

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Tuesday, June 25, 2013** at 9:06 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:

A T T E N D A N C E		
<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 Zukowski	Present

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

1 member of the Public in attendance.

2. **Agenda:**

723-13: Cherniwchan That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

724-13: Danyluk That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

725-13: Cholak That the Action List of April 23, 2013, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

PART 1: Agricultural Service Board

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:
May 17, 2013 to June 20, 2013.**

726-13: Danyluk

That Smoky Lake County not accept any bids for Unit #425; 1991 Custom Built Utility Trailer and transfer the unit to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Carried.

727-13: Cholak

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated May 17, 2013 to June 20, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: Environmental Services Report:

**Updated report presented Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services:
June 25th, 2013**

May/ June:

- Completed April 23, 2013 ASB meeting minutes
- Submitted the spring update to the AAAF forum
- Submitting forage/ drought and crop reporting conditions
- Registered participants for Summer Tour
- Planning for Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation BBQ
 - Contacting local vendors, ordering supplies, sending out flyer mailouts
- Shelterbelt Tree distribution
 - Sent out letter and reminder phone calls to participants for pick up
- 2012 Environmental Stream Year End reporting
- Classroom Agriculture Program presentations
 - 2 presentations this year
 - 1 x H.A.Kostash, 1 x Vilna School (42 kids total)
- Reviewed and issued new completion letter to producer that updated their Environmental Farm Plan
- Lots of calls from producer interested in applying for Growing Forward 2 and the requirements of completing an Environmental Farm Plan prior to applying
- Growing Forward 2/ Environmental Farm Plan Conference Call Update (May 16, 2013)
 - *On-Farm Stewardship Program Update*
 - Program opened April 2, 2013
 - As of May 16, 2013, 150 applications have been received so far (allocating 40% of the 2013 budget). So far the budget looks really good, if this pace continues
 - No mass floods of applications once the program was opened

Environmental Farm Plan Update

- Environmental Farm Plan administration is in the process of being passed along to the ARECA groups (Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta) from the Agriculture and Rural Development
- This process has been started since early March, a coordinator position has been advertised but still no one knows the status of the program, whether to use new or old procedures or who the new coordinator is
- Working with the Community Learning Council to plan the 2014 Ag Workshop & Tradeshow
 - Date scheduled for March 11, 2014 in Smoky Lake
 - Lots of focus going to be placed on the Ag Industry Tradeshow
 - Have succession planning speaker confirmed, looking for a speaker that can talk about Ag/Farm business planning
 - Will be sending out letter inviting industry representatives to participate in the tradeshow beginning of July
- Meeting with Thorhild County to discuss possible continued partnership for the 2014-2017 Environmental Program Stream
 - Meeting held May 7, 2013
 - 2014-2017 Program planning surveys mailed to all farm boxes in Smoky Lake and Thorhild Counties (920 boxes in total) on May 17, 2013
 - Only 4 surveys returned (questions below)
- Grazing School for Women
 - Planning prior to event; updating social media sites, sponsorship acknowledgement, binder packages, etc.
 - Event held on June 12 & 13, 2013 near Vermilion
 - Had ~25 participants on each day
 - Participants seemed to enjoy the ½ day farm tour and full day sessions
 - Very well received, lots of positive feedback
- Bertha Army Worm traps to go up the week of June 17th. Monitoring begins the following week for approximately 6 weeks (or as indicated by the Alberta Pest Monitoring Network)

**Smoky Lake & Thorhild Counties
2014-2017 Sustainable Agriculture Program Planning Survey Questions**

1. Which of the following areas do you think highest priority should be given, to direct education and implementation of beneficial management practices? (*select all that apply*)

- Nutrient Management (manure, fertilizer use, etc.)
- Grazing and Riparian Management (pasture health, dugout/ creek water quality, etc.)
- Integrated Crop Management (pest management, crop rotation, fuel storage, etc.)
- Groundwater Quality (for human and/or livestock consumption)
- Carbon Capture and Off-Sets

2. How would you like to receive information on sustainable agriculture?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag-Info Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Website/ Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-on-one with local extension specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. Are there any barriers that are preventing implementation of beneficial management practices on your farming operation? Yes No

If yes, what are they? (knowledge of available options, cost, etc.) _____

4. Do you have an approved Environmental Farm Plan?

- Yes No

If 'no' would you be interested in completing an Environmental Farm Plan?

- Yes No

5. Over the last 5 years have you made any changes to your management practices?

- Yes No

If yes, what kind? (Off-site watering, grazing management, etc.) _____

6. What topics would you like to see featured in a future workshop? _____

(4 surveys were returned)

**Agricultural Service Board
June 25, 2013**

728-13: Orichowski That the updated report presented by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; Environmental Services, dated June 25, 2013 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Agriculture Report

729-13: Cherniwchan That the Alberta Agriculture report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, on behalf of Kelly Lund P.Eng on the update of a new key contact will be taking the place of Kelly Lund while she is on maternity leave be filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Indian Head Tree Nursery; News Release

730-13: Cholak That the news release received from Norm Hall, President, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan, dated May 7, 2013, regarding the Indian Head Tree Nursery, be filed for information.

Carried.

Indian Head Tree Nursery and Shelterbelt Program

731-13: Danyluk That the letter received from Mr. Lynn Jacobson, President, Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, dated May 10, 2013 regarding support and monetary assistance for a feasibility study for the Indian Head Tree Nursery, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Lamb Producers

732-13: Cholak That the letter and brochure received from Margaret Cook, Executive Director, Alberta Lamb Producers, dated May 23, 2013 regarding the Alberta Lamb Producers organization and contact information, be filed for information.

Carried.

2013 Resolutions and Responses

733-13: Cholak That the discussion be deferred to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting on the email received from Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, Agriculture Grants Branch, dated June 12, 2013 regarding the 2012 Resolutions and Responses.

Carried.

M.D of Smoky River Letters of Support

734-13: Danyluk That the email received from Normand Boulet, Agricultural Fieldman, M.D. of Smoky River, dated June 17, 2013, regarding the letter of support, be filed for information.

Carried.

Kurt Holdis, Agricultural Fieldman, left the Council Chambers, time 9:24 a.m.

PART 2: Fire Protection Services**4. Request for Decision:****Sale of Aluminum Rescue Box**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Ed English	\$ 487.00
Danyluk Landscaping	\$ 1,200.00

735-13: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County accept no bids and re-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/ mechanics box from the 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:
May 16, 2013 to June 21, 2013.**

736-13: Danyluk That the updated report presented by the Fire Chief, dated May 16, 2013 to June 21, 2013, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

“170” Fire Update

That Fire Chief presented an updated report on the “170 Fire” as of June 20, 2013 on the following issues:

<u>Expenses (to date)</u>	
County equipment and contractor expenses:	\$129,257.20
County repair/ inspections for the fire pump & pipe trailers:	\$633.65
County Labour:	TBD
Fire Department:	TBD

<u>Contractor Expenses (to date)</u>	
Choppers Contracting (May 22 – June 20)	\$37,141.13
TJ Dirtwork (May 23 – June 20)	\$36,461.25
Edwill Contracting (June 10 – June 20)	\$19,698.00
Lac La Biche Transport (18 rig mats @ \$40/ day per mat x 22 days)	\$15,840.00

TOTAL EXPENSES & CONTRACTOR EXPENSES	\$239,031.23
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737-13: Danyluk That the Fire Chief’s updated report on the “170” Fire be accepted and filed for information, and that administration contact the insurance company to determine eligible claims.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Next Meeting
738-13: Cholak

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Monday, **August 26, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

739-13: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 10:05 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER