

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **April 17, 2018** at 9:09 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Dan Gawalko in the presence of the following persons:

			ATTENDANCE
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 17, 2018</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Present	
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present	
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present	
4	Lorne Halisky	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 Kihn	Present	
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Absent	
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present	

No Member(s) of the Media Present.

One Member of the Public 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.

2. Agenda:

436-18: Halisky That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 be adopted, as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

437-18: Orichowski That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, be adopted.
Carried.

438-18: Cherniwchan That the Action List from the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, be filed for information.
Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Policy Statement No. 62-M-02-04 Mowing Program

439-18: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County **Policy Statement No. 62-M-02-04 Mowing Program**, be amended:

Title: Mowing Program		Policy No.: 02-04
Section: 62 – M	Code: P-R	Page No.: 1 of 2

Purpose:	To outline the level of service of mowing that the Agricultural Service Board would like to execute per growing season. Mowing level of service is based on a three tractor / mower – three operator system.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:
<p>1. OBJECTIVES:</p> <p>The objective of the Mowing Program is to control unwanted vegetation, such as Noxious weeds and/or brush within the County Right-of-Way, thereby providing improved safety for the motoring public, while improving country-side esthetics and helping to control weeds in the mowed area. Smoky Lake County will mow from the roads edge to the municipal right-of-way boundary wherever possible.</p> <p>GUIDELINES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.1 All roads within the County will receive one a shoulder pass to fence line once as a minimum per year.1.2 The County will be divided into 3 zones, using Range Road 150 and Hwy 855 as boundaries.1.3 The Iron Horse Trail will only be mowed once per growing season.1.4 Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends in the summer, and only two passes per year.1.5 It will be expected that each mower operator can mow a minimum of 14 miles per day. 70 miles per week is a reasonable expectation unless other commitments (e.g., priority roads) have to be upheld or any mechanical breakdowns or weather situations interfere. <p>2. PROCEDURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Each mower operator will be assigned a zone within the County and this will be designated as their zone.2.2 Every effort will be made to mow each zone twice. After completing the first pass mower operators will return to their starting point and continue mowing from there.2.3 Seasonal mowing operations will cease no later than November 1st

Policy Statement and Guidelines:
<p>3. DUTIES OF MOWER OPERATORS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Mower Operators must be knowledgeable of and adhere to the Smoky Lake County Safety Policies.3.2 Mower Operators must be fully competent in the operation and the day-to-day maintenance of tractor and mower, and be able to carry out mowing program in a safe and timely manner.3.3 As this is a seasonal position mower operators will be required to put in overtime hours to reach targets. A minimum of 50 hours per week the operator will be required to reach targets.3.4 The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate will be responsible for the direction and management of the mowing program. Complaints should be directed to the Agricultural Fieldman or their designate.3.5 Mower Operators will plan out a weekly mowing schedule on Monday mornings after the safety meeting. Every effort will be made to operate as efficiently as possible (e.g., not leaving un-mowed areas, eliminating unnecessary travel and eliminating as much "highblading" as possible).3.6 Mowing Maps are to be updated and handed in weekly with time sheets.3.7 All maintenance must be recorded and Mower Operators will assist shop staff in maintenance and repair of mowing equipment.3.8 Mower Operators may be expected to complete other duties as directed by the Agricultural Fieldman.

Carried.

Agricultural Youth Green Grant

440-18: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County submit an application to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative Program, for funding up to a maximum of \$16,000.00 per post-secondary graduate intern to undertake environmental activities, services or research at a 50:50 cost share for 50% of one summer student weed inspector.

Carried.

Wetland Restoration Agency

441-18: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the County of Vermillion River has been designated by the Alberta Government as a Wetland Restoration Agency for surrounding municipalities including Smoky Lake County; and advertise this information in the County Grapevine.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairman gave a verbal report including the following points:

- Barb Shapka is the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association farm member and there is a new Executive Director.
- Looking for volunteers for the Farmer's Day Appreciation event scheduled for June 8, 2018 in Waskatenau.
- July 10-13, 2018 is the Agricultural Service Board tour in Strathcona County.
- Beaver dam removals will be commencing soon.

442-18: Orichowski That the verbal report given by the Agricultural Service Board Chairperson as of April 17, 2018, be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Department Report

Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, gave a verbal report that included the following points:

- The cost of crop insurance through AFSC has gone down.
- Researches have found Clubroot disease resistant genes, and new Clubroot resistant varieties should be available in 6-10 years.
- The 2018 Crop Protection publication (also known as the "Blue Book") from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is now available in a phone app form.

One member of the public entered Council Chambers, time 10:14 a.m.

443-18: Lukinuk That the verbal report presented by Kelly Lund, P.Eng, Research Engineer, On-Farm Energy Systems, Environmental Stewardship Division with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, as of April 17, 2018, and the Agricultural Fieldman's Report for February 13, 2018 to April 9, 2018 be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Farm Safety Centre

444-18: Orichowski

That the Correspondence received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director of Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated March 30, 2018, extending appreciation to Smoky Lake County for the Year 2018 Funding Contribution in the amount of \$612.50 towards Farm Safety, be filed for information.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next Meeting
445-18: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for Tuesday, **May 22, 2018** at **9:00 a.m.** to be held in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

446-18: Gawalko

That this meeting be adjourned, time 10:22 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER