

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Monday, September 26, 2011** at 1:09 P.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:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>A T T E N D A N C E</u> <u>Monday, September 26, 2011</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Rick Cherniwchan	Present
4	Lori Danyluk	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
A.F.	Scott Franchuk	Present
C.A.O.	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Asst. A.F.:E.S.	Evonne Zukiwski	Present
Asst. A.F.:F.S.	Krysta Chichak	Present

1 member of the Public in attendance.

2. **Agenda:**

849-11: Cholak That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Monday, September 26, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

850-11: Danyluk That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, July 25, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

851-11: Cherniwchan That the Action List of July 25, 2011, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. **Request for Decision:**

No Request for Decision.

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: August 25, 2011 to September 26, 2011.**

852-11: Cholak That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated August 25, 2011 to September 26, 2011 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Environmental Services Report:

Updated Report presented Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services:

August:

- Attended Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) field tour → August 3, 2011.
- Attended the Northeast Watershed Team first committee meeting:
 - Goal is to form a regional watershed awareness group.
 - May be a good medium for information exchange/ resources.
- Began water well sampling:
 - Have had good one-on-one talks with producers about their water resources.
 - Following up with those that may be eligible for the Long Term Water Management Plan funding under Growing Forward.
- Growing Forward:
 - Integrated Crop Management (ICM) deadline has been extended once again until November 21, 2011 (or as long as funding is available).
 - Since the ICM program has been re-opened I have assisted 3 producers in applying under the program.
- Producer Program Update Workshop → August 18, 2011:
 - Flyer mail-outs went to each farm box in Smoky Lake and Thorhild Counties, ads went in 2 newspapers for 2 weeks.
 - Workshop was cancelled due to only one phone call about the event.
- Attended Thorhild County ASB Meeting → August 23, 2011.
- ASB Field Inspection and Site Visit → August 29, 2011
 - Had some good suggestions for future projects, events and ways to achieve program goals.

September

- Attended the NE AAAF Meeting → September 2, 2011
- Environmental Stewardship Calendar conference call → September 7, 2011.
- Planning has begun for the 10th year of the Grazing School for Women.
- Grasshopper surveys nearly done.
- Finishing up water well testing:
 - 3 more to collect from Thorhild County
 - 4 more to collect from Smoky Lake County
 - Considering doing a chemical test next year in addition to bacterial.
- Starting to collect ideas for a fall newsletter.

853-11: Danyluk That the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services report dated September 26, 2011 presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services, be accepted, and filed for information.
Carried.

Summer Programs Update

854-11:Orichowski That the Agricultural Fieldman's report on the summer programs update, with a map for the 2011 spray program, and with the mowers near completion of making a second pass, be accepted.
Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Canadian Wheat Board

855-11: Cholak That the correspondence received from Honorable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, dated August 31, 2011 regarding the Canadian Wheat Board, be filed for information.
Carried.

2011-2013 Agricultural Service Board Grant Agreement

856-11: Danyluk That the correspondence received from Maureen Vadnais, Acting Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program, Agricultural and Rural Development, dated September 8, 2011 in regards to the receipt of the 2011-2013 ASB Grant Agreement funding, be filed for information.
Carried.

Next Meeting

857-11: Cherniwchan That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **December 8, 2011** at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

858-11: Bobocel That this meeting be adjourned, time 1:39 p.m.
Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER