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SW-01 Small Acreage Drainage Projects

Policy Statement

Leduc County will provide funding to eligible landowners for small drainage projects that affect Leduc County road ditches, roads, and private drainage. Each funded project should alleviate ponding along roads, or create a benefit to the landowner's property.

Definitions

- Landowner is the person responsible for a property who:
 - Is the legal owner of it,
 - Has lawful possession of it, or
 - Has the right to exercise control over it.

Policy Authority

Legislative and policy implications

- (a) The collection of personal information shall be managed in accordance with:
 - *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
- (b) Small Acreage Drainage Projects will be maintained through the annually approved budget.

Small Acreage Drainage Projects Standards

- (a) The Small Acreage Drainage Projects funding should be provided for in the Agricultural Drainage budget. Final approval is subject to confirmation of the County budget.
- (b) Funding may be provided to support approved small drainage projects that affect Leduc County road ditches, roads, and private drainage. Each project approved should alleviate ponding along roads, or create a benefit to the property and shall not negatively affect neighbours.
- (c) Projects must be initiated by landowner (s) and should include an estimate of cost. Approved projects may be eligible to receive 60% funding to a maximum of \$750.00 per individual applicant. All sums in excess of \$1,250.00 are to be paid by the landowner unless otherwise agreed to by the County.
- (d) All projects must be approved by the Agricultural Service Board.
- (e) The landowner(s) must obtain the required permit(s), approval(s) and easement(s) for the project(s), unless otherwise agreed to by Leduc County, including but not limited to:
 - i. Projects must receive approval of Alberta Environment, Water Administration.

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- ii. Any work necessary within Leduc County right-of-way must have the approval of and be performed/supervised by Leduc County Public Works and Engineering Department
 - iii. Alberta One-Call location clearances must be obtained
- (f) Responsibility for all fence removal and/or reconstruction, and the disposal of brush remains with the landowner(s).
- (g) After completion of work, and acceptance of project by Leduc County, the landowner may make an application for a grant of up to \$750.00 (60% portion of the total actual expenditure).

Policy Responsibilities

1. Council responsibilities

Council shall:

- Approve the Small Acreage Drainage Projects Policy.
- Review the approval of the Small Acreage Drainage Projects funding in conjunction with the annual budget review.

The Agricultural Service Board shall:

- Review all small acreage drainage project submissions and approve those that meet the requirements.

2. Administration responsibilities

Department directors and managers shall:

- Review this policy as required to ensure that the policy complies with all current, relevant legislation and municipal policies.
- Annually budget for funding small acreage drainage projects to be approved by Leduc County Council.

Monitoring & Updating

This policy should be reviewed every four years.

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