19, 2024 ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Member Bates that the September 19, 2024 ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried



D-1 West Hub Manager Update

Matthew Chilakos, Agricultural Services Officer, introduced Iris Vaisman, West Hub Manager, who provided the following updates:

- News & updates from the higher levels of ALUS Canada, and specifically in the West.

MOVED by Member Fehr that the West Hub Manager Update be received as information.

Carried

D-2 Project Update Report

MOVED by Member Bates that the Project Update report be received as information.

Carried

E Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 16, 2025.

F Adjourn the Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Wright that the November 21, 2024 ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Carried

Chair or Vice-Chair

Chief Administrative Officer or designate



ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee

Subject:	ALUS West Hub Manager Update
Date:	January 16, 2025
Presenter:	Matthew Chilakos, Agricultural Services Officer
Department:	Agricultural & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates from the ALUS West Hub Manager since the last update provided on November 21st, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the West Hub Manager Update Report be received for information.

BACKGROUND

The Alternative Land Use Services program (ALUS) is a community developed, farmer delivered program that gives Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in building a healthier environment by providing support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain ecosystem services. ALUS has a simple goal: create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife, and natural spaces for all Canadians.

The ALUS West Hub Manager coordinates and helps implement the ALUS Program in Alberta, through the ALUS communities and various Coordinators. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the delivery and extensions of the ALUS program for conservation on private agricultural lands; developing and maintaining a good working relationship with Rocky View County's agricultural community; providing administrative support to the project and the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC); and continuing ALUS communications initiatives.

DISCUSSION

1. 2025 ALUS Q1 general update
 - A general update from ALUS as to what 2025 will bring in terms of potential funders, various projects happening across Canada, and more specifically, in Alberta.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has no alternate direction for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.



ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee

Subject:	ALUS RVC Coordinator Update
Date:	January 16, 2025
Presenter:	Matthew Chilakos, Agricultural Services Officer
Department:	Agricultural & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates from the ALUS RVC Coordinator Update since the last update provided on November 21st, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the Coordinator Update Report be received for information.

BACKGROUND

The Alternative Land Use Services program (ALUS) is a community developed, farmer delivered program that gives Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in building a healthier environment by providing support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain ecosystem services. ALUS has a simple goal: create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife, and natural spaces for all Canadians.

The ALUS Program Coordinator coordinates implementation of the ALUS Program in Rocky View County. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the delivery and extensions of the ALUS program for conservation on private agricultural lands; developing and maintaining a good working relationship with Rocky View County's agricultural community; providing administrative support to the project and the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC); and continuing ALUS communications initiatives.

DISCUSSION

1. ALUS Canada Allocation.
 - Waiting to hear what ALUS Canada will provide Rocky View County for funding allocations for projects in 2025. An overview of the contributors, funding amounts and associated deliverables will be discussed.
2. 2024 ALUS Project Update.
 - A brief update on payments, AGR-1 Forms, project renewals.
3. 2025 Open for Project Submissions Social Media Push.
 - Utilize RVC communications department to help push the word out, another radio ad?

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has no alternate direction for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.





ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee

Subject:	2025 Submitted Projects Update
Date:	January 16, 2025
Presenter:	Matt Chilakos, Agricultural Services Officer
Department:	Agriculture & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the projects that have been submitted to the PAC in 2025.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the 2025 Submitted Projects Update report be received as information.

BACKGROUND

The Alternative Land Use Services program (ALUS) is a community developed, farmer delivered program that gives Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in building a healthier environment by providing support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain ecosystem services. ALUS has a simple goal: create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife, and natural spaces for all Canadians.

Farmers and ranchers can submit applications for projects which enhance or conserve ecosystem services on their farm or ranch. The Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) reviews these applications and a select few are implemented in the corresponding year.

DISCUSSION

Three projects that are being brought forward for consideration to the PAC on January 16, 2025.

1. Project #2025-01, wetland/spring fencing, adding off-site waterer, tree plantings
2. Project #2025-02, fencing off wetland

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has no alternate direction for the Board’s consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

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