

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Monday, **January 16, 2017** at 10:03 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>Monday, January 16, 2017</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Absent
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	Present
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

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.

One member of the Public.

2. Agenda:

247-17: Cholak That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Monday, January 16, 2017 be adopted, as amended.

Deletion:

7.2 Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

248-17: Orichowski That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, be adopted.

Carried.

249-17: Lukinuk That the Action List of November 22, 2016, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC)

Present before the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 10:06 a.m. to 10:33 a.m. was Barclay Smith, Central Area Manager Branch Operations and Connie Cherniwchan, Product Specialist, of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), to give an update on post-harvest and unharvested acres as follows:

- There are 977,214 acres reported as unharvested from our insured producers, across the Province (7%).
- 1,557,315 acres of Annual Crop insured in the Central Region
- 496,992 unharvested acres in the Central Region (32%)
- There have been 1175 Unharvested Inspections set up in the Region.
- As of January 12, 2017 there were 187 under inspection and 267 inspections have been completed.
- 2011 Census = 134,134 Annual Acres in Smoky Lake County.
- Smoky Lake Branch insures 108,122 acres of Annual Crops.
- Unharvested insured acres in Smoky Lake Branch = 13,162.
- 31 unharvested Inspections / 7 have been completed.

250-17: Cholak

That the report presented by Barclay Smith, Central Area Manager Branch Operations and Connie Cherniwchan, Product Specialist of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), on agriculture disaster criteria post-harvest and unharvested acres, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

2016 Unharvested Crops

251-17: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County write a letter to the Honorable Rachel Notley - Premier of Alberta, Honorable Oneil Carlier - Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and cc Honorable Shannon Phillips - Minister of Environment and Parks, Honorable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd - Minister of Energy, Honorable Joseph Ceci - Minister of Finance and both Local Members of Legislative Assembly, Mr. Colin Piquette – Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater and Mr. David B. Hanson – Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requesting the carbon levy be waived on drying grain crops from Year 2016 in response to the state of agriculture and unharvested crops.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Policy Statement No: 62-25-01: Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections

252-17: Orichowski

That **Policy Statement No. 62-25-01** entitled “Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections”, be adopted.

Title: Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections	Policy No.: 25-01
Section: 62	Code: P-S
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Legislation Reference:	Alberta Weed Control Act- Seed Cleaning Plant Regulation
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Purpose:	To outline seed cleaning plant inspection procedures within Smoky Lake County. This policy applies to all operating seed cleaning plants within Smoky Lake County, including mobile plants.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
1. STATEMENT:	
1.1	To protect farmers from the spread of weeds due to seed cleaning plant faulty practices, design or maintenance, as required by the Alberta Weed Control Act.
2. DEFINITION:	
2.1	" Mobile Seed Cleaning Plant " means a portable seed cleaning plant for hire which cleans seed to be used for seeding.
2.2	" Seed Cleaning Plant " means a building, or structure intended or used for custom cleaning grain or seed to be used for seeding.
2.3	" License " means a license to operate a seed cleaning plant issued under the Seed Cleaning Plant Regulation of the Alberta Weed Control Act.
2.4	" Inspector " means Agricultural Fieldman or designate.
3. GUIDELINE:	
3.1	The inspection of a seed cleaning plant must be done annually to obtain a valid operating license provided under the Seed Cleaning Regulations of the Weed Control Act of Alberta
3.2	The owner or operator of a portable or mobile seed cleaning plant intending to clean seed must notify Smoky Lake County ASB 24 hours prior to entering Smoky Lake County and must have a valid license issued by Smoky Lake County.
4. PROCEDURE:	
4.1	Any seed cleaning plant operating within Smoky Lake County must contact Smoky Lake County to obtain an inspection and proper license as per <u>Schedule "C" License To Operate a Grain and Seed Cleaning Plant</u>
4.2	The Agricultural Fieldman or designate shall inspect each plant at a minimum of once annually. The license is non-transferable and expires one year after the date of issue.
4.2.1	In order to receive a license, a plant must be designed and operated in a manner that eliminates the possibility of cross-contamination. Cross-contamination will be rated based on <u>Schedule "A" Cross-Contamination Inspection Form</u>
4.2.2	Five percent or twenty samples of seed lots, whichever is greater, collected throughout the year as a bare minimum to judge quality of the final product. Final product will be rated based on <u>Schedule "B" Product Turned Out Inspection Form</u>
4.3	Seed samples may be collected by the Agricultural Fieldman or designate anytime at random during normal business hours of the county, without prior notification.

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SCHEDULE "A"



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Cross-Contamination Inspection Form

POSSIBLE SCORE	SCORE	ITEM
0-8	_____	1. Receiving pit in good repair, lining intact, and no obstruction to hold seed, etc.
0-2	_____	2. Legs have sufficient space between cup and belt.
0-2	_____	3. Legs or augers are equipped with a clean-out access.
0-10	_____	4. Boots cleaned between lots. (If score is zero in Item #3, then score a zero for Item #4).
0-5	_____	5. Cleaning machines cleaned and/or flushed between lots.
0-10	_____	6. Bin linings smooth and in good repair, no obstructions to catch seed. (Bins needing repair, numbers _____).
0-8	_____	7. Bins covered on top or otherwise protected to prevent mixing.
0-4	_____	8. All spouting in good repair and have no holes or leaks.
0-4	_____	9. All hoppers in good repair and have no holes or leaks.
0-5	_____	10. Floors in cupola clean of spilled grain, weed seeds, refuse and dust.
0-8	_____	11. All cleaning machinery, including screens, are in good repair. Defects are: _____, _____, _____, _____.
0-8	_____	12. All cleaning machinery accessible for cleaning and kept free of accumulated seeds and dust.
0-4	_____	13. A rough analysis is done prior to truck unloading, and this record is on file.
0-4	_____	14. Main area clean of spilled grain, weed seeds, dust and refuse.
0-3	_____	15. Basement clean of spilled grain, weed seeds, dust and refuse.

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POSSIBLE SCORE	SCORE	ITEM
0 - 2	_____	16. Treater(s) in good repair and properly spouted to allow free flow and containment of treated seed.
0 - 4	_____	17. Treater floor clean of spilled grain, weed seeds, dust, refuse, and is tight to prevent spilled grain or chemical from escaping.
0 - 3	_____	18. Treater(s) cleaned between lots.
0 - 4	_____	19. Driveway in good repair (no cracks or obstructions to catch and hold seeds).
0 - 5	_____	20. Loading out of screenings controlled to reduce loss of weed seed.
0 - 5	_____	21. License displayed in conspicuous place.
0 - 5	_____	22. Suitable grading and inspection facilities present and used.

With no N/A – maximum possible score = 113
Total score obtained = (a)

Total maximum possible score = _____ (b) (exclude N/A points)

Percent rating = $\frac{(a)}{(b)} \times 100 =$ _____ % Section 1

Inspector _____ Date _____

Plant Manager _____ Date _____

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SCHEDULE "B"



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Product Turned Out Inspection Form

1. No. of samples ___ x 2 = total possible

2. Points scored (basis of purity)

2 points for each No. 1 Seed 2 x ___ = ___ (a)

1 point for each No. 2 Seed 1 x ___ = ___ (b)

Minus (-) 2 points for each rejected 2 x ___ = ___ (c)

Points obtained from samples graded (a + b - c) = _____

Percent = $\frac{\text{Points obtained ()}}{\text{Points possible ()}} \times 100 =$ _____ % Section 2

FINAL RATING – $\frac{\text{Section 1 () \%} + \text{Section 2 () \%}}{2} =$ %

Seed Cleaning Plant _____

I hereby certify that I have personally inspected the above plant and that the plant meets all of the requirements and standards for the final rating given.

Inspector _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the Inspector has discussed the rating with me and advised me of the final rating that the plant will receive.

Plant Manager or Board Member _____ Date _____



License to Operate a Grain and Seed Cleaning Plant

**SEED CLEANING PLANT FACILITY
LICENSE**

Authority is hereby given to _____ of _____ to operate a grain or seed cleaning plant for the purpose of cleaning grain or seed under the Weed Control Act of Alberta

Advanced this _____ day of _____, 20____

Restrictions _____

Expires _____

RATING %

Signature of inspector _____

Carried.

5. Issues for Information

Provincial Agriculture Department Report

Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development gave updated on the Carbon Levy and made the following points:

- The Carbon Levy program is not fully launched yet.
- Exemptions for Greenhouses will be by application and based on actual usage, similar to the way British Columbia does it.
- Vehicle fuel is not eligible for exemption.
- A call centre is set up for inquires.

253-17: Lukinuk

That the written report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman dated November 22, 2016 to January 16, 2017, and the update from Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence

2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour

254-17: Orichowski

That the pamphlet on the 2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour received from Donna Trottier, Tour Coordinator, and further to Council Motion 1080-16, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association

255-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board take no action to the written request received from Conny Kappler, P.Ag, Executive Director, Conference Co-Chair and Kathy Lesko, AFMA Director, Conference Co-Chair, Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association, dated December 5, 2016, in regard to sponsoring the 2017 Farm to Market Conference scheduled for March 2 and 3, 2017 at the Pomeroy Inn and Suites in Olds, Alberta.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board 2017 Resolutions

256-17: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends the following action on the Agricultural Service Board 2017 Resolutions to be discussed at the **2017 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference** held on January 24 to January 27, 2017:

Resolution 1:

Vegetation Management of Alberta Provincial Highways.

In Favor

Resolution 2:

Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products.

In Favor

Resolution 3:

Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom.

In Favor

Carried.

Next Meeting

257-17: Cholak

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Monday, **March 6, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

258-17: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:23 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER