



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee
DATE: September 22, 2021 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: 2021 Approved Projects Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of the projects that were approved by the PAC on May 19, 2021.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the 2021 Approved Project Updates 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.

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 were approved for implementation by the PAC on May 19, 2021.

1. The fencing project on the Beaver Dam Creek (Project # 2021-01) has been completed. Cows and Fish conducted a riparian health assessment on this site early in September and will share the results with the producer when available.
2. Work on the fencing project on the Nier Lakes (Project # 2021-02) has been initiated and has an expected completion date of fall 2021.
3. The Jumpingpound Creek fencing project (Project # 2021-03) has also been started and will be completed this fall.

There is a small amount of funding still available for 2021 so we are seeking an additional project/projects to fund. The ALUS program coordinator is working with a few producers on project ideas that can be implemented in 2021 or carried over to be funded in 2022.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

Administration Resources

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OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the 2021 Approved Project Updates be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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