

AGENDA
MD OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
CHAIN LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK
September 2, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Pages 1 – 2

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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3. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- i. Livestock Scale Page 8
Calibration Issues & Possible Replacement
- ii. Recommendation for Unpaid Weed Invoices
- iii. NAISMA
- iv. ASB Action Items Page 9
- v. Coal Statement of Concern
Tabled from Mar. 4, May 6 and June 3 2025 Meetings

B. New Business

- i. Invasive Species Control Programs Update
Shayna Jones - Presentation
- ii. O, H & S Inspection
- iii. Beef “n” Bean
Reminder & Intel
- iv. MLA Field Visit
- v. Vacant Position Update
- vi. SR ASB Conference
Cypress Hills, October 8, 2024
- vii. ACA Support Letter
- viii. Controlled Burns
Visitation - Craig DeMar

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Declaration of an Agricultural Disaster – County’s’ of Grande Prairie, Saddle Hills, Birch Hills, Athabasca, Clear Hills, Northern Sunrise, Westlock and Big Lakes, MD’s of Bonnyville, Smoky River and Peace,
- ii. Federal Livestock Tax Deferral, Request for Inclusion - Lac Ste. Anne County

5. ADJOURN

Information

Upcoming Events

SR ASB Conference
Oct. 8 2025 – Cypress Hills

NAISMA Conference
Nov. 3 – 6, 2025 – Lake Tahoe

Celebrating Rangelands
November 13, 2025 – Claresholm

2026 Provincial ASB Conference
January 20 to 22, 2026 – Edmonton

2026 SRM Conference
February 7 to 11, 2026 – Monterey, Ca.

2026 FFGA Tour
February, 2026 - Uruguay

MD OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, June 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office on Tuesday, June 6, 2025 commencing at 10:04am

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jody Wilson, Chairman
Lucy Streeter, Board Member
Donna Wilson, Board Member
Don Mowat, Board Member
Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Councillor

Rick Niwa, Ag Fieldman, Recording Secretary
Shayna Jones, Assistant Ag Fieldman, Scribe

REGRETS:

Cameron Gardner, Councillor
Roxy Wideman, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jody Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:04

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

M64/06/03/25

Moved by Member Ron Davis to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

M65/06/03/25

Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to approve the minutes as presented.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Livestock Scale

M66/06/03/25

Moved by Member Don Mowat to accept livestock scale report as information.

Carried.

Beef n Bean

M67/06/03/25

Moved by Member Harry Streeter to accept the Beef n Bean discussion as information.

Carried.

Westin Foundation

Funding

M68/06/03/25

Moved by Member Don Mowat to accept Westin Foundation Funding as information.

Carried.

ASB Action Items

M69/06/03/25

Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to accept the ASB action items as information.

Carried.

Coal Statement of

Concern

M70/06/03/25

Moved by Member Ron Davis to table Coal Statement of Concern to the next meeting.

Carried.

New Business

2025 to 2029 ASB &

Resource

Management Grants

M71/06/03/25

Moved by Member Harry Streeter to accept 2025 to 2029 ASB & Resource Management Grant as information.

Carried.

2024 ASB Grant Report

M72/06/03/25

Moved by Member Donna Wilson to accept the 2024 ASB Grant Report for information.

Carried.

Ag. & Enviro.

Stewardship Position

Update

M73/06/03/25

Moved by Member Don Mowat to accept Ag. & Enviro Stewardship Position Update for information.

Carried.

Appointment of

Inspectors & Officers

M74/06/03/25

Moved by Member Donna Wilson that the ASB recommends council to appoint Karson Eskeland, Lon Streeter, Charmayne Sawley, and Bradley Larsen, as an inspector under the Alberta Weed Control Act, an Inspector under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act and an Officer under the Soil conservation Act until the termination of employment with the MD of Ranchland, or by motion of Council.

Carried.

**Ag Fieldman Report
M75/06/03/25**

Moved by Member Lucy Streeter to accept the Ag Fieldman Report as presented.

Carried.

**NAISMA Partnership
M76/06/03/25**

Moved by member Ron Davis that the ASB recommends to council to become a Bronze Partner of NAISMA.

Carried.

**2025 NAISMA
Conference
M77/06/03/25**

Moved by Member Donna Wilson to reach out to Cam and Roxy to see if they're interested in attending and reserve hotel rooms for interested board members and any staff attending the 2025 NAISMA conference.

Carried.

**Next Meeting
M78/06/03/25**

Moved by Member Don Mowat to have the next ASB meeting in September.

Carried.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:36am

These minutes approved this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Jody Wilson, Chairman

Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman

Cardinal Livestock Scale

Dealer: Dynamic Scale Services, Edmonton

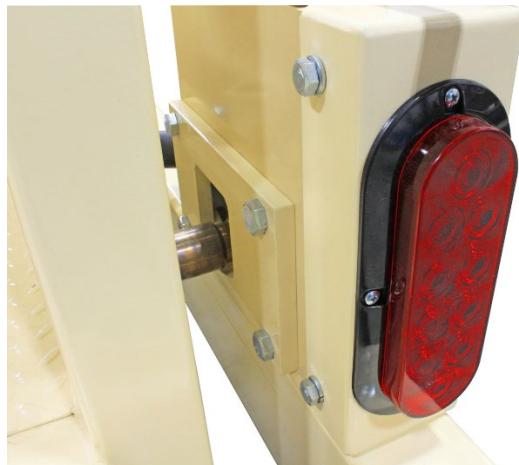
Contact: Thomas Reves, 780-488-7180

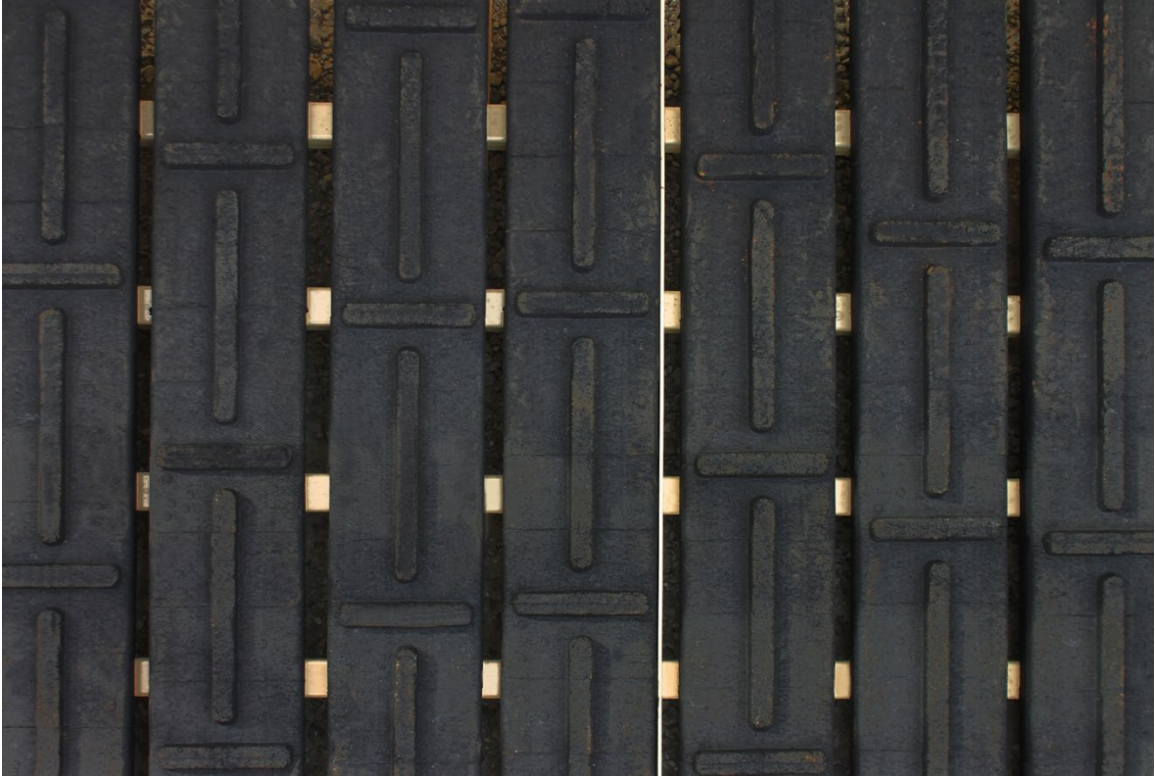
Factory Contact: Jordan 417-434-5790

Model: LSM2018-MWC225P

Estimated Price: \$66,105 plus shipping - \$12,000

Differences from Rice Lake according to Cardinal Dealer: Higher Clearance, Bigger Tires, Heavier Build





ASB Action Items

June 3, 2025

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	NAISMA Conference - Book Hotel Rooms for Attending Members & Staff	Completed
Staff	Forward Inspector/Officer appointment recommendations to Council for Their Consideration	Completed
Staff	Froward NAISMA Partnership Recommendation to Council for Their Consideration	Completed
Staff	Froward 2024 Schedule of Producer Weed Assistance Programs to Council	Completed
Staff	Request that Council Direct Finance & Admin. create a Contingency Fund	Completed
Staff	Write a letter to from the MD of Ranchland regarding the Weed Reg. Review	Completed

May 6, 2025

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Hire Danny Hooper for Beef n Bean	Complete
Staff	Hire Jitterbug Catering for Beef n Bean	Complete
Staff	Provide Information on Possible Livestock Scale Purchase to Next Meeting	In Progress
Staff	Forward 2025 Schedule of ASB Rates & Fees to Council for Approval	Complete
Staff	Forward IWMP to Council for Approval	Complete

March 4, 2025

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Forward 2025 Schedule of Producer Weed Assistance Programs to Council	Complete
Staff	Contact Jerry Carroll, Danny Hooper & Dan Gilles for Pricing & Availability for Beef n Bean	Complete

February 4, 2025

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Donate \$2000 to FFGA	Completed
Staff	Send letter to producers with unpaid invoices for weed control	Completed
Staff	Draft recommendations to address with unpaid weed control invoices	Pending
Staff	Update Rental Equipment Policy and forward to council for their consideration	Completed
Staff	Recommend council review the ASB Bylaw 2024-01	Completed
Staff	Recommend that council review the ASB Act	Completed

January 7, 2025

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Present 2024 ASB Year End Report to Council	Completed

November 12, 2024

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Create list of annual sponsorships and bring to next meeting	Completed
Staff	Apply for 2025 to 2029 ASB & Enviro Grant	Completed
Staff	Complete Farm Family Award Nomination	Completed

October 8, 2024

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Donate \$2000 to AISC in 2025	Completed

September 3, 2024

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Donate \$1000 to AG for Life	Completed
Staff	Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship Corrdinator report on WBR Tour	Completed

June 4, 2024

Designate	Description	Status
Staff	Register & secure lodging for members and staff to attend the NAISMA conference	Completed
Staff	Add local MLA as a cc on Weed Regulation Lettter and send out	Completed

Contact Report

Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre 1-866-415-8690 (24 hrs)

Legal Name: MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANCHLAND NO 66 operating as MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANCHLAND NO 66	Employer Representative/Title: Robert Strauss / Chief Administrative Officer
Work Site Party Name Provided:	Phone Number: (403) 646-3131
Work Site Address: 50.203148 DEGREES NORTH - 114.187325 DEGREES WEST, RANCHLAND 66, ALBERTA, T0L 1R0	Email Address: CAO@ranchland66.com
Site Name / Description:	Completed By: Alex Greenshields

Contact Activities

Item	Details	Date	
Inspection	On Thursday August 14, 2025, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) conducted an inspection at the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66. OHS was accompanied by the Agriculture Fieldman to the Agriculture Building to inspect that location. The Agriculture building houses a shop area, office/mezzanine, washroom, chemical (herbicide/pesticide) containment area, and storage rooms. Following the inspection copies of documentation were provided by email for OHS to review.	August 14, 2025	
Publications Delivered	The work site party was provided with electronic links to the publications listed below. Hardcopies of these and other publications can be ordered free of charge on our website at: https://ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/ or by calling 1-866-415-8690. Additional information on health & safety is also available on our website at www.alberta.ca/ohs .	August 15, 2025	
	Catalogue Number		Document Title
	PPE004		Guideline for the Development of a Code of Practice for Respiratory Protective Equipment
	PPE001		Respiratory Protective Equipment: An Employer's Guide
	CH007		WHMIS Information for Workers
	CH008		WHMIS Information for Employers
	LI051		Internal Responsibility System
	BP040		Emergency Response Planning: An Occupational Health and Safety Tool Kit
	BP040TMP		Emergency Response Planning: Templates
	LH001		Change Highlights: First Aid - Part 11 in the OHS Code
	GS019		Occupational Hygiene Reports: Requirements and Tips
	EL003		Hazard Assessment and Control - eLearning

VID012	Hazard Assessment and Control - Webinar
BP018TMP	Hazard Assessment and Control: Formal and Site-Specific Hazard Assessment and Control Templates
VID008	Internal Responsibility System - Webinar
VID009	Violence and Harassment in the Workplace - Webinar
FA020	First Aid in the Workplace
EL004	Emergency Response Planning - eLearning
TMP001-1	Hazard Assessment and Control Report (Template)
TMP001-2	Site-Specific Hazard Assessment (Template)
TMP002-1	Emergency Response Plan Template
TMP002-2	Emergency Contact List (Template)
TMP002-3	Emergency Planning Team List (Template)
TMP002-4	Emergency Response Drill Record (Template)
TMP002-5	Emergency Response Planning Checklist (Template)
TMP002-6	Emergency Response Training Summary Record (Template)
GS020	Occupational Hygiene Competency: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
LI045	Violence and Harassment in the Workplace
BP018	Hazard Assessment and Control: A Handbook for Alberta Employers and Workers
GS009	Tips on Selecting an Occupational Health and Safety Consultant

Order Issued

ORDERS ARE ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON ISSUANCE.

Item	Details	Date
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Order Open 01	<p>OBSERVATION(S)/FINDING(S): In discussion with the work site party it was determined that there are situations during remote work where workers may be away from their vehicle which contains a First Aid Kit (CSA Standard Z1220-17 Type 2 Basic Small First Aid Kit), however, when they leave the vehicle, to travel on foot to locations 20 minutes or more from the vehicle location, they only carry a small portable first aid pouch.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: It is required as per OHS Code Part 2 Section 7(1) that the employer assess the hazards associated with the work in such remote locations and how rescue and first aid requirements for work in remote locations can be met.</p> <p>APPLICABLE OHS LEGISLATION: Hazard Assessment, Elimination and Control-Hazard Assessment 7 7(1) An employer must assess a work site and identify existing and potential hazards before work begins at the work site or prior to the construction of a new work site. (2) An employer must prepare a report of the results of a hazard assessment and the methods used to control or eliminate the hazards identified. (3) An employer must ensure that the date on which the hazard assessment is prepared or revised is recorded on it. (4) An employer must ensure that the hazard assessment is repeated (a) at reasonably practicable intervals to prevent the development of unsafe and unhealthy working conditions, (b) when a new work process is introduced, (c) when a work process or operation changes, or (d) before the construction of significant additions or alterations to a work site. (5) Repealed</p>	Compliance Date September 12, 2025
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Order Open 02	<p>OBSERVATION(S)/FINDING(S): It was observed that there is a guardrail, intermediate rails and support posts, along the length of the mezzanine above the shop and storage areas, constructed of 2 X 4s, and 1 X 4s.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: It is required as per OHS Code Part 3 Section 12 that the employer must ensure that such equipment is of sufficient size, strength and design and made of suitable materials to withstand the stresses imposed on it during its operation and to perform the function for which it is intended or was designed.</p> <p>APPLICABLE OHS LEGISLATION: Specifications and Certifications-Following specifications 12 Following specifications 12 An employer must ensure that (a) equipment and personal protective equipment is of sufficient size, strength and design and made of suitable materials to withstand the stresses imposed on it during its operation and to perform the function for which it is intended or was designed, (b) equipment and personal protective equipment used or worn and any explosive used or to be used at a work site (i) is maintained in a condition that will not compromise the health or safety of workers using or transporting it, (ii) will safely perform the function for which it is intended or was designed, and (iii) is free from obvious defects, (c) the rated capacity or other limitations on the operation of the equipment or personal protective equipment, or any part of it, or on explosives as described in the manufacturer's specifications or specifications certified by a professional engineer, are not exceeded, (d) modifications to equipment, personal protective equipment or an explosive that may affect its structural integrity or stability are performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or specifications certified by a professional engineer, and (e) equipment, personal protective equipment and explosives are used, erected, installed, assembled, started, operated, handled, stored, serviced, tested, adjusted, calibrated, maintained, repaired, destroyed, dismantled and subjected to any other work in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or the specifications certified by a professional engineer.</p>	Compliance Date September 12, 2025
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Order Open 03	<p>OBSERVATION(S)/FINDING(S): In discussion with the work site part it was determined that during the application of herbicides/pesticides that workers may be potentially exposed to such substances through inhalation, and possibly skin absorption.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: It is required as per OHS Code Part 4 Section 21 that the employer assess the workers exposure to harmful substances.</p> <p>APPLICABLE OHS LEGISLATION: Chemical Hazards, Biological Hazards and Harmful Substances-Potential worker exposure 21 21(1) If a worker may be exposed to a harmful substance at a work site, an employer must (a) identify the health hazards associated with the exposure and assess the worker's exposure, and (b) establish procedures that minimize the worker's exposure to the harmful substance. 21(2) The employer must ensure that a worker who may be exposed to a harmful substance at a work site (a) is informed of the health hazards associated with exposure to that substance, (b) is informed of measurements made of airborne concentrations of harmful substances at the work site, (c) is trained in procedures established by the employer under subsection (1)(b), and (d) uses the procedures appropriately. 21(3) A worker who is provided with training under subsection (2) must use the procedures appropriately and apply the training.</p>	Compliance Date September 12, 2025
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<p>Order Open 04</p>	<p>OBSERVATION(S)/FINDING(S): It was observed that there is a drill press at site that does not have a safeguard to prevent workers from being caught in or entangled in the drill press chuck.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: It is required as per OHS Code Part 22 Section 310 that the employer provide safeguards if a worker may accidentally, or through the work process, come into contact with moving parts of machinery or equipment,</p> <p>APPLICABLE OHS LEGISLATION: Safeguards-Safeguards 310 310(1) Repealed (2) An employer must provide safeguards if a worker may accidentally, or through the work process, come into contact with (a) moving parts of machinery or equipment, (b) points of machinery or equipment at which material is cut, shaped or bored, (c) surfaces with temperatures that may cause skin to freeze, burn or blister, (d) energized electrical cables, (e) debris, material or objects thrown from machinery or equipment, (f) material being fed into or removed from process machinery or equipment, (g) machinery or equipment that may be hazardous due to its operation, or (h) any other hazard. (2.1) Repealed (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to machinery that already has a safeguard that (a) automatically stops the machinery if a worker comes into contact with a moving part or a point at which material is cut, shaped or bored, (b) prevents a worker from coming into contact with a hazard referred to in subsection (2), or (c) eliminates the hazards referred to in subsection (2) before a worker can be injured. (4) If an employer determines that an effective safeguard cannot be provided in the circumstances, the employer must ensure that an alternative mechanism or system or a change in work procedure is put into place to protect workers from being exposed to hazards that exist if there is no safeguard. (5) An alternative mechanism or system or a change in work procedure put into place under subsection (4) must offer protection to workers that is equal to or greater than the protection from a safeguard referred to in subsection (3). (6) An employer must place warning signs on machinery that starts automatically (a) on a clearly visible location at a point of access to the machinery, and (b) giving clear instructions to workers on the nature of the hazard.</p>	<p>Compliance Date September 12, 2025</p>
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Order Open 05	<p>OBSERVATION(S)/FINDING(S): It was observed that the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for CRC Brakleen Part # 75089 was not available at site.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: It is required as per OHS Code Part 29 Section 404(1) that the employer obtain a current SDS for CRC Brakleen Part # 75089.</p> <p>APPLICABLE OHS LEGISLATION: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)- Safety data sheet - supplier 404 404(1) An employer who acquires a hazardous product for use at a work site must obtain a supplier safety data sheet for that hazardous product unless the supplier is exempted from the requirement to provide a safety data sheet by the Hazardous Products Regulations (Canada). (2) An employer may store a hazardous product for which there is no supplier safety data sheet for not more than 120 days if the employer is actively seeking the supplier safety data sheet.</p>	Compliance Date September 12, 2025
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This Contact Report was delivered electronically to: Robert Struass on August 15, 2025

Issued by Occupational Health and Safety

The Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act requires that orders issued be brought to the attention of all affected workers at the work site as soon as the orders have been received, and posted for so long as the orders remain in effect.

Section 45 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act allows for orders and some decisions to be appealed. Visit [Occupational Health and Safety](#) or call 1-866-415-8690 for more information. The initiation of an appeal does not suspend the order or decision unless a stay is granted. Requests for an appeal must be initiated within 30 days of the initial date of service.

Government of Alberta is committed to ensuring that the OHS Code is regularly reviewed and updated to address health and safety in modern workplaces. For more information on the OHS Code updates, visit [alberta.ca/ohs-code-review.aspx](#) or email sfhwimploffice@gov.ab.ca.

To obtain a copy of Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety legislation, visit: [www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx](#)



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE MD OF RANCHLAND
BEEF N BEAN**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

MD OF RANCHLAND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COCKTAILS @ 5:00 PM (TOONIE BAR)

DINNER @ 6:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY GUEST SPEAKER – DANNY HOOPER

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 15TH BY CALLING 403-646-3131



ABOUT

DANNY HOOPER

CMAB
Hall of Fame 2025

CCMA
Major Market
Radio Personality
of the Year



MASTER OF ENTERTAINMENT - CMAB HALL OF FAME

It's hard to believe that after 50 years in the entertainment business, Danny Hooper is still at the top of his game. Having already logged more than 40,000 hours behind a microphone as a professional Master of Ceremonies, Certified Fundraising Auctioneer, Comedian, Award-winning Radio Personality, Television Host, Brand Ambassador, and Recording Artist, he still appears at up to 100 events each year.

A magnetic personality, off-beat sense of humour, and razor-sharp wit are the main ingredients in Danny's "secret sauce." His experience onstage as a multi-platform performer is unequalled, his credentials are unassailable. Danny proudly serves a Blue-Chip client list of businesses, associations, foundations, and organizations, many of whom have been employing his services for 20 consecutive years or longer.

2025 will mark Danny's 30th consecutive appearance as the MAIN STAGE EMCEE at Canada's largest annual outdoor music festival, the BIG VALLEY JAMBOREE.

Danny was raised on a cattle ranch in Tomahawk, AB, Canada and now resides in Edmonton, AB, with his wife Barb.

Position: Agriculture and Environmental Program Support Specialist

Department: Agriculture and Environmental Services

Reports to: Director of Agriculture and Environmental Resources

Term: Full-time position, Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week with some overtime required. The municipality may consider modifying hours per week for the right candidate.

Location: Municipal District of Ranchland administration building located in Chain Lakes Provincial Park, Alberta. The Municipal District may consider a hybrid work-from-home arrangement.

Position Summary:

There are two primary components to this position:

1. Deliver resource management extension programming to producers. This is done by promoting awareness and understanding of Federal and Provincial environmental stewardship initiatives through municipal social media platforms, newsletters and in person extension events.
2. Provide advanced administrative support to the Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman.

Key Responsibilities:

- Facilitate awareness and engagement in provincial and federal environmental stewardship programs—including CAP, RALP, S-CAP, and EFP—by leveraging social media platforms, conducting one-on-one outreach with producers, coordinating and supporting extension events, and assisting with program application processes.
- Act as the department grant expert by identifying and preparing grant applications to fund Municipal Agriculture and Environmental projects.
- Provide administrative support to the Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
- Support the department by identifying and implementing administrative processes and procedures to improve tracking, efficiency and integrity of departmental operations.
- Assist with the development and maintenance of the Ag Department Health and Safety Program, Geographical Information System, and Website

Qualifications & Skills

- Degree or Diploma in Business Administration and/or Environmental or Agricultural Sciences. An equivalent combination of experience and education may be considered.
- Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel (advanced), PowerPoint, Teams, Canva, and municipal website content management tools
- Strong critical thinking and independent problem-solving skills
- Accountability and strong communication skills
- Working knowledge of Esri GIS software an asset
- Valid class 5 driver's license, satisfactory drivers abstract & criminal record check required

How to Apply

Interested individuals are invited to submit their resumes via email to ag@ranchland66.com

Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

Thank you in advance to all applicants, only those who are shortlisted will be contacted.



M.D. OF RANCHLAND No. 66

PO BOX 1060 ♦ NANTON, AB - T0L 1R0 ♦ 403-646-3131 ♦ MDRANCHLAND.CA

August 20, 2025

Alberta Conservation Association
BLT Centre, #400 817-4th Avenue South
Lethbridge, Alberta, T1J-OP3

ATTENTION: MIKE VERHAGE

To Whom it May Concern

RE: Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 Letter of Support

With this letter, the Municipal District of Ranchland No.66 would like to offer support to the Alberta Conservation Association (MULTISAR West Program) in their efforts to secure funding through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

The M.D. of Ranchland recognizes MULTISAR's significant efforts towards riparian habitat stewardship planning and contributions to the conservation of fish and wildlife, including Species at Risk. The M.D. understands that MULTISAR's stewardship work is undertaken in farming and ranching areas while maintaining or improving the functionality of riparian systems, and productivity of the grassland landscapes in which they work.

The M.D. of Ranchland encompasses approximately 632,000 acres of land including a significant amount of provincial lease land. Though the great majority of this land is used for agricultural purposes, there is also a provincial park, a wildland park, an ecological reserve and three natural areas. The protection of these landscapes, and the watersheds within them, reflects the unique roles that the Municipality and its residents play in preserving Alberta's riparian ecosystems and native grasslands. Ranchers rely on healthy riparian systems and the continued diversity and production of native grasses, and the fact that much of the land is unbroken and without road access is a direct benefit of their stewardship.

The M.D. encompasses headwaters of several major systems that are considered high priority areas for WRRP initiatives. Over the past 10 years, cattle producers within the M.D. have been able to implement numerous riparian restoration projects, through collaboration with MULTISAR. These projects have had a direct and significant impact on drought and flood resiliency in this area.

The M.D. of Ranchland is proud to continue engaging with MULTISAR to further enhance conservation efforts on both deeded and leased lands. MULTISAR initiatives such as rangeland and riparian health monitoring, wildlife surveys and implementation of best management practices are seen as valuable tools to further enhance M.D. policies surrounding protection of riparian areas, native habitats and sound ecological land management. The M.D. is willing to contribute in-kind support to the program by way of staff time, meeting rooms, consultation with cattle producers and leaseholders, etc.

We have had an exceptional experience collaborating with ACA and they have delivered an extremely high standard of work through their education and stewardship initiatives. The M.D. fully supports the MULTISAR program to seek funding through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program to continue implementing riparian restoration activities and thereby improve watershed resiliency in partnership with landowners and leaseholders.

Sincerely,

Jody Wilson
Agricultural Service Board Chair
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66

Or

Rick Niwa
Director of Agriculture and Environmental Resources
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66