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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016** at 2:15 P.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chief Administrative Officer, Cory Ollikka in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
A.F.	Tori Cherniawsky	Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Shapka	Present
Ag Svcs. Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Present
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

1 Member of the Public in attendance.

1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:

Chairperson

The Chief Administrative Officer called first (1) time for nominations for Chairperson.

140-16: Smigerowsky

That Councillor Ron Bobocel be nominated as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

The Chief Administrative Officer called second (2) time for nominations for Chairperson.

The Chief Administrative Officer called third (3) time for nominations for Chairperson.

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

141-16:Orichowski

That nominations cease.

Carried.

Mr. Ron Bobocel was declared elected by acclamation by the Chief Administrative Officer as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee and assumed the Chair.

Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson called first (1) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

142-16: Cholak

That Councillor Randy Orichowski be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

The Chairperson called second (2) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

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The Chairperson called third (3) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

143-16: Lukinuk That nominations cease.

Carried.

Mr. Randy Orichowski was declared elected by acclamation by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

2. Agenda:

144-16: Cholak That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 22, 2016 be adopted, as amended:

Addition:

1. State of Agricultural Disaster of Letter from Jason Ruecker, Reeve, Clear Hills County.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

145-16: Lukinuk That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, October 3, 2016, be adopted.

Carried.

146-16: Orichowski That the Action List from the October 3, 2016, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Lakeland Applied Research Association (LARA) Contract Review and Renewal

147-16: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board execute the Operational Funding Agreement with Lakeland Applied Research Association (LARA) for the term effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; and County Council approve to allocate **\$55,000.00** in the 2017 Budget.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan- Measurable Outcomes 2016

148-16: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan with the 2016 to 2019 with the following 2016 measurable outcomes:

- 48 weed inspections completed
- 750 mile of road inspected
- 624 miles of road sprayed
- All roads mowed at least twice
- 463 weed letters sent for noxious weeds on private land
- 1610 Tansy fact sheets mailed out
- 6 producers were given help with identifying weeds
- 6 producers attended Crop Walk 2016
- 2 producers completed Environmental Farm Plans
- 2 producers assisted in Growing Forward Program applications
- 423 mole tails collected
- 148 beaver tails collected

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- 249 bottle of Strychnine sold
- 33 1080 tablets distributed
- 120 people attended the Ag Conference held in March
- 200 people attended the Farmers Appreciation Evening
- 100 Clubroot surveys completed
- 10 positive Clubroot test results discovered
- 1 producer participated in the insecticide rebate program
- 2 bags of Eco Bran Bait sold
- 4 miles of roadside seeding completed

Carried.

Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Event

149-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board 15th annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Event be scheduled for the evening of June 9, 2017 to include supper and entertainment at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex in the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Grant Program 2017-2019

150-16: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board submit the application for both the Legislative and Environmental Funding Streams of the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program 2017-2019.

Carried.

151-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board submit the 2017-2019 Enhanced Environmental Stream Funding Grant Application.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information

Agricultural Department Report

152-16: Smigerowsky

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman for the period: September 22, 2016 to November 22, 2016, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

State of Agricultural Disaster

153-16: Orichowski

That the letter from Jason Ruecker, Reeve, Clear Hills County, dated November 10, 2016 regarding a state of Agricultural Disaster and Proposed Assistance, be filed for information.

Carried.

154-16: Cholak

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board write a letter to the Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, and carbon copy Mr. Colin Piquette – MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater and Mr. David B. Hanson – MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills as well as the Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, recommending producers be reimbursed this fall instead of next year for their insured acres.

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6. Correspondence

Farm Safety Centre
155-16: Lukinuk

That the letter from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated September 26, 2016, in regards to Appreciation of support from Smoky Lake County, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Farm Animal Care Board

156-16: Cholak

That the email received from Brent Bushell, Alberta Farm Animal Care Board Member/General Manager of the Western Hog Exchange, dated October 6, 2016, in regards to the Alberta Farm Animal Care Membership, be filed for information.

Carried.

Animal Health Biosecurity Program

157-16: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the letter from Dr. Hernan Ortegon, Animal Health Biosecurity Program, Manager, Government of Alberta, dated October 24, 2016, in regards to Smoky Lake County's denied Biosecurity Delivery Agent Grant Application, under the Growing Forward 2 program; and resubmit application once the program is re-opened in April, 2017.

Carried.

Next Meeting

158-16: Smigerowsky

That the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for Monday, **January 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

159-16: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 3:02 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

NOT APPROVED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER