

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

POLICY: SOIL CONSERVATION
SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

POLICY NO.: ASB 7
MOTION: May 15, 1995



The intent of this program is to provide a method of resolving or minimizing soil erosion (*i.e. wind erosion*) in conjunction with the tree application and distribution program available through PFRA.

Trees obtained under this program will be planted, as approved by the Agricultural Fieldman, in a manner that will countervail the drifting of soil.

1. The program is available to all landowners within the County of Minburn No. 27 who have a potential problem or present problems with soil erosion (*i.e. wind erosion*).
2. The maximum number of applicants accepted in any given year will be set in accordance with budget funds.
3. An inspection will be conducted at the planting site, before and after planting, by the Agricultural Service Board personnel.
4. All trees planted under this program must be of a field scale to reduce soil wind erosion.
5. Only the tree varieties stated in PFRA's Shelterbelt Policy will be made available free of charge. If an applicant wishes to have other varieties, they will assume the expense.
6. The County of Minburn No. 27 tree planter will be made available, free of charge, to any applicants under the program.
7. The County of Minburn No. 27 will offer a Shelterbelt Weed Control Service consisting of Trifuralin application and incorporation and application of plastic mulch. This service will be charged to the landowner at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour with no charge for chemical or plastic mulch.

NOTE: - Two (2) projects per quarter will be eligible.
- Each project must be one-quarter (1/4) mile in length.
- A project will consist of one (1) or many rows of trees.

8. Trees must be planted in accordance to By-Law No. 1124-97 as attached.
9. In the case of farmstead beautification projects, the County of Minburn No. 27 will also provide Trifuralin application and incorporation service at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour plus chemical or plastic mulch costs.
10. Any discrepancies in an application will be subject to the Agricultural Fieldman's discretion.