

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Wednesday, **October 14, 2020** at 9:07 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

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>Wednesday, Oct. 14, 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
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
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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Nat. Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Media	Smoky Lake Signal	Absent
Media	Redwater Review	Absent
Public	None	N/A

**2. Agenda:**

1189-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, be adopted as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Minutes from July 13, 2020.
2. Lakeland Industry and Community Association, Large Scale Riparian Assessment.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

1190-20: Orichowski That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1191-20: Lukinuk That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

**4. Request for Decision:**

No Request for Decision.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report**

1192-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report, as of October 14, 2020, which included information in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association's (LARA's) new combine equipment, a meeting held at the end of August 2020, and the next meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020 in Ashmont, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

1193-20: Cherniwchan That the report received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman, dated October 6, 2020, be accepted as presented and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Mowing Progress Map**

1194-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County 2020 Mowing Progress Map for Zones: 1, 2 and 3, as of October 5, 2020 be accepted as presented and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Spraying Progress Map**

1195-20: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County 2020 Herbicide Spraying Progress Map for Zones: 1, 2 and 3, as of October 5, 2020 be accepted as presented and filed for information.

Carried.

**Debris in Road Right of Ways**

1196-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County promote information on Social Media in respect to the negative impacts when the County mower encounters debris along roadsides, in an effort to deter the public from dumping items such as wire, rocks, and other debris in County road right of ways.

Carried.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)**

1197-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Board of Directors' Minutes from their meeting held on July 13, 2020.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour – Year 2021 Cancellation**

1198-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the cancellation of the Year-2021 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour, due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of municipal assessment, as per the letter received from Jocelyn Whaley, Chief Administrative Officer, Brazeau County, dated August 31, 2020.

Carried.

**Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister, Agriculture and Forestry**

1199-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the email received from the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister, Agriculture and Forestry, dated September 3, 2020, in response to Smoky Lake County's Declaration of a Municipal State of Agriculture Disaster, and in regard to the provincial re-assessment to be done this fall based on how existing programs respond to determine if there is further need for disaster programming.

Carried.

**BMO Farm Family Awards**

1200-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the Year-2020 BMO Farmfair International event has been cancelled due to COVID-19 and therefore the Year-2020 BMO Farm Family Awards have been postponed until Year-2021 as per the email received from Kimberly Sekura-Zagar, Agriculture Coordinator, Northlands, dated September 3, 2020; and prepare a plaque in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-03 for the Year-2020 Farm Family nominate: Edward Huk and Family from Division 1, for Councillor Dan Gawalko, to personally present at the Huk Family's farm to create a photo opportunity to be posted on Social Media.

Carried.

**Agricultural Service Board Grant Program**

1201-20: Cherniwchan That the fact sheet received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Fieldman, titled: Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards, from Doug Macaulay, Manager, Agricultural Service Board Unit, on September 18, 2020, in regard to the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program and the 2019-20 Annual Impacts, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Cost-Benefit Analysis of Beaver Coexistence Tools**

1202-20: Lukinuk That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Fieldman, from the Miistakis Institute, dated September 22, 2020, outlining the "Cost-Benefit Analysis of Beaver Coexistence Tools" by comparing the cost of traditional beaver management to coexistence tools proven to result in a cost saving of 62% to 90%, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen**

1203-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County write a letter questioning the full and/or partial hold back of Agricultural Service Board grant payments to some Alberta Municipalities, and to advocate for red tape reduction in reapplying for the said funding when it has no bearing on the amount of funding received, to our local MLA: Mr. Glenn van Dijken - Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency, in response to the email received from Sebastien Dutrtisac, President, Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen, September 25, 2020; and pose the said questions to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, at the 2020 RMA Fall Convention scheduled for November 3-4, 2020, if possible, during the round table discussion.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Lakeland Industry and Community Association – Large Scale Riparian Assessment**

1204-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County provide a list qualifying bodies of water to the Lakeland Industry and Community Association for the purpose of possibly conducting large-scale riparian assessments in the Beaver River watershed as part of their Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) grant from the Government of Alberta, in response to the correspondence from Tricia B. Fleming, Environmental Coordinator, Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) – Environmental Stewards, dated October 1, 2020.

Carried.

**7. Delegation:**

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)**

Virtually Present before Smoky Lake County’s Agricultural Service Board from 9:45 a.m. to 9:53 a.m., was Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) to provide a verbal update on LARA activities in Smoky Lake County including the following points:

- Started combining September 22, 2020, finished on October 9, 2020.
- Smoky Lake plots were completed on October 5, 2020.
- Had to mow down the first three trials.
- Data is being collected and processed for producers.
- Hosting a Water Treatment System Webinar October 29, 2020.
- Hosting a Soil Health Webinar November 3, 2020.
- If producers are interested, we can do hemp plots.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) virtually left the meeting, time 9:54 a.m.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)**

1204-20: Lukinuk That the verbal update received by Smoky Lake County from the October 14, 2020 meeting delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), in regard to LARA activities within Smoky Lake County, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**Next Meeting**

1205-20: Orichowski That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**8. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

1206-20: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 14, 2020, be adjourned, time 9:55 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER