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# News Release

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## **Settlement on Dispute Regarding AAA Cattle Company Ltd. Permit**

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**January 10, 2007 Didsbury, Alberta** – Following claims received from the Committee for Lone Pine regarding the expenses incurred to appeal matters relating to a development permit approved on December 19, 2000 by Mountain View County for an intensive livestock operation by AAA Cattle Company Ltd. to the Natural Resources Conservation Board, on August 9, 2006 County Council appointed a committee to negotiate a resolution to the claims with the following resolution:

*“That Council appoint a committee composed of Reeve Al Kemmere, Councillor Gwen Day, and Chief Administrative Officer Doug Plamping, to negotiate a resolution to the potential legal action and claim for compensation by the Committee for Lone Pine, with the aim of resolving a disputed matter and avoiding the additional expense of legal action to both parties, subject to final approval of any agreement or settlement by Council.”*

Claims by the Committee for Lone Pine, and for Ross Warner who undertook a separate appeal on the same issues, relate to the costs incurred as a result of alleged actions and alleged lack of action by Mountain View County in 2000 regarding the expansion of the AAA Cattle Company Ltd. intensive livestock operation beyond the approved level of 2500 head as provided for by the development permit.

Invoices relating to legal and consulting expenses to fight the alleged unlawful expansion of the AAA Cattle Company Ltd. intensive livestock operation through the NRCB process by the Committee for Lone Pine and Ross Warner were inspected by the committee. The proposed resolution presented to Council, as acceptable to all parties, was that Mountain View County would pay an amount approximating one third of those legal and consulting invoices in return for a release from any further claims on this matter. For the Committee for Lone Pine this settlement amounts to \$45,000.00, and for Ross Warner \$3,000.00. These settlement amounts were approved by Council.

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