

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **August 18, 2020** at 10:38 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in Council Chambers.

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

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, August 18, 2020</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present in Chambers
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Randy Orichowski	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin	Present in Chambers
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present

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Virtually listening to the meeting as observers were:

Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager,  
Kyle Schole, Planning and Development Assistant, and  
Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager.

Trevor Cameron, Smoky Lake County Trapper, was present in Council Chambers as an information resource.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present for the meeting as a key contact for Smoky Lake County.

No Members of the Media were present.

One Member of the Public was Virtually Present.

**2. Agenda:**

1000-20: Lukinuk      That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 18, 2020, be adopted as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Minister of Agriculture Invitation to Tour Smoky Lake County's Municipal Agricultural Disaster.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

1001-20: Halisky      That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1002-20: Orichowski      That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Smoky Lake Summer Field Day**

1003-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County acknowledge the verbal information provided by Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), including but not limited to the following points:

- Smoky Lake County Summer Field Day was held on July 23, 2020,
- Smoky Lake County has been provided a bale sampler for use which is available at the County Main Office,
- LARA offers free analysis for the first two samples of silage, bales or grain from each Smoky Lake County producer, and charges a fee of \$20.00 per sample of feed and \$25.00 per sample of grain, for any additional samples.

Carried.

Amanda Mathiot, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) virtually left the meeting LARA Left 10:44 a.m.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Beaver Management**

1004-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the email received from Landowner Dixie Mackintosh, dated August 10, 2020 in regard to a request to cost share beaver management on private land, and provide a written response including statistics of how many beavers were removed during what period of time, and what the estimated installation date is for a culvert and pond leveler, as well as provide a copy of Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-21-04: Beaver Control – Fee for Removal with Explosives for reference.

Carried.

Trevor Cameron, Smoky Lake County Trapper, left the meeting, time 11:06 a.m.

**7. Issues for Information:**

**Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report**

1005-20: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report, as of August 18, 2020, and the minutes provided from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) meeting held on June 8, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

1006-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Agricultural Fieldman's Report, dated August 10, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**2020 Pest Monitoring Update**

1007-20: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County 2020 Bertha Armyworm Pest Monitoring report for the period of June 19, 2020 to August 4, 2020, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Weed Inspection Update**

1008-20: Cherniwchan That the Smoky Lake County 2020 Weed Inspection Update as of August 10, 2020, of 185 Weed Inspections, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Mowing Progress Map**

1009-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County 2020 Mowing Progress Map for Zones: 1, 2 and 3, as of August 10, 2020 be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Spraying Progress Map**

1010-20: Cherniwchan That the Smoky Lake County 2019 Herbicide Spraying Progress Map for Zones: 1, 2 and 3, as of August 19, 2020 be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**8. Correspondence:**

**Alberta Invasive Species Council**

1011-20: Halisky That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated June 19, 2020, thanking the County for continued support, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Inspection and Investigation Section Director, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry**

1012-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Bruce Hamblin, Inspection and Investigation Section Director, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, dated June 29, 2020 acknowledging there are no longer any Wild Boar producers within Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

**Farm Safety Centre**

1013-20: Lukinuk That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated July 13, 2020 in respect to the COVID-19 changes to the Farm Safety programming within schools, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Shannon Stubbs, Member of Parliament for Lakeland**

1014-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from Shannon Stubbs, Member of Parliament for Lakeland, dated July 29, 2020, in regard to the States of Agricultural Disasters, and share the said letter on County social media for public awareness of efforts being made.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Municipal Agricultural Disaster**

1015-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the letter sent as recommended by the July 17, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting Motion # 941-20, extending an invitation to the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, to tour Smoky Lake County for the purpose of understanding the full impact of the devastating state of agriculture in our region in respect to the Municipal Agricultural Disaster declared on June 25, 2020, to bring awareness to the unseeded acres due to excessive moisture and/or the inability to complete the 2019 harvest, the loss of seeded acres due to excessive moisture, as well as pastureland and hay crops under water; and carbon copy Glenn van Dijken, MLA - Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency, as well as Shannon Stubbs, MP – Lakeland Constituency; and share the said letter on County social media for public awareness of efforts being made.

Carried Unanimously.

7. **Delegation:**

No Delegation.

8. **Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**Next Meeting**

1016-20: Orichowski

That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

1017-20: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 18, 2020, be adjourned, time 11:40 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER