

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **January 12, 2016** at 11:14 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

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

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, January 12, 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	Absent
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Absent
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Angela Bilski	Present

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Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development present for the meeting as a key contact for Smoky Lake County.

1 Member of the Public in attendance.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief entered Council Chambers, time 9:07 a.m.

**2. Agenda:**

290-16: Cholak

That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

291-16: Smigerowsky

That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, be adopted.

Carried.

292-16: Lukinuk

That the Action List of November 4, 2015, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.



**4. Request for Decision:**

**Policy Statement No. 62-24-01: Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine**

293-16: Cholak

That Policy Statement No. 62-24-01: entitled "Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine", be adopted, as amended.

<b>Title: Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine</b>		<b>Policy No.: 24-01</b>
<b>Section: 62</b>	<b>Code: P-S</b>	<b>Page No.: 1 of 2</b>
<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	The Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta	
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this policy is to set out procedures for the distribution of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers and ranchers within Smoky Lake County.	
<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>		
<b>1. STATEMENT:</b>		
1.1 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledges the need for a Richardson Ground squirrel control product to be readily available to agricultural producers.		
<b>2. DEFINITION:</b>		
2.1 "Strychnine" means poison in a 250 ml bottle containing 2% concentrated Strychnine in liquid form.		
2.2 "Agricultural Producer" means having direct control over agricultural land that you, yourself are farming or ranching. Must have Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Number.		
<b>3. GUIDELINE:</b>		
3.1 Agricultural Services staff that are licensed (Pesticide Applicators License) and trained in the use and distribution of 2% liquid strychnine will only be allowed to distribute the product.		
3.2 Strychnine will be sold at cost recovery to Smoky Lake County.		
3.3 No more than 2 cases of 2% liquid strychnine will be distributed to one agricultural producer.		
3.3.1 The distribution to each agricultural Producer shall be documented with the form in <u>Schedule "A": Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Agricultural Producer Sign-Off.</u>		
<b>4. PROCEDURE:</b>		
4.1 All of the regulations set forth by Alberta Agriculture are to be considered the minimum standards. Agricultural Services staff reserve the right to refuse this service to any farmer they feel will abuse the program or use this product outside of the label requirements.		
4.2 Any agricultural producers who contravene this policy or the label regulations will forfeit their right to purchase any more product (2% LSC).		
4.3 No product will be sold to acreage owners, residents of rural subdivisions or residents of urban centers unless they can prove they are an owner/ operator of an agricultural operation.		
4.4 The product will not be sold by municipal staff after June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the calendar year.		





**SCHEDULE "A"**

**Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Agricultural Producer Sign-Off**

**2% Strychnine for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels**

Action and Economic Threshold is 20% crop damage within a 100 meter strip.

Precautions must be taken when using this product.

- Wear long sleeved shirt and pants
- Chemical resistant gloves
- Eye protection ( goggles)
- All treated grain and poisoned carcasses exposed on soil surface must be collected and disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approximately 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent non-target poisonings.
- **DO NOT SCATTER BAIT ABOVE THE BURROW!**
- Following application burrow entrance is to be covered up.
- All unopened, empty or partially empty concentrate bottles must be locked and stored away from food or feed.

**DO NOT APPLY THIS PRODUCT IF THE BURROWING OWL, SWIFT FOX OR OTHER SPECIES AT RISK THAT MAY FEED ON STRYCHNINE BAIT OR GROUND SQUIRRELS ARE PRESENT IN YOUR AREA.**

I, the undersigned landholder, acknowledge that I purchased the above product with MSDS, label instructions and important label points and, that I agree to transport, store, use and dispose of the bait in accordance with the label/MSDS instructions provided. I also certify that I am a "bona fide Farmer" or commercial agriculturalist as required under Section 18(v) of the Pesticide (ministerial) Regulations.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Carried.

**2016 Farm Family Award – Division 2**

294-16: Bobocel

That the Smoky Lake County nominate the Leonard and Nancy Dmetruik Family for the ATB Financial Farm Family Award – Division 2, to be held in November 2016 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.

Carried.

**2016 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference**

295-16: Lukinuk

That County Council who can attend and Administration attend the 2016 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference – "Concerns of Today for Agriculture of Tomorrow" on January 18, 2016 to January 21, 2016 at Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.

Carried.

**Alberta Farm Safety Request for Funding**

296-16: Smigerowsky

That Smoky Lake County contribute funding for Year 2015 in the amount of \$913.50 to Alberta Farm Safety Centre towards the "Safety Smarts" school-based farm safety program for safety initiatives in an effort to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children, based on 2014 delivery to 261 children @ \$3.50/student; as per the letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated January 9, 2015.

Carried.

**Authorization to Carry Firearms**

297-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve Schedule "A": Firearms Authorization for Bob Novosiwsky, Road Liaison Supervisor for the purpose of problem wildlife and pest control, until the expiration date of January 9, 2021.

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information**

**Agriculture Department Report**

298-16: Lukinuk

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman dated December 1, 2015 to January 12, 2016 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture Report**

Update

Alberta Agriculture report presented by Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agricultural and Rural Development and there are no current updates from the Provincial Department.

**6. Correspondence**

**Farm Worker Safety in Other Provinces**

299-16: Cholak

That the correspondence provided by Cory Ollikka, CAO, Smoky Lake County, on the information from the Western Producer, dated December 8, 2015 in regards to Farm Worker Safety in Other Provinces, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Bill 6: Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act**

300-16: Orichowski

That **2015 Bill 6: Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act**, be filed for information.

Carried.

**County Council Meeting December 3, 2015: Resolution Number 213-15**

301-16: Lukinuk

That the copy of the letter prepared by Smoky Lake County as per Resolution Number 213-15, December 3, 2015 County Council meeting sent to Honorable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, dated December 7, 2015 in regards to Bill 6: Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, be filed for information.

Carried.

**AAMDC Member Input: Declaring State of Agricultural Disaster**

302-16: Lukinuk

That the email received from Tasha Blumenthal, Policy Analyst, AAMDC, dated December 7, 2015 in regards to Criteria for Declaring an Agricultural Disaster, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture and Forestry**

303-16: Orichowski

That the letter received from Honorable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, dated November 27, 2015 in regards to Response to Smoky Lake County's Declaration of an Agricultural Disaster, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Agricultural Service Board 2016 Resolutions**

304-16: Cholak

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends the following action on the Agricultural Service Board 2016 Resolutions to be discussed at the **2016 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference** held on January 18 to January 21, 2016:

**Resolution 1:** Proactive Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways (Option 1 only)

In Favor

**Resolution 2:** Reinstate Provincial Funding for the Canada and Alberta Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Surveillance Program

In Favor

**Resolution 3:** Agricultural Plastics Recycling

In Favor

**Resolution 4:** Agricultural Opportunity Fund for Agricultural Research and Forage Associations

In Favor

**Resolution 5:** Climate Stations

In Favor

**Resolution 6:** Compensation for Coyote Depredation

In Favor

**Resolution 7:** Hay Insurance Program

In Favor

**Resolution 8:** Species at Risk Act (SARA)

In Favor

Carried.

**Next Meeting**

305-16: Orichowski

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Tuesday, **March 1, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

306-16: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 12:57 p.m.

  
CHAIRMAN

SEAL

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER