

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Tuesday, April 23, 2013** at 10:03 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:

<b>A T T E N D A N C E</b>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 23, 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

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Arlene Shwetz, Communication Services Coordinator was present for the meeting.

1 member of the Public in attendance.

2. **Agenda:**

564-13: Orichowski That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 23, 2013 be adopted, as amended, with the following addition(s):

1. Letter from Town of Smoky Lake RE: Trailer Purchase.
2. Letter from Lamont County RE: Livestock Emergency Response Unit.
3. Delegation; Dale Chalespky, Finning Canada; 11:30 A.M.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

565-13: Cholak That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 4, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

566-13: Danyluk That the Action List of February 4, 2013, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

**PART 1: Agricultural Service Board**

4. **Request for Decision:**

**ASB Environmental Funding Stream Options**

567-13: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board explore the option of renewing the Environmental Funding Stream agreement with Thorhild County by sending a letter of interest to the Thorhild County Agricultural Services Board.

Carried.

**Plastic Recycling Program**

568-13: Cholak That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board act as a Liaison, as necessary between the local producers who have balers for agricultural plastics that would be willing to provide custom baling of agricultural plastics to those individuals which require such service.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Utility Trailer Sale**

569-13: Danyluk That Smoky Lake County advertise to sell the following Agricultural Service Board Equipment Item- 'As Is – Where Is' and 'The Highest Nor Any Bid Shall Not Necessarily Be Accepted';

- Unit 425: 1991 custom built utility trailer

and notify the Town of Smoky Lake that the below item will be advertised for sale in response to the letter received from Harvey Prockiw, CAO, Town of Smoky Lake, dated January 14, 2013.

Carried.

**Livestock Emergency Response Unit**

570-13: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board take no action in regard to the Livestock Emergency Response Unit, in response to the letter received from Daniel Warawa, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, Lamont County, dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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: March 21, 2013 to April 17, 2013.**

571-13: Orichowski That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated March 21, 2013 to April 17, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

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**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: Environmental Services Report:**  
**Updated report presented Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant**  
**Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services:**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**February/ March:**

- Attended Environmental Farm Plan Training
  - February 19 to 21, 2013 in Olds
- Future Trends in Agriculture Workshop
  - February 23, 2013 at the Smoky Lake Complex
  - Planning has begun for the 2014 Conference, future plans were heavily influenced from the evaluations.
- Green Certificate Testing
  - February 27, 2013
- Guest speaker at Two Hills Crop Update Meeting
  - March 7, 2013 in Hairy Hill
  - Presented on the Environmental Farm Plan
- Attended County Annual Safety Meeting
  - March 11, 2013
- Environmental Stream Conference Call
  - March 13, 2013
  - All of Growing Forward 1 approved applications for Integrated Crop Management (ICM) and Grazing and Winter Feeding Management (GWFM) that were in the queue have been funded
  - GWFM approved 833 projects in GF1 (over 3 years)
  - ICM approved 700 projects in GF1 (over 3 years)
- Planning the Grazing School for Women
  - June 12 & 13, 2013
  - Being held in the County of Vermilion River
- Thorhild Co-op Tradeshow
  - March 15, 2013
  - Lots of questions about Growing Forward 2 funding
- Crop Update Meeting
  - March 26, 2013
  - Cancelled
- Classroom Agriculture Program
  - 2 presentations this year: Smoky Lake and Vilna grade 4 classes
- Asked to do another wetland day presentation for the H.A.K wildlife class
- Taking the AAAF Fieldman Legislation Course
  - Requirement for becoming a certified Assistant Ag Fieldman

**April**

- Updated 2% Liquid Strychnine producer information sheets
- Join in for the Google Earth for EFP Use Webinar
  - April 9, 2013
- Water Drainage Workshop
  - April 10, 2013 (original date was scheduled for March 21, 2013 but was postponed due to snowstorm)
  - Partnered with Beaver, Lamont and Two Hills County
  - Had 55 producers in attendance
  - Excellent feedback received on not only the topic but on a central location
  - Most information was given out during the question and answer period
- Working with the Alberta Pest Monitoring Network on getting set up for Diamondback and Berta Army Worm monitoring sites
- Livestock Producer Workshop
  - April 17, 2013
  - Cancelled due to low registration numbers
- Planning Shelterbelt Workshop
  - April 24, 2013 at the Thorhild Legion

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- Attending Vertebrate Pest Workshop
  - April 25, 2013 in Ryley
- Will be notifying recipients of shelterbelt tree arrival date and pick-up time
- Growing Forward 2
  - Many programs launched April 2, 2013
  - Still only involved in the On-Farm Stewardship plans
  - A current Environmental Farm Plan is still required prior to applying for funding (On-Farm Stewardship plans only)
  - No retro-active period allowed for expenses
  - New project applications. Each project has its own maximum funding levels along with individual cost share percentages
  - It is anticipated that this new funding model will reduce the changes of funding running out so quickly
  - Previous Growing Forward funding does not impact the level of funding that can be received from GF2
  - Application forms are available on-line ([www.growingforward.alberta.ca](http://www.growingforward.alberta.ca))

572-13: Cholak That the updated report presented by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services, dated April 23, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture Report**

573-13: Danyluk That the Alberta Agriculture report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, on behalf of Kelly Lund P.Eng on the update of the Growing Forward 2: On-Farm Energy Management program details being launched and accepting applications, be filed for information.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Boreal Horticultural Services Ltd.**

574-13: Cholak That the information received from Judy Butt, Boreal Horticultural Services, dated February 20, 2013 in regard to the 2013 Tree and Shrub Seedlings List, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Prairie Shelterbelt Program**

575-13: Cholak That the email received from Don George, Senior Agroforestry Technician, AAFC Science and Technology, dated March 20, 2013 in regard to the final year total of 5,026,690 tree and shrub seedlings provided to 10,132 clients, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Boyle Seed Cleaning Co-op**

576-13: Cholak That the letter received from George McKenzie, General Manager, Boyle Seed Cleaning Co-op, dated April 4, 2013 in regards to the variety of grass seed and blends for sale, be filed for information.

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**Agricultural Pest Act and Weed Control Act**

577-13: Cholak That the letter received from Gayah Sieusahai, Pest Regulatory Officer, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, dated April 8, 2013 in regard to the Agricultural Pest Act and Weed Control Act, be filed for information.

Carried.

**2014 ASB Program Discussion Summary**

578-13: Cholak That the information received from Maureen Bolen, Organizational Development Consultant, BoAlta Consulting Ltd., dated March 27, 2013 in regard to the 2014 ASB Program Discussion Summary, be filed for information.

Carried.

**PART 2: Fire Protection Services**

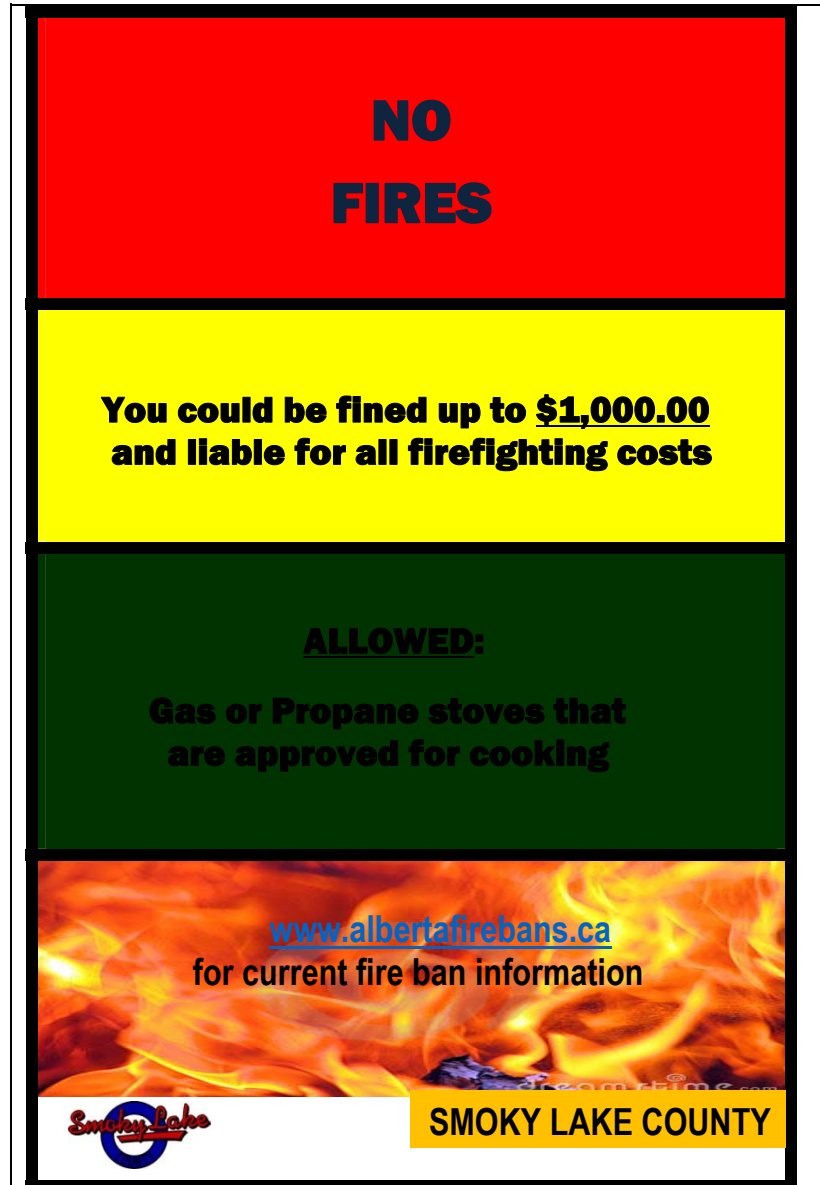
**4. Request for Decision:**

**Policy Statement No. 02-21-02: Fire Ban**

579-13: Danyluk That **Policy Statement No. 02-21-01** entitled " Fire Ban", be approved as amended:

<b>Purpose:</b>	To expedite the process for implementing and/or removing Fire Bans within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County.
<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>	
<b>1. STATEMENT:</b>	
1.1	At various time during the year, weather conditions dictate a municipal fire ban which requires specific restrictions in regards to open burning.
<b>2. GUIDELINES:</b>	
2.1	The <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Act</i> , RSA 2000, Chapter F19, Section 7(1) Provides the municipality the authority to implement or remove a Fire Ban.
2.1.1	“The Council of a municipal district is responsible for fighting and controlling all fires within the boundaries of the municipal district and the costs and expenses shall be paid by the municipal district”.
2.2	Factors to be considered for implementing a Fire Ban include:
2.2.1	Information obtained from the Alberta Government.
2.2.2	Sustainable Resources Development updates.
2.2.3	Fire Weather Index.
2.2.4	General conditions throughout the County.
2.3	The Chief Administrative Officer, County Fire Chief and the Reeve jointly may implement and/or remove a partial or total Fire Ban by written order as conditions dictate, as per <b>Schedule “A”: Fire Ban – Immediate Release</b> .
<b>3. PROCEDURES:</b>	
3.1	<b>Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority</b> will be advised with <b>Schedule “A”: Fire Ban –Immediate Release</b> being completed and submitted.
3.2	An order to issue a Fire Ban made under this Policy will be communicated by the following methods:





Carried.

#### **Sale of Aluminum Rescue Box**

580-13: Danyluk

That Smoky Lake County advertise to sell the following Fire Department Equipment Item- 'As Is – Where Is' and 'The Highest Nor Any Bid Shall Not Necessarily Be Accepted';

- 1995 custom built 8 feet long x 6 feet high aluminum rescue box from Fire Department Rescue Truck.

Carried.

#### **5. Issues for Information:**

#### **Fire Chief's Report**

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

- **Fire Chief – Manager's Report:  
March 21, 2013 to April 17, 2013.**

581-13: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County Fire Department undertake NO control burning requests on privately owned property within Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

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582-13: Cherniwchan That the updated report presented by the Fire Chief, dated March 21, 2013 to April 17, 2013, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**Fire Permits: Winter Burning**

583-13: Cherniwchan That the conditions of burning outlined in Policy No. 05-02-02 Fire Permit Agreement during winter months be issued at the discretion of the Smoky Lake County Fire Chief.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Conference**

584-13: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Council who can attend and the appropriate staff attend the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association 2013 Annual Conference and Trade Show; “Meeting Today’s Challenges and Beyond” on May 26 – May 29, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer.

Carried.

**Training Wages**

585-13: Cholak That Smoky Lake County continue to pay for firefighter training at the agreed upon rates outlined by Bylaw NO. 1246-12: Joint Operations Agreement- Fire Protection Services with the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

**7. Delegation:**

**Angela and Robert Semeniuk**

Present before County Council at 10:46 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. was Angela and Robert Semeniuk, Community Learning Council, Smoky Lake to provide an event update and thank the Smoky Lake County Council for their contribution towards the Agricultural Development Workshop “Learning Today for Farming Tomorrow; Future Trends in Food” held on February 23, 2013 in Smoky Lake.

586-13: Cholak That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board donate as a co-sponsor and partner in the amount of **\$3000.00** from the 2013 Agricultural Service Board budget in support of the 2014 Agriculture Development Workshop to be held March 11, 2014 in Smoky Lake, organized by the Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council and partners.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Delegation:  
Finning Canada**

Present before County Council at 11:39 a.m. to 11:51 a.m. was Dale Chapelsky, Finning Canada to provide information on 2013 – 14M graders.



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**Next Meeting**

587-13: Orichowski

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Tuesday, **June 25, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

588-13: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:52 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER