

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Thursday, **August 24, 2017** at 9:07 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:

		ATTENDANCE
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, August 24, 2017</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
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Ag. Fieldman	Tori Cherniawsky	Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Shapka	Present
Ag Svcs. Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Absent
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Absent
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager and Dave Kully, Public Works Shop Foreman.

No Media Present. No Public Members Present.

2. Agenda:

991-17: Orichowski That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Thursday, August 24, 2017 be adopted, as amended.

Addition:

1. Metis Crossing Funding Request.
2. Public Works Equipment Purchase.
3. AgSafe Alberta.

Carried Unanimously.

Addition to the Agenda:

Public Works Equipment Purchase - Handy Hitch Packer/Roller 2017, Model 104

992-17: Smigerowsky That Smoky Lake County approve the unbudgeted expense funded from the 2017 Public Works Operating Budget, to **purchase** a Handy Hitch Packer/Roller 2017, Model 104, Serial Number CR-2017-152, wobbly packer grader attachment used to “tighten up” the roads and reduce the need for a second grader pass, from **Tom Cat Sales** in the amount of \$26,385.00 less rental credit of \$9,945.00 for a **total amount of \$16,440.00** plus GST.

Carried.

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager and Dave Kully, Public Works Shop Foreman left Council Chambers, time 9:14 a.m.

3. Minutes:

993-17: Lukinuk That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, June 26, 2017, be adopted.

Carried.

994-17: Smigerowsky That the Action List from the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, June 26, 2017, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request For Decision

Policy Statement No. 62-11-03: Weed Control “No Spray” Request

995-17: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-11-03: Weed Control “No Spray” Request be rescinded, due to concerns with compliance, enforcement capacity, and the requirement for County to maintain Right-of-ways.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC)

Present before Council from 9:29 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. was Yvonne Weinmeier, Production Specialist – Insurance, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) to provide information on Unseeded Acres including the following points:

- There was a significant amount of unseeded acres in fall 2016 at an unprecedented magnitude.
- Insurance benefits are based on total production for the year.
- Unharvested advance partial payments were distributed in fall 2016.
- Turned out better than anticipated, there were only a handful of clients that were not able to get their 2016 crops off.
- Spring 2017 resulted in excess moisture.
- The insurance adjustors are currently inspecting to come up with a number for unseeded acres.
- There has been one non-compliance of advance payment payback.
- For the past 17 years the unseeded acre payout has been \$42, and this year it is \$47 or \$108 if previously fertilized.
- In Alberta there is one million acres claimed as unharvested and of that, 500,000 acres are in central Alberta.
- Crop insurance claims so far are as follows: Athabasca area 59, Smoky Lake area 34, St. Paul area 95, and Thorhild area is 69.
- In 2009 the insurance coverage went to individual, from township previously; it is almost impossible for every field to be inspected.
- Policy changes for unseeded acres now include a percentage of quality grade, and producers can now sell to unregistered buyers.

Addition to the Agenda

Metis Crossing - Voyageur Event

996-17: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County donate in the amount of **\$500.00**, to Metis Crossing for the event: Voyageur Days, scheduled for August 25, 26 and 27, 2017 in response to the written request letter received from Leon Boychuk-Hunter, dated August 21, 2017, funded from Individual Grants and Organizations; **and, going forward starting in year 2018, donate in the amount of \$1,000.00 annually for any and all events.**

Councillor Orichowski requested a recorded vote.

For the Motion

Ron Bobocel
Dareld Cholak
Cary Smigerowsky
Craig Lukinuk

Against the Motion

Randy Orichowski

Carried.

AgSafe Alberta

997-17: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County advertise on social media, the services available through AgSafe Alberta, in response to the correspondence received from Donna Trottier, P. Ag. Farm and Ranch Safety Extension Coordinator, received August 24, 2017; and extend an invitation to a representative from AgSafe Alberta to provide a community workshop.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information

Alberta Agriculture Field Visit Results

998-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the report received from Doug Macaulay, Agricultural Service Board Program Manager dated August 24, 2016 in regard to the Annual Field Visit review of programs and projects implemented under the various Agricultural Service Board Acts.

Carried.

2017 Weed Inspection and Spraying Map

999-17: Orichowski That the 2017 Weed Inspection and Spraying Map completed as of August 24, 2017, be filed for information.

Carried.

2017 Pest Update

1000-17: Cholak That the 2017 Grasshopper and Bertha Armyworm Pest Monitoring data as of August 9, 2017, be filed for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Department Report

1001-17: Cholak That the written report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated May 5, 2017 to June 26, 2017 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence

Farm Safety Centre

1002-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director of Farm Safety Centre, dated July 11, 2017, in regard to the 2016-2017 Safety Smarts Year-End report.

Carried.

Alberta Invasive Species Council

1003-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County take no action towards the 2017 Alberta Invasive Species Council, in response to the email received from Delinda Ryerson, Executive Director of Alberta Invasive Species Council, received July 18, 2017, in regard to a sponsorship request.

Carried.

Next Meeting

1004-17: Cholak That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **October 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

1005-17: Bobocel That this meeting be adjourned, time 10:45 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER