

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on **Thursday, September 4, 2014** at 9:00 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:

		<u>A T T E N D A N C E</u>
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, September 4, 2014</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
A.F.	Tori Dey	Present
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Present
C.A.O.	Cory Ollikka	Absent
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Asst. A.F./R.S.	Amanda Shapka	Present

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**2. Agenda:**

802-14: Orichowski      That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Thursday, September 4, 2014 be adopted, as amended.

Additions:

1. Smoky Lake Agricultural Society
2. Smoky Lake County: Land
3. Budget Meeting

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

803-14: Cholak      That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

804-14: Lukinuk      That the Action List of June 18, 2014 Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

**PART 1: Agricultural Service Board**

**7. Delegation(s):**

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (L.A.R.A)**

Present before the County Council during the Agricultural Service Board and Fire Protection Services at 9:10 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. was Alyssa Krone and Kellie Nichiporik of Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, as well as Janette McDonald of Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta in regards to a potential partnership for the 2015 year.

**4. Request for Decision:**

**Lakeland Applied Research Association (L.A.R.A)**

805-14: Cholak

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board partner with Lakeland Applied Research Association to provide environmental and extension programming for Smoky Lake County residents and increase the 2015 ASB budget by \$55, 000.00.

Carried.

**Addition to Agenda:**

**Smoky Lake Agricultural Society**

806-14: Smigerowsky

That Smoky Lake County host the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society webpage on the County web server.

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Agricultural Service Board: Report**

The Acting Agricultural Fieldman presented an updated report on the following issues:

**■ Agricultural Service Board – Manager’s Report:  
July 15, 2014 to August 21, 2014**

807-14: Cholak

That the updated report presented by Amanda Shapka, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman on behalf of the Agricultural Fieldman, dated July 15, 2014 to August 21, 2014 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report:**

**The Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Amanda Shapka, presented an updated report on the following issues:  
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**Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Report**

- Wrote up June 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting Minutes
- Prepared weed letter format and weed fact sheets to send out
- Blasted Dams
  - Stony Creek with Bob (RR132 and TWP 590)
    - 5 dams
  - Bill Ewanciw
    - 8 dams
  - Brad Kozak
    - 3 dams

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- Monitored Bertha Armyworm traps weekly
  - Counts were very low this year
  - (see attached map of locations and average Bertha counts for Smoky Lake County)
- Attended the Northeast Region Resolution Response Committee Meeting with Ron on June 23, 2014. Resolutions up for discussion were:
  1. CN Railways Weed Control
    - The overall response was incomplete
  2. Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
    - The overall response was to accept in principle, but after more discussion it could be incomplete
  3. Elk Population Control
    - The overall response was incomplete, but to potentially accept in principle pending more information
  4. Extermination of Wild Boar in Alberta
    - Defeated at the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference – January 2014
  5. Emergent Resolution #1: Licensing of glyphosate tolerant wheat in Canada
    - The overall response was to accept in principle
- Agroclimate Impact Reporting Surveys done monthly
- Attended in house safety meetings
- Kurt and I met with Fred Stahl of the Smoky Lake Hutterite Colony and George Ponich for permission to shoot beavers on their land
- Attended the 2014 ASB Summer Tour in Brooks from July 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2014
  - Was a great opportunity to learn about the Eastern Irrigation District, as well as meet new people and learn about other counties ASB programs.
- Completed Grazing School for Women evaluations
  - Was received very well, many comments stating that it was the best one yet!
- Sent out weed letters, targeting infestations
  - 10 letters
- Dunk tank for the Wild Pink Yonder fundraiser BBQ
- Followed up on a weed complaint at Garner Lake lots, sprayed and picked 1 garbage bag of oxeye daisy
- Held a L.A.R.A information meeting in regards to a potential partnership to provide enhanced outreach to the residents of Smoky Lake County
- Identified insects for Marion Fediow
  - Leaf beetle (*Gonioctena quinquepunctata*)
- Agricultural Fieldman training with Kurt
  - Paperwork, invoice coding, managers meetings, etc.
- Sent out Learning Today for Farming Tomorrow thank you letters
- Reviewed ASB budget with Scott
- Posted mower add internally and externally
- Surveyed the county for grasshoppers ( see attached counts)
  - Numbers were very low this year, due to our cold and wet growing season
- Identified weeds for Eleanor Suprovich
  - Were native grasses: Water sedge and a Brome spp.
- Took weed complaints
- Attended a meeting with Ron and Cory at Don Mazyk's to learn more information about ARECA (Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta).
- Interviewed 3 applicants for the mower position
  - Chose Paul Skarlicki, from Vilna. Started August 20, 2014
- Took down all Bertha traps

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- New Agricultural Fieldman, Tori Dey, started August 18, 2014.
  - Orientation, toured weed problem areas, looked at beaver dam issues

808-14: Smigerowsky That the updated reports presented by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman; dated September 4, 2014 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**2014 Pest Update**

809-14: Orichowski That the Agricultural Fieldman's report on the 2014 Pest Update, indicating that the current Bertha Armyworm populations show a low risk level throughout the county and that the Grasshopper maximum risk rating will be none to very light, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**2014 Spraying Update**

810-14: Lukinuk That the Agricultural Fieldman's update and map of the 2014 spraying program, with approximately 217 miles done through blanket spraying, spraying for Public Works projects, spot spraying of problem areas and brush locations, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**2014 Mowing Update**

811-14: Orichowski That the Agricultural Fieldman's update on the 2014 mowing program, indicating that the mowers are behind this year and are nearing completion of a first pass, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Agricultural Service Board Resolutions**

812-14: Cholak That the correspondence received from Alberta Agriculture regarding the 2014 Agricultural Service Board Resolutions be filed for information.

Carried.

**Grading of the 2014 Agricultural Service Board Resolutions**

813-14: Lukinuk That the Agricultural Service Board Chair and staff complete the 2014 resolution grading by September 12, 2014 and submit to Pam Retzloff, Agricultural Service Board Coordinator, Agricultural Service Board Resolution Committee.

Carried.

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**Agricultural Service Board Grant Agreement**

814-14: Orichowski That the Agricultural Service Board accept the action taken by the Agricultural Service Board Chair and Chief Administrative Officer in executing the 2014-2016 Agricultural Service Board Grant Agreement.

Carried.

**Informa Economics**

815-14: Lukinuk That County Council who can attend - attend the Informa Economics Canadian Ag & Food Outlook Conference, held on December 3-5, 2014, Calgary, Alberta.

Carried.

**Wild Boar Agreement**

816-14: Smigerowski That Smoky Lake County execute the “Wild Boar Agreement”, an annual renewal contract with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

Carried.

**PART 2: Fire Protection Services**

4. **Request for Decision:**

5. **Issues for Information:**

**Fire Chief's Report**

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

- **Fire Chief – Manager's Report:  
June 16, 2014 to August 28, 2014.**

817-14: Lukinuk That the updated report presented by the Fire Chief, dated June 16, 2014 to August 28, 2014, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

6. **Correspondence:**

**Wildfire on Unoccupied Crown Land**

818-14: Cholak That County Council acknowledge the receipt of the letter received from Patrick Lowen, Director of Wildfire Prevention Section, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, dated August 8, 2014.

Carried.

**Alberta Transportation**

819-14: Orichowski That the email received from Bill Purdy, Executive Director Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, dated August 23, 2014 in regards to the invoice of Alberta Transportation, be filed for information.

Carried.

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820-14: Cholak That administration write a letter to the Minister of Transportation asking for further clarification in regards to Alberta Transportation's new negotiated agreement on "Fire Call Payment" process of submission to Insurance Companies in reference to the Fire Department Emergency Response on Highways.

Carried.

**Alberta Emergency Management Agency Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program**

821-14: Lukinuk That the email received from Peter Brudin, of the Alberta Government, on August 28, 2014, regarding the Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Environment and Sustainable Resource Development New Fire Ban System**

822-14: Smigerowsky That the letter received from Chad Morrison, Wildfire Management Branch, dated May 5, 2014, regarding Environment and Sustainable Resource Development new fire ban system be filed for information.

Carried.

**Addition to Agenda**

Aline Brousseau, Planning and Development Manager entered the Council Chambers, time 10:47 a.m.

**Smoky Lake County: Land  
Executive Session**

823-14: Orichowski That County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a land issue, time 10:51 a.m.

Carried.

824-14: Orichowski That County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:20 a.m.

Carried.

**Smoky Lake County: Land**

825-14: Smigerowsky That Administration research the land owned by Smoky Lake County: Lot 2, Plan 8621882 in the Town of Smoky Lake and bring back information for the next Council Meeting.

Carried.

Aline Brousseau, Planning and Development Manager left the Council Chambers, time 11:20 a.m.

**Addition to Agenda**

**Next Meeting**

826-14: Cholak That the date of the Smoky Lake County Budget Meeting be changed from September 22<sup>2014</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to September 29, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Carried.

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827-14: Cholak

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Tuesday, **November 4, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

828-14: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:27 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER