ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO:	ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee		
DATE:	February 25, 2021	**DIVISION:**	All
FILE:	N/A		
SUBJECT:	Coordinator Update		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updates from the ALUS Program Coordinator since the last update provided on October 22, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Coordinator Update Report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

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. Review of the 2020 ALUS Year-end Reporting
   - A review of this reporting will be provided to the PAC along with an overview of what was accomplished by the ALUS Rocky View program in 2020.
2. Upcoming Steps for the 2021 ALUS Program
   - Review the yearly to do list for the 2021 ALUS program. There will also be discussions on program outreach, project applications and PAC goals.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

Administration Resources
Delaney McNaughton, Agricultural and Environmental Services

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OPTIONS:

Option #1   THAT the Coordinator Update Report be received as information.

Option #2   THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,   Concurrence,

"Delaney McNaughton"   "Jeff Fleischer"

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Agricultural Services Officer   Manager Agricultural and Environmental Services

Attachment 'A' – ALUS 2021 To Do List

2021 ALUS To Do's

January
- ALUS Meeting Prep
- AGR-1 Forms for 2020 Annual Payments
- Update Website to Accept Applications Year Round – Specify for now that we are looking for projects we can start to implement in Spring 2021
- January 26 - ALUS 101 Webinar

February
- February 25 – ALUS PAC Meeting
- More Outreach and Searching for Good Applications
- Coordinate Prescreening for Good ALUS Applications
- Sign ALUS Canada MOU

March
- Push advertisements for Spring 2021 Project Applications
- Another ALUS 101 Webinar if Necessary
- Site Visit for Good Applications
- Select Applications According to Funding Allocated
- ALUS Meeting Prep
- March 31 – ALUS PAC Meeting

April/May
- Continued Outreach
- Letter of Intent to Participants
- Prep for Outreach Event/Film
- Finalize Project Details
- Project Establishment?
- May 19 – ALUS PAC Meeting

June
- Letter of Intent to Participants
- Finalize Project Details
- Prep for Outreach Event/Film
- Project Establishment?
- Cows and Fish Riparian Assessments if Necessary
- Database Entry/Updating for Established Projects

July
- Interim Reporting
- Launch Event with AgTour (Highlight a Current ALUS Project)
- Project Establishment?
- Establishment Cost Payments?

August/September
- Acre and Project Verification
- Prepare Producer Contracts
- Project Verification Reporting to ALUS Canada
- Project Establishment?
- Establishment Cost Payments?
- September 22 – ALUS PAC Meeting

October
- ALUS Canada National Conference
- Contract Signing
- Acre and Project Verification
- Project Establishment?
- Establishment Cost Payments?

November
- Acre and Project Verification
- Contract Signing
- Annual Payments (End of November)
- Project Establishment?
- Establishment Cost Payments?
- Target Projections for 2022
- November 17 – ALUS PAC Meeting

December
- Year End Reporting
- Financial Summary of 2021 Payments Completed for Finance Department