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The Chair, two members and the Agricultural Fieldman of the Municipal District of Spirit River's Agricultural Service Board recently attended the 2025 ASB Provincial Conference in Edmonton. The MD of Spirit River's ASB can appreciate the time, effort, and care that goes into preparing important resolutions to be presented at the conference year after year. These resolutions help bring regional and provincial agricultural matters forward, and offer innovative solutions that contribute to the viability, sustainability, and prosperity of agriculture in rural Alberta.

The County of Northern Lights brought forward two resolutions, 8-25, and 13-25, to be heard at the conference, giving ASB members the ability to vote in favour of or against. This process enables ASB's to have an active role in important agricultural decision-making, and has long been a respected process.

Unfortunately, an ASB member from Vulcan County displayed inappropriate behaviour by verbally attacking the proposed resolutions, citing them as a waste of time. The comments and behaviour produced by this particular member were disrespectful and a far cry from the code of conduct expectations of all members. Although resolution processes spark important conversations and debates, it is expected that these are conducted in a respectful manner and are productive for the purpose of agricultural progression and development.

Therefore, the Municipal District of Spirit River's Agricultural Service Board is in support of the County of Northern Lights and their belief that the code of conduct be upheld for all ASB's and their members, to ensure respect is maintained and so the conference itself can have continued success leading to effective decision making and the generation of valuable agricultural solutions.

Sincerely,

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Cc: AAAF and ASB's of Alberta