

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Monday, March 28, 2011** at 1:05 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>A T T E N D A N C E</u>
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Monday, March 28, 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 Zukowski	Present
Asst. A.F.: F.S.	Krysta Chichak	Present

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1 member of the Public in attendance.

2. **Agenda:**

462-11: Cherniwchan That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Monday, March 28, 2011 be adopted with the following addition(s):

1. NRCB – Natural Resource Conservation Board: Invitation.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

463-11: Cholak That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, January 24, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

464-11: Cherniwchan That the Action List of January 24, 2011, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Introduction: Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: Field Services**

Mr. Scott Franchuk, Agricultural Fieldman/Fire Chief introduced the new hired employee Krysta Chichak for the position as the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: Field Services.

**7. Delegation(s):**

**Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development**

Present before County Council at 1:11 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. were David A. Brennan, Vertebrate Pest Specialist, Agricultural Service Board Programs and Kelly Lund, P. Eng., Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agricultural and Rural Development to provide an overview of the Agricultural Service Board Program and offer resources in service opportunities as key contact for Smoky Lake County.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Natural Resource Conservation Board**

465-11: Danyluk That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to the Natural Resource Conservation Board to attend a future Agricultural Service Board Meeting for an information session.

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:  
March 17, 2011 to March 28, 2011.**

466-11: Cholak

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated March 17, 2011 to March 28, 2011 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Technician Report:  
Updated Report presented Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal  
Conservation Technologist:  
January/February:**

- Attended County of Thorhild Council Meeting: January 25, 2011.
- Attended Farm Tech 2011: January 26 – 28, 2011.
- Submitted 2010 final AESA expenses and reports.
- Completed write-up for the Annual Report.
- Mailed newsletters: Sparked some interest for Growing Forward and Environmental Farm Plans.
- Compiled CD’s of photos from the 2011 Environmental Stewardship Calendar for sponsoring organizations.
- Attended County of Thorhild “Partner’s in Agriculture” Meeting: February 9, 2011.
- Green Certificate Testing: February 10, 2011.
- Worked on completing a formalized water well testing program and application form – deadline for applications is April 22, 2011.

- Attended 2 days of First Aid Training.
- Attended County of Thorhild Council Meeting: February 22, 2011.
- Busy seeking sponsorship and planning the Grazing School for Women.

**March:**

- Attended Thorhild CO-OP Tradeshow: March 3, 2011.
- Working with Thorhild producer on completing his Growing Forward application.
- Sat in on interviews for the new Assistant Agricultural Fieldman position.
- Attended the Alberta Institute of Agrologists Conference: March 15 to 17, 2011.
- Tour and site selection for Grazing School facilities: March 25, 2011.
- Preparing for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Planning a Crop Management Workshop for mid-April.

467-11: Danyluk

That the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) report dated March 28, 2011 presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Corridor Communications Inc.: Agreement**

468-11: Cherniwchan

That Smoky Lake County execute the “Tower Co-Location License” Agreement with Corridor Communication Inc. for the land in the Smoky Lake County for the Spedden Tower at longitude: -111.72695, latitude: 54.16365 with an annual fee, including utilities, not to exceed the amount of \$3,000.00 plus 3% annual escalation per year, for a five (5) year-term commencing March 17, 2011 to March 16, 2016.

Carried.

**Agricultural Service Board Program: Funding**

469-11: Danyluk

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Maureen Vadnais, Acting Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program, Agricultural and Rural Development, dated March 9, 2011 in regards to the Agricultural Service Board Grant second allocation funding in the amount of \$79,717.12 for a total grant allocation for year 2010/2011 in the amount of \$158,047.12.

Carried.

**Agricultural Service Board Program: Audit**

470-11: Orichowski

That the Agricultural Fieldman proceed with arrangements to schedule a meeting with the Agricultural Service Board Program Team for the 2011 Field Visit to review programs and activities under the Agricultural Service Board grant funding in relation to the Strategic Business Plan, as per letter received from Maureen Vadnais Acting Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program, Agricultural and Rural Development, dated February 23, 2011.

Carried.

**2011 Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Conference**

471-11: Cholak

That County Council, County Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief and three Fire Chief's or designates from the Fire Departments who can attend/attend and the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association 2011 Convention entitled, "Leadership in Motion" on May 29, 2011 to June 1, 2011 at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer.

Carried.

**Next Meeting**

472-11: Cholak

That the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, **May 24, 2011** at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

473-11: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 2:15 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER