

REQUEST FOR BOARD REVIEW
SUBMITTED TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Application No:	FA 19003
Name of Operator/Operation:	1577912 AB Ltd Hirus Creek Farms
Type of application (check one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization
Location (legal land description):	NE 4-85-5 W6M
Municipality:	Clear hills County

I hereby request a Board Review of the Approval Officer's Decision and have the right to request a Board review because (please review all options and check one):

- I am the producer seeking the approval/registration/authorization.
- I represent the producer seeking the approval/registration/authorization.
- I represent the municipal government.
- I am listed as a directly affected party in the Approval Officer's Decision.
- I am not listed as a directly affected party in the Approval Officer's Decision and would like the Board to review my status.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must meet the specified 10-day timeline; otherwise your request will not be considered.
2. Section 1 of this form must be completed only if you are requesting that the Board review your status as "not directly affected". Sections 2 to 5 must be completed by all applicants.
3. This form must be signed and dated before it is submitted to the Board for its review.
4. Be aware that Requests for Board Review are considered public documents. Your submitted request will be provided to all directly affected parties and will also be made available to members of the public upon request.
5. For more assistance, please call Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews at 403-297-8269.

2. GROUNDS FOR REQUESTING A REVIEW

(ALL PARTIES MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

In order to approve an application, NRCB Approval Officers must ensure the requirements of AOPA have been met. Your grounds for requesting a Board review should identify any requirements or specific issues that you believe the Approval Officer failed to adequately address in the Decision.

My grounds for requesting a review of the Approval Officer's decision are as follows:

We feel that the Clear Hills County's MDP unfairly targets and restricts Confined feeding operations proposed to the rest of Alberta and the aim of AOPA to promote safe and sustainable food and livestock production.

We farmed in southern Alberta before moving to Clear Hills area 7 years ago and while there were challenges at our previous farms they were all able to be addressed and we pride ourselves on running safe, professional and sustainable farms.

We are aware of the spring runoff issues in the Peace Country we have come to call home and we feel that the new estate of the site being we are proposing to build will have the latest technology and design to maximise bird welfare - from the enriched housing to the ventilation to the manure storage and management plan.

We plan to have a long and successful future in Clear Hills county and we value the relationships we have formed with our neighbors and the surrounding community.

We feel we have done due diligence in regards to picking the CFO location and have designs to mitigate as much as possible any runoff or potential odour issues. We have raised layer chickens for over 40 years and feel this CFO will pose minimal to no risks to surface water runoff and over till it farm and or reduce any home owners farm values.

3. REASONS YOU ARE AFFECTED BY THE DECISION

(ALL PARTIES MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

In order to support your reasons for requesting a review, please explain how you believe you would be affected by the Approval Officer's decision.

I believe that, as a result of the Approval Officer's decision, the following prejudice or damage will result:

No anyone living in Alberta the last few years can attest - Farming has been a struggle. Physically Mentally and financially. Between Dry years - Wet years - Rail years and instability in the Global Markets due to not only supply and demand but chess game Politics between some of the largest economies in the world (China & USA.) Farming has been one wild ride lately. It seems like being diversified is one of the best risk management tools in a farmer's toolbox today.

Just like having a decent crop rotation helps smooth out the highs and lows in grain and commodities markets so does investing in livestock production. Especially in northern Alberta where we have an extra high risk with short seasons and snow and the risk of frost damage to crops - the ability to put feed quality grain through your livestock vs selling it at discounted prices can be the difference between profit or loss for a farm.

Farmers sacrifice lots to feed a world that increasingly seems to think we are trying to kill them. If we want farm in the country where exactly are we going to?

4. ACTION REQUESTED

(ALL PARTIES MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

I would like the Board to take the following actions with the respect to the Approval Officer's decision:

- Amend or vary the decision
- Reverse the decision

Please describe why you believe the Board should take this action:

Because it is the right thing to do, for not only us but for all farmers trying their best to comply with all reasonable and common sense regulations to grow safe and nutritious food for abilitans and Canadians.

We feel our application if approved will have little to no negative impacts on the environment or our surrounding communities. It will hopefully bring some economic growth and Farm Fresh Eggs!

If the Board decides to grant a review (in the form of either a hearing or a written review), all directly affected parties are eligible to participate. The Board may consider amending the Approval, Registration, or Authorization on any terms and conditions it deems appropriate. Please note the Board cannot make any amendments unless it first decides to grant a review.

If a review is granted by the Board, are there any new conditions, or amendments to existing conditions, that you would like the Board to consider? It is helpful if you identify how you believe your suggested conditions or amendments would address your concerns.

No!

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

(ALL PARTIES MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

Contact information of the person requesting the review:

Name: Michael Gross

Address in Alberta: Box 389 Hines Creek AB
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Legal Land Description: NE 4-85-5 W6M

Phone Number: [REDACTED] Fax Number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Signature: Michael Gross Date: Feb 4th 2020
Please note that all sections of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. Also, if you do not meet the timeline identified, your request will not be considered. Form must be signed and dated before being submitted for Board consideration

If you are, or will be, represented by another party, please provide their contact information (Note: If you are represented by legal counsel, correspondence from the Board will be directed to your counsel)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

When you have completed your request, please send it, with any supporting documents to:
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250 – 5th Street SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0R4
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