

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **March 1, 2016** at 9:02 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, March 1, 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	Absent
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
A.F.	Tori Cherniawsky	Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Shapka	Present
Ag Svcs. Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Present
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Absent
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Angela Bilski	Present

1 Member of Public in attendance.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief entered Council Chambers, time 9:02 a.m.

2. Agenda:

426-16: Orichowski

That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 be adopted, as amended:

Addition(s)

1. Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2015.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

427-16: Lukinuk

That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, be adopted.

Carried.

428-16: Cholak

That the Action List of January 12, 2016, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Agricultural Conference Funding

429-16: Cholak

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board contribute funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Conference – “Celebrating Agriculture, Past, Present & Future” to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Smoky Lake Complex.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-05-06: ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor

430-16: Lukinuk That **Policy Statement No. 62-05-06** entitled "ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor", be amended.

Title: ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor	Policy No.: 05-06		
Section: 62	Code: P-	Page No.: 1	of 4
Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes		
Purpose:	To provide ratepayers with grasshopper control options; the opportunity to rent the Eco Bran spreader and purchase Eco Bran bait, participate in the County grasshopper compensation program or the County Eco bait program.		

Policy Statement and Guidelines:

The Agricultural Service Board Committee may supply the Grasshopper Bait Distributor equipment on a rental basis for use by ratepayers for Grasshopper Control.

All interested persons/ratepayers must execute an "Equipment Rental Agreement" – **Policy 14-A.04-01.**

This service will be supplied on the following conditions:

- ▶ Equipment Rental- Eco Bran Bait Spreader: \$50.00 per day.
- ▶ Grasshopper Eco-Bait: Cost per bag at the County's cost plus freight.
- ▶ Damage Deposit: \$100.00 will be refunded if the equipment's return is free from any damages.

Smoky Lake County will implement a program to encourage private owner(s) to control Grasshoppers on road allowance ditches by compensating the landowner \$40.00 per mile of County road allowances, effective the crop year. If the County road allowance cannot be sprayed by the private owner due to power lines, trees, bodies of water etc. Smoky Lake County will apply a one time application of ECO bait in the adjacent road allowance at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, on a first come basis and as time and budget permits.

All interested persons/ratepayers shall complete:

Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.


Schedule "B": Grasshopper Spraying Program.

OR

Smoky Lake County will provide one bag of Eco Bran Bait to the ratepayer if the ratepayer has sprayed the adjacent land per one (1) mile, one-side.

 APPLICATION FORM FOR ROAD ALLOWANCE GRASSHOPPER SPRAYING	SCHEDULE "A"
Date: _____	
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee	
ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	
FAX NUMBER: _____	
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee	
ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	
FAX NUMBER: _____	
<p>DO HEREBY apply for a grant of \$45.00 per mile to spray grasshoppers along the County road allowance, adjacent farmland that I own, rent, or control.</p> <p>I declare that I have incurred expenses along the following rights-of-way as described by the following legal land locations:</p>	
1.	_____ number of miles _____
2.	_____ number of miles _____
3.	_____ number of miles _____
4.	_____ number of miles _____
5.	_____ number of miles _____
6.	_____ number of miles _____
<p>The attached invoices and receipts are proof of expenditures incurred by myself in carrying out a "Roadside Grasshopper Spraying" Program.</p>	
SIGNATURES:	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____	DATE: _____
SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: _____	DATE: _____

Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying Page 3 of 4.

 GRASSHOPPER PROGRAM	SCHEDULE "B"
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee	
ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	
FAX NUMBER: _____	
<p>LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"): As per Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying</p>	
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee	
ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	
FAX NUMBER: _____	
<p>LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"): As per Schedule "A": Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying</p>	
<p>I (We) hereby agree to, in consideration of the benefit derived by me (us) from the work description above shall indemnify and save harmless the Smoky Lake County, its Councilors, officers, employees and agents from any claim, damages, liability, cost, fee, penalty, action, cause of action, demand, damage to property, injury to person or death (including, without limitation to, legal fees of Smoky Lake County on a solicitor-client full indemnity basis), that may arise directly or indirectly out of the performance of the above described work(s).</p>	
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION AND AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS	
DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____
SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____
DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____
SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: _____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____

Schedule "B": Grasshopper Spraying Program Page 4 of 4.

Carried.



Policy Statement No. 62-06-03: Charge for Application of Trees

That **Policy Statement No. 62-06-03** entitled "Charge for Application of Trees", be rescinded.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-13-02: Clubroot Prevention Techniques

That **Policy Statement No. 62-13-02** entitled "Clubroot Prevention Techniques", be amended.

Title: Clubroot Prevention Techniques		Policy No.: 13-02
Section: 62	Code:	Page No.: 1 of 1
Legislation Reference: Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta		
Purpose: To ensure that Smoky Lake County performs proper operating procedures to help contain the spread of the Clubroot disease while performing municipal services.		
Policy Statement and Guidelines:		

1. DESCRIPTION:

1.1 "Clubroot" is a disease that attacks plants in the brassicaceae family, such as canola. Clubroot is caused by the soil-borne pathogen. The organism invades the roots of the host plant causing it to grow tumour-like bulbs (galls) on the roots, this restricts water and nutrient uptake that results in premature ripening or plant death. The organism can live in the soil for up to 18 years before infecting a plant. The disease can cut a field yield by 5 to 50 per cent.

2. STATEMENT:

2.1 Clubroot gets transported from field to field mainly from the movement of soil through human activity. Smoky Lake County will implement procedures to help contain the spread of disease. Every effort will be made to ensure that procedures have been reviewed and that best practices are implemented while performing municipal services.

2.2 All Smoky Lake County departments must be aware of Clubroot and understand the procedures put in place to minimize the risk for spreading this disease.

3. PROCEDURE:

3.1 All municipal services transporting dirt/soil from one field/area to another will be kept to a minimum.

3.2 Vehicles and equipment will be sprayed with a 2% Bleach Solution.

3.3 Communication will be established between the local landowners and Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board through a mapping system to determine whether or not there is a presence of Clubroot in a certain area. **Reference Policy 62-12: Clubroot.**

3.4 Assurance will be communicated to the local landowner that Smoky Lake County has implemented steps to minimize the spread of Clubroot within the County.

3.5 Smoky Lake County will communicate and provide recommendations to Energy (Oil) Companies based on Alberta Clubroot Management Plan and County Policies, to ensure that the companies are diligent in cleaning off equipment to prevent the spread of Clubroot between fields.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information

Agriculture Department Report

433-16: Cholak

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman dated January 13, 2016 to February 23, 2016 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Alberta Agriculture Report
Update**

Alberta Agriculture report presented on behalf of Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agricultural and Rural Development.

- Handout entitled “Workers’ Compensation” retrieved from Alberta Government website.

6. Correspondence

Alberta Farm Safety Centre

434-16: Smigerowski That Smoky Lake County contribute funding for Year 2016 in the amount of \$714.00 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 2015 delivery to 204 children @ \$3.50/student; as per the letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated January 18, 2016.

Carried.

2016 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Award Nominations

435-16: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County advertise the 2016 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Award Nominations through the County Grapevine and Social Media sites, as per letter received from Rod Carylon, Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Selection Committee, Agriculture and Rural Development, dated January 2016.

Carried.

Animal Health Biosecurity Delivery Grant Update

436-16: Lukinuk

That the email received from Dr. Hernan Ortegon, DVM, Section Head Animal Health Programs, Growing Forward 2 – Biosecurity Programs, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, dated February 10, 2016 in regards to Animal Health Biosecurity Delivery Grant Update, be filed for information.

Carried.

2016 ASB Provincial Conference Resolution Results

437-16: Cholak

That the updated 2016 ASB Provincial Conference Resolution Results provided by Tori Cherniawsky, Agricultural Fieldman dated January 2016, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

438-16: Orichowski

That the letter received from Honorable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, dated February 18, 2016 in regards to Response to ASB Provincial Conference MLA Forum; Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Hay Pricing Insurance Program, be filed for information.

Carried.

Addition(s) to the Agenda:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

439-16: Lukinuk

That the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2015, be filed for information.

Carried.

Next Meeting
440-16: Cholak

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Friday, **May 6, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.


Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

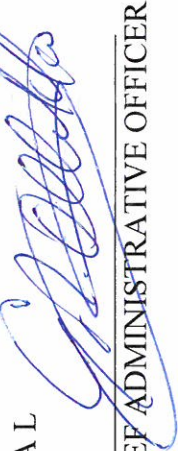
441-16: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 9:34 a.m.

Carried.



CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER