

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Tuesday, August 27, 2013** at 10:51 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Mr. Ron Bobocel in the presence of the following persons:

A T T E N D A N C E		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, August 27, 2013</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Rick Cherniwchan	Present
4	Lori Danyluk	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
A.F.	Kurt Holdis	Present
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Present
C.A.O.	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Asst. A.F./R.S.	Evonne Zukiwski	Present

1 member of the Public in attendance.

2. **Agenda:**

908-13: Cherniwchan That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 27, 2013 be adopted as amended:

Addition(s):

1. United Farmers of Alberta BBQ Invitation

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

909-13: Cholak That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

910-13: Orichowski That the Action List of June 25, 2013, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

PART 1: Agricultural Service Board

4. **Request for Decision:**

Addition to the Agenda:

United Farmers of Alberta BBQ Invitation

911-13: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County Council and staff who can attend-attend the United Farmers of Alberta Appreciation BBQ for Smoky Lake County Council and Staff on September 16, 2013 at the SmokyLake County Public Works Shop.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board: Report

The Agricultural Fieldman presented an updated report on the following issues:

■ **Agricultural Service Board – Manager’s Report:
July 26, 2013 to August 21, 2013.**

912-13: Danyluk

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated July 26, 2013 to August 21, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: Environmental Services Report:

**Updated report presented Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant
Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services:
August 27th, 2013**

July:

- Completed June 25, 2013 ASB meeting minutes
- Submitting forage/ drought and crop reporting conditions
- Bertha Army Worm trap weekly monitoring
- Receiving lots of calls from producers interested in applying for Growing Forward 2 and the requirements of completing an Environmental Farm Plan prior to applying
 - Majority of interest is for portable windbreaks and new petroleum storage tanks
- Working with the Community Learning Council to plan the 2014 Ag workshop & Tradeshow
 - Date scheduled for March 11, 2014 in Smoky Lake
 - Lots of focus going to be placed on Ag Industry tradeshow
 - Speakers are booked:
 - Reg Shandro will be speaking on succession planning
 - Kevin Hursh will be speaking on agriculture business planning
 - Sponsorship letters have been sent to agricultural businesses and retails within the region
- Bertha Armyworm news release
 - News release posted on social media and website on July 18, 2013
 - Ad appeared in the Smoky Lake Signal and Redwater Review week of July 22, 2013
- Registered for on-line Integrated Crop Management course offered through Lakeland College starting in the fall
- Environmental Farm Plan peer review meeting
- Working towards becoming certified to use the on-line Environmental Farm Plan workbook
- Sent out weed warning letters

August:

- Submitting forage/ drought and crop reporting conditions

- Stared working on ASB Grant Application
 - Started collecting county agricultural statistics that are required
 - Webinar training is going to be offered to assist with the Environmental Stream multi-application format
 - Conference calls will act as a follow up to the video to answer any questions
 - Meeting with Agricultural Fieldman from Thorhild County on August 30 to begin planning programs for the new application
- Summarized 2013 Grazing School for Women evaluations and final budget items
- Environmental Farm Plan peer review session
- Making new shelterbelt information packages with nursery information and planting resources that are available
- Scouting fields for Berth Armyworms with the entomologists from Alberta Agriculture
- Grasshopper surveys
- Compiling 2013 Noxious weed survey data and submitting to Alberta Agriculture

Shelterbelt Equipment

913-12: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County send a letter to Garry Mackowicki, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, indicating the interest of Smoky Lake County to possibly acquire any shelterbelt planting and maintenance equipment.

Carried.

914-13: Orichowski That the updated report presented by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services, dated August 27, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

2013 Pest Update

915-13: Danyluk That the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman report on the 2013 Pest Update, indicating that the current Bertha Armyworm populations indicate a moderate to high risk level throughout the county, be accepted for information.

Carried.

2013 Spray Update

916-13: Cherniwchan That the Agricultural Fieldman's update and map on the 2013 spraying program, with approximately 160 miles of blanket spraying complete, 30 miles sprayed for Public Works, 12 brush locations completed and spot spraying occurring in problem areas, be accepted for information.

Carried.

2013 Mowing Update

917-13: Cholak That the Agricultural Fieldman's update on the 2013 mowing program, indicating that the mowers have completed the first pass and beginning the second pass, be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

PART 2: Fire Protection Services

4. Request for Decision:

No Request for Decision.

5. Issues for Information:

Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief presented an updated report on the following issues:

■ **Fire Chief – Manager's Report:
July 17, 2013 to August 16, 2013.**

918-13: Cholak That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend- attend any of the STARS helicopter training and viewing sessions.

Carried.

919-13: Orichowski That the updated report presented by the Fire Chief, dated July 17, 2013 to August 16, 2013, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

"170" Fire Expenses and Grant Update

920-13: Cherniwchan That the Fire Chief's updated report on the "170 Fire" as of August 23, 2013 be accepted as presented by Smoky Lake County Fire Chief, Scoff Franchuk.

Expenses

County equipment:	\$91,136.50
County repair/ inspections for the fire pump & pipe trailers:	\$633.65
Fuel for the fire pump and County equipment:	\$13,061.75
Repairs to County equipment"	\$2,354.59
Miscellaneous (gravel for pad, picking up rig mats, etc.)	\$13,423.90
County Labour:	\$43,802.85
Smoky Lake Fire Department:	\$50,400.00
Waskatenau Fire Department:	\$9,200.00
Vilna Fire Department:	\$10,000.00
Cory:	\$2,359.65
Scott:	\$43,614.12
Ed:	\$2,681.42
Doug:	\$6,177.89
Bob:	\$16,613.76
Lydia:	\$141.82
Brenda:	\$121.18

Total Expenses: \$305,723.08

Contractor Expenses

Choppers Contracting:	\$62,026.13
TJ Dirtwork:	\$59,157.00
Edwill Contracting:	\$43,391.25
Phil's Oilfield Maintenance:	\$6,800.00
Cera Contracting:	\$3,040.00
Lac La Biche Transport (18 rig mats):	\$17,892.00

Total Contactor Expenses: \$192,306.38

TOTAL EXPENSES & CONTRACTOR EXPENSES \$498,029.46

Carried.

921-13: Cholak That once completed, Smoky Lake County submit all invoices to the Province of Alberta from the "170 Fire" for reimbursement under the Alberta Emergency Management Agency Wild Land Fire Grant program.

Carried.

922-13: Danyluk That County Council discuss the "170 Fire" debriefing and Alberta Emergency Management Agency Wild Land Fire Grant application at the next Agricultural Service Board and Fire Protection Services meeting.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

Next Meeting

923-13: Orichowski That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **October 10, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

924-13: Bobocel That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:45 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER