

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 8, 2020** at 9:16 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chief Administrative Officer, Gene Sobolewski in the presence of the following persons:

**ATTENDANCE**

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec. 8, 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	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin	Virtually Present
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Planning & Dev. Assist.	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present

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One Member of the Media: Smoky Lake Signal was virtually present.  
No Members of the Public Present.

**1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:**

**Chairperson**

The Chief Administrative Officer called first (1) time for nominations for Chairperson.

132-20: Orichowski

That Councillor Dan Gawalko be nominated as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board.

The Chief Administrative Officer called second (2) time for nominations for Chairperson.

The Chief Administrative Officer called third (3) time for nominations for Chairperson.

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chief Administrative Officer declared nominations for the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board, ceased.

Mr. Dan Gawalko was declared elected by acclamation by the Chief Administrative Officer as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board for the ensuing year and assumed the Chair.

**Vice-Chairperson**

The Chairperson called first (1) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

133-20: Orichowski

That Councillor Johnny Cherniwchan be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board.

The Chairperson called second (2) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson called third (3) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chairperson declared nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board, ceased.

Mr. Johnny Cherniwchan was declared elected by acclamation by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board for the ensuing year.

**2. Agenda:**

134-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 8, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

135-20: Lukinuk

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 9:19 a.m.

136-20: Cherniwchan

That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

**4. Request for Decision:**

**Policy Statement No. 62-22-05 Northlands Farm Family Award**

137-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-22-05 Northlands Farm Family Award, be amended:

<b>Title:</b> Northlands Farm Family Award	<b>Policy No.:</b> 22-05
<b>Section:</b> 62	<b>Code:</b> P-R
<b>Page No.:</b> 1 of 3	<b>E</b>
<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	Alberta Provincial Statutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide a guideline for the Northlands Farm Family Award.
<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>	
<p><b>1. STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>1.1 County Council acknowledges the significant contribution made by farm families in Alberta and is proud to recognize residents in Smoky Lake County who are eligible to receive the Northlands Farm Family Award.</p> <p><b>2. DEFINITION:</b></p> <p>2.1 “Farm Family” means a family whose primary income is derived from agricultural production.</p> <p><b>3. GUIDELINE:</b></p> <p>3.1 Residents of Smoky Lake County who are considered a “farm family” and meet the requirements of the Northland Farm Family Award will be eligible for nomination by the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board.</p> <p><b>4. PROCEDURE:</b></p> <p>4.1 Each division will have the opportunity to nominate one of their constituents on a rotating basis once every two years. Please see <a href="#">Schedule “A” Northlands Farm Family Award Divisional Rotation/ List of Past Recipients</a>.</p> <p>4.2 Councillor representing the division of the nominated family will be the County representative at the Northlands award ceremony. If unable to attend ASB Chairman, Agricultural Fieldman or other designate may be appointed to attend by the ASB.</p> <p>4.3 Applicants will be notified when the Award is prepared and invited to receive a plaque on behalf of the ASB. Please see <a href="#">Schedule “B” Northlands Farm Family Award Plaque</a>.</p>	



**SCHEDULE "A"**

**NORTHLANDS FARM FAMILY AWARD – DIVISIONAL ROTATION AND PAST RECIPIENT LIST**

	2020 Division 1	
	2022 Division 5	
	2024 Division 4	
	2026 Division 2	
2020	Huk Family Farm	Div. 1
2018	Barry Feniak Family	Div. 3
2016	Dmetruik Farms	Div. 2
2014	Ryan Franchuk	Div. 4
2012	Curtis Boychuk	Div. 5
2010	Roy Mulkay	Div. 1
2008	Don Christensen	Div. 3
2006	Shapka Family	Div. 2
2004	Ed Doktor	Div. 4
2002	Barry Przekop	Div. 5
2001	George Balash	Div. 1
2000	Gary Kulka	Div. 3
1999	Billy Hominiuk	Div. 2
1998	Ken Danyluk	Div. 4
1997	Jack Jarema	Div. 5
1996	Peter Flondra	Div. 1
1995	Terry Melnyk	Div. 3
1994	Bernie Buyar	Div. 2
1993	John Semeniuk	Div. 3
1992	Clinton Phillips	Div. 3
1991	Henry Melnyk	Div. 3



**SCHEDULE "B"**

**NORTHLANDS FARM FAMILY AWARD PLAQUE**

**Congratulations**  
**To**  
**ABC Farms Inc.**  
**John and Jane Smith**  
  
**Northlands / ATB Farm Family Award**  
**YEAR Recipient**  
  
**Nominated by**  
**Smoky Lake County**  
**Agricultural Service Board**  
  
 Presented; Month Day Year  
  
*Note: Title may change dependent on Northlands official title and corporate sponsor*

Carried.

**Policy Statement No. 62-10-06 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan**

138-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-10-06: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan, be amended:

Title: <b>Agricultural Service Board Business Plan</b>		Policy No.: <b>10-06</b>
Section: <b>62</b>	Code: <b>P-A</b>	Page No.: <b>1 of 12</b> <b>E</b>



Legislation Reference:	<i>Alberta Provincial Statutes</i>
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Purpose:	To establish a Business Plan for the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board
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<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>
<p><b>1. STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>1.1 The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is in the business of providing its residents with agricultural programming to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life. This is achieved through Vegetation Management Programming, Agricultural Extension Programming, Problem Wildlife Programming, Pest Control and Monitoring as well as Government Lobbying.</p> <p><b>The Agricultural Service Board is also responsible for enforcement of Provincial Legislation such as the <i>Weed Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Agricultural Service Board Act, Soil Conservation Act and the Animal Health Act.</i></b></p> <p><b>2. VISION STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>2.1 To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County.</p> <p><b>3. MISSION STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>3.1 To provide services, policies and education for Agricultural families, businesses and the public to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life.</p>

Title: <b>Agricultural Service Board Business Plan</b>		Policy No.: <b>10-06</b>
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<p><b>4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:</b></p> <p>4.1 <b>The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board</b> identifies the following priorities:</p> <p>One: Vegetation Management Program</p> <p>Two: Weed Control Act Duties</p> <p>Three: Environmental Stewardship and Extension</p> <p>Four: Problem Wildlife</p> <p>Five: Agricultural Pest Act Duties</p> <p>Six: Soil Conservation Act Duties</p> <p>Seven: Intergovernmental Collaboration</p> <p><b>5. IMPLEMENTATION:</b></p> <p>5.1 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board shall review annually as required by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.</p> <p>5.2 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board staff will consider and follow the priorities of the Business Plan when creating budgets and work plans.</p>
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## Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2021




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Business Plan	Executive Summary
<p>The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board is in the business of providing its agricultural producers with agricultural programming to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life. This is achieved through Vegetation Management, Agricultural Extension, Problem Wildlife, Pest Control, programming and monitoring as well as, government lobbying. The Agricultural Service Board is also responsible for enforcement of Provincial Legislation such as the <i>Weed Control Act</i>, <i>Agricultural Pest Act</i>, <i>Agricultural Service Board Act</i>, <i>Soil Conservation Act</i>, and the <i>Animal Health Act</i>.</p> <p><b>VISION STATEMENT:</b> To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County.</p> <p><b>MISSION STATEMENT:</b> To provide services, policies and education for Agricultural families, businesses and the public to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life.</p> <p><b>VALUES:</b></p> <p><b>Integrity:</b> The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will conduct business in an ethical manner respecting the environment, public and applicable legislation.</p> <p><b>Commitment to Service:</b> The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will strive to provide the best service possible to its ratepayers conducting operations in an efficient and cost effective manner.</p> <p><b>Progressive:</b> The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will take a proactive and innovative approach in its programming examining new technologies and protocol while accepting and implementing relevant public input.</p>	
	












1. <b>Vegetation Management Program</b>		
<b>Goal:</b> To implement an integrated vegetation management program on municipal right-of-ways for the purpose of reducing noxious weeds and ensuring sightlines are clear for the motoring public.		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<b>Identify problem noxious weeds within the municipal right of way</b>	-Key emphasis will be on Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weed species analyzing both environmental and economic threats.	-All roads inspected for noxious weeds at least once during the growing season.
<b>Roadside Spraying</b> 	-1/2 of all county roads will be sprayed following the rotation spraying guidelines set out in <i>Policy Statement 62-15 "Vegetation Management Plan"</i> and <i>Policy Statement 62-23 "Tansy Reduction Program"</i> . Brush Spraying will be completed during the regular roadside spraying rotation.	-Number of miles of roadside spraying completed.  -Amount of herbicide applied for brush control
<b>Spot Spraying</b> 	-Spot spraying will be completed in the other two zone in which regular roadside spraying is being completed. Noxious weeds and brush will be targeted.  -Custom spraying of private lands will occur if time and budget allows and priority is put on landowners struggling to control prohibited noxious weeds.	-Number of locations spot sprayed.  -Amount of herbicide applied during spot spraying.  -Number of landowners who receive help eliminating their Prohibited noxious weeds by the ASB Department.
<b>Roadside Mowing</b> 	-Roadside mowing will be conducted as stated in <i>Policy Statement 62M-02 "Mowing Program"</i> . Roadsides will be mowed as close to the municipal property line as possible, while ensuing passes are only done if deemed efficient to eliminate extra freewheeling and passes of 5 feet or less.  -Lake roads leading to resorts will be mowed before the July and August long weekends.  - One-pass mowers will be used in rotation to apply herbicide on right-of-ways.	-1 pass of roadside mowing is completed by November 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year.  -Iron Horse Trail mowed once a year.  -Amount of additional mowing completed for community events.  -Amount of additional mowing completed on other municipal properties.

2. <b>Weed Control Act Duties</b>		
<b>Goal:</b> To control the spread and prevent the establishment of invasive species on privately owned land through responsible communication with landowners, occupants, industry stakeholders and members of the general public as set out in the Weed Control Act of Alberta.		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<b>Weed Inspection Program</b> 	-Weed Inspection are conducted on private land during the growing season annually.  -Letters are sent to landowners who are in non-compliance with the Weed Control Act of Alberta, as specified in <i>Policy Statement 62-14 "Weed Inspection and Weed Notice"</i> .  -Weed Notices are issued to landowners who do not comply with recommendation letters.  -Enforcement actions are completed by the Agricultural Services Department for landowners who are non-compliant with a weed notice that has been issued.	-Number of inspections completed  -Number of letters sent to landowners/renters  -Number of weed notices issued  -Number of Weed enforcements completed
<b>Noxious Weed Education and Awareness</b> 	-Provide weed identification for landowners on farm or samples brought in for identification.  -Promote weed awareness at our annual Smoky Lake County Farmer Appreciation Event  -Produce and circulate information on invasive species through our website, local newspapers and brochures.  -Weed Wanted posters hung annually at all the Towns, Villages & Hamlets including all the water stations and lake lot bulletin boards.	- Number of landowners assisted annually  -Number of events hosted  -Number of articles circulated  -Number of brochures and weed wanted posters given out/posted


3. Environmental Stewardship and Extension		
<p><b>Goal:</b> To provide Environmental Farm Plans to producers and work in partnership with Lakeland Agricultural Research Association to deliver collaborative environmental stewardship initiatives and unbiased research that results in sustainable growth of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Community.</p>		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<p><b>Environmental Farm Plans</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Assist local producers with completion of Environmental Farm Plans</li> <li>-Provide air photographs for fields and farm yards and soils information</li> <li>-Provide water well information from the Alberta Water Wells Database</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of Environmental Farm plans assisted with</li> <li>-Increased adoption of beneficial management practices by producers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Canadian Agricultural Partnership</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Assist local producers with information about new agricultural programs and grants.</li> <li>-Stay current with program updates and changes.</li> <li>-Promote programs and workshop events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of producers assisted</li> <li>-Number of events hosted or promoted</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lakeland Agricultural Research Association</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ensure Smoky Lake County received programs as promised by LARA.</li> <li>-Ensure crop plot trials are complete in Smoky Lake County.</li> <li>-LARA to give updates throughout the year by attending ASB meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of events hosted by LARA in our county</li> <li>-Crop Walk hosted for local producers</li> <li>-Number of unbiased research plots within Smoky Lake County</li> <li>-How many updates were received</li> </ul>

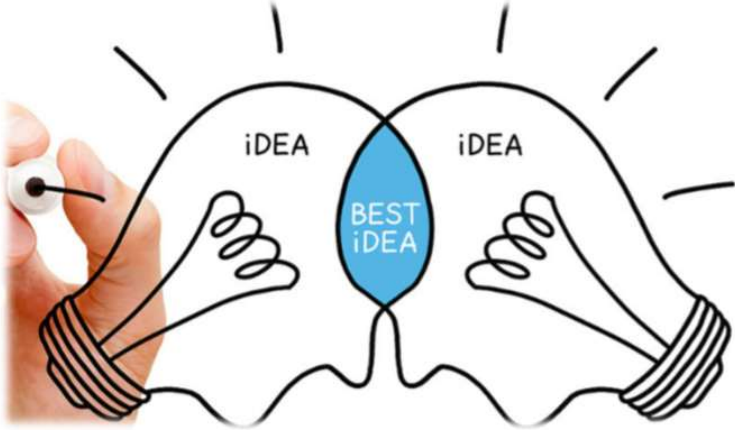
4. Problem Wildlife Program		
<p><b>Goal:</b> To co-operate and execute and Problem Wildlife Management Program.</p>		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<p><b>Beavers</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Beaver Tail Bounty for \$15.00 per tail from pre-approved locations as specified in <i>Policy Statement 62-07 "Beaver Management"</i></li> <li>-Beaver Dam Removal may occur to mitigate flooding which causes damage to municipal infrastructure. Dam removal will be conducted as per <i>Policy Statement 62-21 "Beaver Control- Fee for Removal with Explosives"</i>.</li> <li>-Maintain Certified Blasters License with the Province of Alberta.</li> <li>-Trapping and removing problem beavers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of Beaver tails brought in.</li> <li>-Number of dams removed affecting municipal infrastructure.</li> <li>-Amount of revenue generated completing private land blasting.</li> <li>-Renew every 5 years as required.</li> <li>-How many beavers removed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coyotes</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maintain Form 7 License to ensure Smoky Lake County can provide 1080 toxicant to agricultural producers as per <i>Policy Statement 62-03 "Coyote Control"</i>.</li> <li>- Coyote control booklets available for agricultural producers to help better manage coyote predation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of tablets given out annually</li> </ul>
<p><b>Richardson Ground Squirrel (Gopher)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2% Liquid Strychnine registration has been cancelled.</li> <li>-Recommend Rozol to producers</li> <li>-Recommend local trappers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of producers assisted</li> </ul>
<p><b>Northern Pocket Gopher (Mole)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mole tail bounty for \$1.00 per tail can be brought in as per <i>Policy Statement 62-02 "Bounty for Pocket Gopher Tails"</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of mole tails brought in for bounty.</li> </ul>

4. Problem Wildlife Continued		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<b>Wild Boar</b> 	-Participate annually in the Wild Boar Ear Bounty with Alberta Agriculture.  -Wild Boar ears can be brought in for a reward of \$50.00 per set of ears. The boars <u>must</u> be at large.	-Number of wild boar ears brought in.
<b>Waterfowl Damage Control</b> 	-Scare Cannons are available for rent as per <i>Policy Statement 62-26 "Scare Cannon Rental"</i> .  -Suggest alternative control measures to mitigate crop damage cause by waterfowl during fall migration.	-Number of rentals that occur  -number of producers that engage in alternative control measure.
<b>Alternative Control Methods</b> 	-Agricultural Fieldmen will continue to look into alternative control methods for all pest species.  -Promote and notify producers of alternative control measures when they come in.	-Attend In Service Training to hear from other Ag Fieldman from across the province  -Attend demonstrations with government research groups

5. Agricultural Pest Act Duties		
<b>Goal:</b> To provide Smoky Lake County agricultural producers with responsible pest management strategies, pest monitoring and enforcement of declared agricultural pests as deemed by the Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta.		
Crop Surveying		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<b>Swede Midge of Canola</b> 	-Swede Midge is monitored on behalf of Agri-food Canada. It is an 8 week program where sticky pads are changed weekly.	-Continue to monitor for new and invading pest that threaten our agriculture industry.
<b>Grasshoppers</b> 	-Townships are surveyed annually and data is sent to Alberta Agriculture for forecasting. The county ditch and field are sampled at each location.	-Number of fields surveyed  -Number of outbreaks that occur
<b>Bertha Army Worms</b> 	- 3 Fields across the county are monitored starting in June until August. The traps are set out in the fields to collect the moths that lay the eggs.	-Number of moths counted annually  -Number of outbreaks that are forecasted
<b>Wheat Midg</b> 	- Wheat Midg in high numbers can cause yield loss, wheat crops are monitored around the end of June as wheat heads are emerging up until anthesis (Flowering)	-Samples collected annually and sent to Alberta Agriculture when required
<b>Blackleg of Canola</b> 	- Canola fields are sampled annually for Blackleg severity. Samples are provided to the Crop Diversification Centre for research purposes. Blackleg can cause significant yield loss and harm international exporting	-Number of fields sampled annually.
<b>Clubroot</b> 	- Random canola fields are surveyed after the crop has been swathed. We look for visual symptoms and if we find galls the plant sample is sent to the lab for DNA confirmation	-Number of Canola fields sampled annually  -Number of Clubroot Management Agreements sent to producers annually as per <i>Policy Statement 62-12 "Clubroot"</i> .  -Number of Pest Notices given annually



6. Soil Conservation Act Duties		
<b>Goal:</b> Protect the quality and integrity of agricultural soils in Smoky Lake County.		
Strategies	Action	Measures
Soil Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Agricultural Fieldman are deemed as inspectors and can issue notices under this Act.</li> <li>-Document and photograph any non-compliance with the Soil Conservation Act</li> <li>-Promote soil health workshops and site demonstrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Number of Soil Conservation Notice issued</li> <li>-Number of Soil Conservation Letters issued</li> <li>-Number of workshops</li> </ul>
		

7. Intergovernmental Collaboration		
<b>Goal:</b> Conduct intergovernmental collaboration with all levels of governments.		
Strategies	Action	Measures
Collaborate with multiple levels and forms of government	-Agricultural Service Board to participate in drafting and passing resolutions at Regional and Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conferences annually.	-Attend annual conferences and participate by discussion and voting on various agricultural issues.
Protect the interests of Smoky Lake County Agricultural Community	-Every effort will be made to convey agricultural concerns from the agricultural community to relevant government agencies via face-to-face interactions, letter writing or any other available means.	-Number of letters sent to MLA's, PM's or other government members
		

And acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Agricultural Service Board Grant Reporting Data Overview provided to Alberta Agriculture, outlining the outcome of programs in Year-2020, as follows, and in respect to Smoky Lake County Policy Statement 62-10-06: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan Year-2021:

**Ag Service Board Grant Reporting Overview**

AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT

- 3 Agricultural Pest Inspectors appointed
- 45 Clubroot fields Inspected - 1 Positive
- 4 Fields inspected for Virulent Blackleg in canola
- 3 Bertha armyworms locations monitored throughout County for AB Ag
- 12 Locations for Grasshoppers monitored for AB Ag
- 2 Fields Sampled for Fusarium Head Blight in Wheat
- 44 Dams blasted
- 41 Beaver tails brought in
- 4 New water stabilizers installed (gizmos)
- 5 repaired/upgraded gizmos
- 15 1080 pills distributed
- 0 Bottles of strychnine sold
- 388 Problem beavers removed
- 504 Pocket Gopher tails brought in
- 0 Rat calls investigated

WEED CONTROL ACT

- 3 Weed Inspectors appointed
- 0 Weed Enforcements
- 1 Weed Notice issued with 17 locations
- 40% of Municipal Rights of way's were sprayed for control of noxious weeds
- 2 Location sprayed for prohibited noxious weeds
- 200 Introduction letters sent
- All County roads mowed once

SOIL CONSERVATION ACT

- 2 Soil Conservation Inspectors appointed
- 0 Soil Conservation letters issued
- Monitoring for different types of soil erosion occurs throughout growing season

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTREACH

- 3 EFP's completed
- 18 virtual workshops open to all producers
- 1 LARA Trial plot location in the County

Carried.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Year-2021 Contract**

139-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County execute the Operational Funding Agreement with Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2021, with an Extension Programming funding contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 to LARA for Year-2021 to continue to receive unbiased environmental and extension programming for the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Community.

Carried.

**7. Delegation:**

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)**

Present before Smoky Lake County Council was Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), from 9:35 a.m. to 9:52 a.m., to provide a verbal summary of Year-2020 activities and plans for Year-2021, which included but was not limited to the following points:

- Have developed environmental farm plans with local producers.
- All seed trails have been processed and annual reports prepared.
- There are four grant reports due for seed trails, including the alternative silage trail done in Smoky Lake County.

- Webinars were held for improving resilience of soil and high input, as well as a virtual waterwall workshop.
- Webinars planned for 2021 will be relating to: hemp, livestock nutrition, soil, and crop health.
- There were no in-house events due to COVID-19 and the webinars held were well attended.
- Will inquire on behalf of the County as to why each municipality is being charged the rate that they are.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), left the meeting, time 9:52 a.m.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Yearend Update**

140-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County accept the verbal summary of Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Year-2020 activities and plans for Year-2021, received from the December 16, 2020 delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, LARA, for information.

Carried.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) - Awareness**

141-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County promote the link to Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) for public awareness purposes on the front page of the County Website under “Notices” for a period of six months ending after June 2021.

Carried.

**Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) - Farm Member Appointment**

142-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County recommend for Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) to re-appoint Charlie Leskiw as Smoky Lake County Farm Member for the three-year term: 2021-2023 and reconfirm Barba Shapka is the Smoky Lake County Farm Member for the three-year term: 2020-2022; and extend an invitation to the LARA Farm Members to attend as a delegation at least once per year for the purpose of communicating LARA activities.

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Agricultural Service Board Chairperson’s Report**

143-20: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman’s Verbal Report as of December 16, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**Agricultural Department Report**

144-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman’s written Report as of December 10, 2020 be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**2020 Insect Survey Results**

145-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County accept the Year-2020 Insect Survey Results for bertha armyworms, cabbage seed weevil, pea leaf weevil, and wheat midge, within Smoky Lake County done in partnership with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, for information.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Smoky Lake County Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:11 a.m.

**2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions**

- 146-20: Lukinuk      That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from MD of Peace No. 135, titled: **Agricultural Research Association Check Off Option**, as follows:  
that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council create the option for producers to allocate check-off dollars directly to their local Applied Research Association or various approved Agricultural Research and Development Organizations or Agricultural Service Board.  
Carried.
- 147-20: Halisky      That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Parkland County, titled: **Protect Farmers Rights to Use Farm Saved Seed**, as follows:  
that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada abandon the proposal to implement the adoption of End Point Royalties or farm saved seed "trailing royalty contracts" and pursue investment options for globally competitive crop variety development that have direct and tangible on farm benefits.  
Carried.
- 148-20: Cherniwchan      That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Flagstaff County, titled: **An Effective Solution for Control Of Richardson Ground Squirrels in Alberta**, as follows:  
that the Pest Management Regulatory Agency have Strychnine registration extended until an effective and safe alternative control be found and/or Alberta Agriculture and Forestry make significant funding available for research into a sustainable, long term solution for control of Richardson ground squirrels.  
Carried.
- 149-20: Cherniwchan      That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Stetter County No. 6, titled: **Registration Of 2% Liquid Strychnine**, as follows:  
that the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Forestry lobby with all other Provincial Ministries of Agriculture to encourage Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to reinstate 2% Liquid Strychnine on the market available on a temporary basis to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels. **And further**,  
That Alberta Agriculture and Forestry create and maintain a system that provides producers participating in the Farmer Pesticide Certificate program the opportunity to purchase and use Strychnine safely.  
Carried.
- 150-20: Orichowski      That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Stetter County No. 6, titled: **Reinstating Provincial Agricultural Department Staff**, as follows:  
that the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry reinstates funding for extension staff that will assist agricultural, apicultural, and horticultural producers throughout Alberta.  
Carried.



- 151-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Northern Sunrise County, titled: **Delegation of ASB's and AAAF to Agricultural Associations and Commodity Groups**, as follows:  
that the Commodity Groups and Agricultural Associations listed below be contacted and requested to have an Agricultural Service Board (ASB) representative chosen by the ASB Provincial Committee and a technical advisor chosen by the AAAF to be present as a delegation during policy and legislative discussions at their Board/Director meetings and/or Annual General Meetings & Special Meetings.  
Carried.
- 152-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Vulcan County, titled: **Pesticide Container Collection Program**, as follows:  
that Alberta Environment and Parks develop, with CleanFARMS, an empty pesticide container program that places the responsibility of collecting pesticide containers in Alberta with the Agricultural Retail/Dealer and removes the responsibility from the municipalities.  
Carried.
- Kyle Schole, Planning and Development Assistant, Left the meeting, time 10:19 a.m.
- 153-20: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from Municipal District of Taber, titled: **Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta** as follows:  
that Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy and the Alberta Energy Regulator, who are responsible for energy development, to put in place appropriate legislation and standards to protect landowners from undue hardship as a result of oil and gas company neglect of oil and gas site maintenance issues, namely weed control.  
Carried.
- 154-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from County of Barrhead, titled: **Fusarium Testing After Cleaning**, as follows:  
that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada revise the labeling requirements to include "Fusarium Free" seed, in that the sample is taken at the seed plant after it is cleaned by the seed plant operator in order to ensure the quality of the certified seed, and test results, same as the germination test, will have to be provided to the buyer.  
Carried.
- 155-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council support the Year-2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution from County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, titled: **Federal Fuel Charge**, as follows:  
that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, and Alberta Energy jointly lobby the Government of Canada alongside Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to provide an exemption for all consumption of propane and natural gas for all recognized agricultural production, including, but not limited to grain farming, greenhouse, and other similar practices.  
Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Health Canada - 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate**

- 156-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from a Pesticide Compliance & Enforcement Officer from the Pesticide Compliance Program, Health Canada, dated October 28, 2020, in regard to the 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate (Registration No. 30433 PCP Act) being cancelled and phased out with timelines as follows:
- last date of sale by Registrant is March 4, 2021 (Manufacturer),
  - last date of sale by Retailer is March 4, 2022,
  - last date of permitted use is March 4, 2023.

Carried.

**8. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**Next Meeting**

- 157-20: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- 158-20: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 8, 2020, be adjourned, time 10:24 a.m.

Carried.

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