

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **February 15, 2022**, at 9:05 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in County Council Chambers.

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

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Tuesday, Feb .15, 2022</u>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Absent
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin	Virtually Present
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present

No Members of the Media were Present.
No Members of the Public were Present.

2. Agenda:

349-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

350-22: Fenerty That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

351-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Carole Dowhaniuk, GIS Operator, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:09 a.m.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:13 a.m.

Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:15 a.m.

4. Request for Decision:

Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets

352-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council take no action to creating a new bylaw which would include “Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets” in reference to Bylaw No. 1344-19: Dog Control; and provide ratepayers with information on the County website outlining options on how to deter stray cats, as the County does not enforce cat control.

Carried.

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:22 a.m.

Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

353-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2022 to include amendments to the Soil Conservation strategy and the addition of the Animal Health Act strategy to comply with the 2021 Smoky Lake Field Visit, held on June 29, 2021, by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development results, as follows:

Title: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan		Policy No.: 10-08
Section: 62	Code: P-A	Page No.: 1 of 12 E
Legislation Reference:	<i>Alberta Provincial Statutes</i>	
Purpose:	To establish a Business Plan for the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board	
Policy Statement and Guidelines:		
<p>1. STATEMENT:</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>The Agricultural Service Board is also responsible for enforcement of Provincial Legislation such as the Weed Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Agricultural Service Board Act, Soil Conservation Act and the Animal Health Act.</p>		
<p>2. VISION STATEMENT:</p> <p>2.1 To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County.</p>		
<p>3. MISSION STATEMENT:</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>		
<p>4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:</p> <p>4.1 The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board 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>		

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5. IMPLEMENTATION:

- 5.1 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board shall review annually as required by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- 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.

Section 62

Policy: 10-08





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Section 62



Policy: 10-08

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>VISION STATEMENT: To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT: 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>VALUES:</p> <p>Integrity: The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will conduct business in an ethical manner respecting the environment, public and applicable legislation.</p> <p>Commitment to Service: 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>Progressive: 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>	
	





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1. Vegetation Management Program		
Goal: 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
Identify problem noxious weeds within the municipal right of way	-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.
Roadside Spraying 	-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
Spot Spraying 	-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.
Roadside Mowing 	-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 to the property line and a second seasonal 'shoulder' pass is to be completed by November 1st 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. Weed Control Act Duties		
Goal: 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
Weed Inspection Program 	-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
Noxious Weed Education and Awareness 	-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

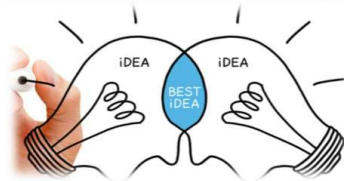
3. Environmental Stewardship and Extension		
<p>Goal: To provide Environmental Farm Plans to producers and work in partnership with Lakeland Agricultural Research Association to deliver collaborative environmental stewardship initiatives and unbiased research that results in sustainable growth of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Community.</p>		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<p>Environmental Farm Plans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assist local producers with completion of Environmental Farm Plans -Provide air photographs for fields and farm yards and soils information -Provide water well information from the Alberta Water Wells Database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of Environmental Farm plans assisted with -Increased adoption of beneficial management practices by producers
<p>Canadian Agricultural Partnership</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assist local producers with information about new agricultural programs and grants. -Stay current with program updates and changes. -Promote programs and workshop events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of producers assisted -Number of events hosted or promoted
<p>Lakeland Agricultural Research Association</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure Smoky Lake County received programs as promised by LARA. -Ensure crop plot trials are complete in Smoky Lake County. -LARA to give updates throughout the year by attending ASB meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of events hosted by LARA in our county -Crop Walk hosted for local producers -Number of unbiased research plots within Smoky Lake County -How many updates were received
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4. Problem Wildlife Program		
<p>Goal: To co-operate and execute and Problem Wildlife Management Program.</p>		
Strategies	Action	Measures
<p>Beavers</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Beaver Tail Bounty for \$15.00 per tail from pre-approved locations as specified in <i>Policy Statement 62-07 "Beaver Management"</i> -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>. -Maintain Certified Blasters License with the Province of Alberta. -Trapping and removing problem beavers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of Beaver tails brought in. -Number of dams removed affecting municipal infrastructure. -Amount of revenue generated completing private land blasting. -Renew every 5 years as required. -How many beavers removed
<p>Coyotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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>. -Coyote control booklets available for agricultural producers to help better manage coyote predation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of tablets given out annually
<p>Richardson Ground Squirrel (Gopher)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2% Liquid Strychnine registration has been cancelled. -Recommend Rozol to producers -Recommend local trappers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of producers assisted
<p>Northern Pocket Gopher (Mole)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of mole tails brought in for bounty.
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4. Problem Wildlife Continued		
Strategies	Action	Measures
Wild Boar 	-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.
Waterfowl Damage Control 	-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.
Alternative Control Methods 	-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		
Goal: 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
Swede Midge of Canola 	-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.
Grasshoppers 	-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
Bertha Army Worms 	- 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
Wheat Midg 	- 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
Blackleg of Canola 	- 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.
Clubroot 	- 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		
Goal: Protect the quality and integrity of agricultural soils in Smoky Lake County.		
Strategies	Action	Measures
Soil Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural Fieldman are deemed as inspectors and can issue notices under this Act. -Document and photograph any non-compliance with the Soil Conservation Act -Promote soil health workshops and site demonstrations -Monitor soil conditions and respond to an area of concern that needs to be assessed following an event that could impact soil/water sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of Soil Conservation Notice issued -Number of Soil Conservation Letters issued -Number of workshops -Number of areas assessed for soil condition concerns
		

7. Intergovernmental Collaboration		
Goal: Conduct intergovernmental collaboration will 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
Animal Health Act	<p>Liaison with the Chief Provincial Veterinarian, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and local Veterinarians, when necessary, on any livestock emergencies.</p> <p>Livestock emergencies include cattle liner accidents on the highway</p> <p>If a positive case or outbreak as stated in the <i>Animal Health Act</i> is confirmed within Smoky Lake County boundaries, ASB staff will act in accordance with the directives of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian (CPV)</p> <p>Work with our Fire Protective Service Department in case of livestock emergency on the highways. These duties would include helping them source rendering truck, trailers or calling a local vet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of investigations asked to assist on -Number of highway livestock emergencies assisted with
		

Carried.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 9:29 a.m.

2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day Event

354-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County host a barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day to be scheduled on June 18, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex, in the Town of Smoky Lake, in conjunction with the Bellis 4-H Beef Show, if possible.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 9:43 a.m. to 9:57 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a breakdown of funding allocation towards extension and research for information:

- The Smoky Lake Plot Tour will be scheduled for August 11, 2022.
- Can set up a LARA booth at the Smoky Lake County 2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Event.
- Finalizing the annual report which will be available at the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for March 1, 2022,
- LARA Annual General Meeting, at the Ashmont Agri-plex, includes supper - March 1, 2022, at 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm, with a mini-tradeshaw and optional 15-minute presentation available for partners to set up a booth and/or make a presentation.
- Webinars:
 - Intercropping Webinar Series – February 17, 2022, at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm,
 - Agronomy Update - February 24, 2022, at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
 - Alberta Verified Beef Production + Training - March 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm,
 - Cover Crops and Cows - March 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
 - Finding Fairness in Farm Transitions - March 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and
 - Working Well - March 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 9:57 a.m.

4. Request for Decision:

2022 Farm Family Awards

355-22: Jered

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board identify a Farm Family in Division 5, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family Award, and prior to the nomination deadline of June 30, 2022, to be nominated for the Year-2022 Farm Family Award.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association Year-2022 Contract

356-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County execute the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) contract for Year-2022 of the Operating Funding Agreement commencing January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with a County funding contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 towards LARA's extension programming services.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

357-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, accept the verbal report from Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), for information as presented on February 15, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairperson: Dan Gawalko Councillor Division 1, provided the following written Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's report:

December 13 2021 meeting Ashmont Agri-plex

- Alyssa presented the interim draft budget for 2022 which was approved by the board.
- The title cropping program co-ordinator was changed to cropping program manager.
- A Farm RITE meeting was held on Nov. 15 via zoom main topics of discussion was RDAR's perspective on research conducted by forage and research assoc. in Alberta they are also asking for a meeting with the new Ag minister.
- Alyssa gave the managers report the new website is up and running please check that out ,the forage harvester has been fixed, RDAR funded an economic analysis project for the associations to better understand the impact they have across the province which should help with discussions on why RDAR should still provide a core fund to the associations moving forward, working on CAP grant reports, new led office lights have been installed working on a corporate sponsorship package for next year as well as a research document that could be used for seeking grants or contract work, looking into having a strategic
- planning session in March and also looking into prices for a new truck.
- Research program report lots of producer feed samples have been going out assisted a local producer with ration balancing through Cow Bytes, helped with the mental health workshop, attended multiple ARVA meetings discussing the RVT program and regional silage trials, pest survey has been sent out looking to start certified crop advisor accreditation next year.
- Environmental program report by Kellie she is working on alternative soil health academy for 2022, did some EFP's, participated in the Beaver river watershed management plan and the connect for food initiative, working with food and water well ness foundation on the living labs application, hosted a meeting with other ARA's for the potential development of a hemp project application to RDAR, hosted the Lesley Kelly event on Nov 16, the rancher research project videos have been released for viewing on You Tube.
- Jay presented the LFA report the new dugout has been dug and will determine in January if we will be seeking any new patrons for next year.
- The HR committee will be meeting to discuss staff salary and wages as well as new updated job descriptions in the new year.
- RVT trials are now handled by the Alberta wheat and barley commissions following inspections the ARA's had issues with trial quality this year, LARA has been managing 2 sites since 1991 the Ft. Kent site is volunteer so is unpaid and the site in St. Paul it costs over \$100/plot and the AWC & ABC pay \$55/plot therefore counties are subsidizing the program some associations are looking at dropping the unpaid sites and dropping the program altogether.
- Will be having future discussions with our partner counties in 2022 about long term goals and visions, results driven research and economic analysis.
- A decision was made to host the board meetings on the last Monday of the month.
- The next meeting is January 31 2022 @ 1:00pm.

January 31 2022 meeting virtual

- Alyssa presented the 2022 budget which was adopted with the increase to utilities.
- Wanda LARA's chair attended ROAR's AGM on January 18 and the HR committee meeting on January 19th and she received a call from the new chair of ARECA lobbying on 5-year funding and working on a forage strategy their AGM will be held on March 9 & 10 in Edmonton AB.
- Farm RITE report by Alyssa, had several meetings in preparation for ROAR's AGM, hoping to set up a meeting with the new ag minister Nate Horner.
- She also gave the managers report the contract with Lac La Biche county has been signed, posted the summer jobs received 2 applications so far, working on a document outlining prices for contract research trials, completed a research capacity document to assist with pursuing research projects, worked with Kellie to finalize the LARA survey, attended the ROAR AGM and HR committee meetings doing up the annual reports and seed sourcing the 2022 silage trials, also did an updated covid policy.
- Amanda gave the research report busy with grant reports finalized and sent trial data for ultra early wheat trial, attended ROAR AGM & wheat comm. AGM and several webinars.
- Kellie gave the AESA report presented and discussed the LARA survey assisted with submitting the grants for living labs, assisted producers with some Cap grants and EFP's, planning extension events and Kellie is the zone 8 coordinator for the classroom agriculture program for grade 4 which is coming back in 2022.
- Alyssa presented the financial report, and a discussion was held about some outstanding invoices.
- LFA will be having an AGM in the coming weeks.
- The HR committee did a COLA review and updated all job descriptions.
- I brought up motion 109-21 from Smoky Lake County requesting a 25% reduction regarding our funding contribution to LARA from 55,000 dollars to 41,250 dollars for the 2022 year and to focus on more cattle production related items and the board took the request into consideration but will hold funding at the current level for 2022 and will be discussing with partner counties and municipalities

what direction and programs they would like to have going forward any suggestions are welcome.

- Upcoming events- Inter cropping webinar series February 8, 10 & 17th, Agronomy update February 24, Cover cropping & cows with Kevin Elmy March 9th, webinar with Elaine Froese March 15th, working well workshop March 23, and LARA's annual general meeting March 1 2022 at Ashmont Agri-plex.
- For the minutes or financial statements feel free to call the LARA office in Ft. Kent if you have any questions feel free to call me at anytime.
- Next meeting February 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

358-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: December 15, 2021, to February 15, 2022, in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

359-22: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of February 8, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:29 a.m.

Provincial Agricultural Service Board – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit

360-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt and accept the recommendations of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit report, dated June 29, 2021, stating Smoky Lake County was able to demonstrate they had programs related to each of the funding streams indicating effective use of ASB grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the Agricultural Service Board Act and enhanced environmental awareness.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I.) Support

361-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, acknowledge receipt of the letter from John Burrows, Mayor, Woodlands County, dated December 8, 2021, regarding Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I.) Support; and bring forward further information on the subject matter for awareness and further discussion to a future Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Carried.

Alberta Invasive Species Council

362-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approving sponsorship funds in the amount of **\$1,000.00** to the Alberta Invasive Species Council, as a bronze partner, in response to the correspondence received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated December 13, 2021.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairman County of Warner

363-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the copied letter from Shawn Rodgers, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, County of Warner, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, dated December 20, 2021, encouraging the Minister to continue to review how best to achieve the fertilizer emissions target without placing limits on overall crop production; and provide a letter supporting same with carbon copies to the Local MP, and Local MLA.

Carried.

Farm Safety Centre

364-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County contribute funding for Year 2022 in the amount of \$623.00 to Alberta Farm Safety Centre towards the “Safety Smarts” school-based farm safety program for safety initiatives to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children; as per the letter received from Jordan Jensen, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated January 6, 2022; and extend an invitation to attend the Smoky Lake County Year-2022 Farmer & Ranchers Appreciation Day event, scheduled for June 2022.

Carried.

Next Meeting

365-22: Fenerty

That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 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:

366-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of February 15, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:48 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER