

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **April 12, 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		
Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2022		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Absent
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Absent
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Virtually Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Virtually Present
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
P&D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present

Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

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

2. Agenda:

559-22: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as amended:

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Portable Livestock Squeeze & Chute Weight Scale.
2. Bellis 4-H Beef Club – Request for Sponsorship of Buckles.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

560-22: Halisky That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Action List: 2022 Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day Event

561-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County reschedule the barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day from Saturday, June 18, 2022, to **Friday, June 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex**, in the Town of Smoky Lake; and if possible, include a farm safety trade show and farm related mock disaster.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Action List from February 15, 2022

562-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Bylaw No. 1411-22: ASB Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control

563-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **FIRST READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fenerty, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Halisky, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **PERMISSION for third reading**.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given the **THIRD and FINAL READING** and that the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-29-01 Soil Conservation

564-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-29-01: Soil Conservation, be adopted, and forego the “Public Participation” process due to Soil Conservation being legislatively controlled through the Soil Conservation Act:

Title: Soil Conservation		Policy No.: 29-01
Section: 62	Code: P-I	Page No.: 1 of 2
Legislation Reference:		Alberta Provincial Statutes
Purpose:	To carry out Soil Conservation procedures under the provisions of the Soil Conservation Act.	

Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
1.	STATEMENT:
1.1	Smoky Lake County will carry out soil conservation inspections annually when deemed necessary by the Agricultural Fieldman or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman. Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services actively encourages the adoption of Best Management Practices and soil conservation techniques in order to protect and enhance productivity, and to take measures to prevent soil erosion and/or soil degradation on public and private lands throughout Smoky Lake County.
2.	DEFINITION:
2.1	"Soil Degradation" means the reduction in the level of soil organic matter and available crop nutrients, the redistribution of soluble salts onto the soil surface as a result of groundwater movement or evaporation, and/or the breakdown of soil structure through tillage practices.
2.2	"Soil Erosion" means the loss or movement of topsoil through the forces of wind and water.
3.	GUIDELINE:
3.1	As per Section 14 (a) of the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> , the local authority (Municipal Council) shall appoint the Agricultural Service Board appointed as the Soil Conservation Appeal Committee at the beginning of each year, to review and render decisions upon appeals submitted.
3.2	The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman are by virtue of title under the <i>Agricultural Service Board Act</i> , automatically appointed as a Soil Conservation Officer under the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> .
3.3	Smoky Lake County shall provide appropriate identification to appointed inspectors.
4.	PROCEDURE:
4.1	Agricultural Services staff shall provide practical advice and assist landowners with appropriate soil management practices.
4.2	Agricultural Services staff shall conduct activities to encourage the establishment and maintenance of healthy vegetation on roadside ditches, and municipal lands.

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4.3	The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman as inspectors shall encourage voluntary compliance with the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> including any amendments or successor legislation thereto, and shall as a last resort, issue and enforce such Notices to the landholder directing action to be taken as required by the Act, when the inspector(s) are of the opinion that appropriate measures are not being undertaken to prevent or stop soil loss and/or deterioration from taking place.
4.4	Council is to appoint the Agricultural Service Board as the appeal committee annually.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 9:29 a.m. to 9:38 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a verbal report of LARA activities, including but not limited to the following points:

- April 7, 2022, how to grow hemp workshop had low attendance.
- The soil health webinar is scheduled for April 20, 2022.
- Smoky Lake County's field day tour will be August 10, 2022.
- Planning to have about five trials this year, including regional varieties, regional silage, industrial hemp, and spring barley, totaling approximately 250 small pots.

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

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

565-22: Fenerty

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 April 12, 2022.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization

566-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County execute Schedule “A” of Policy Statement No. 62-18-01: Firearms Authorization for Agricultural Service Board, with the County’s Animal Control Technician: Trevor Cameron, for the purpose of pest control and abating problem-wildlife, effective November 26, 2021 to November 25, 2027, in synchronicity with the expiration of Trevor Cameron’s Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).

Carried.

One Member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:48 a.m.

Addition to the Agenda:

Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship

567-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County provide funds in the amount of **\$1,000.00** to the Bellis 4-H Beef Club to sponsor the Year-2022 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day trophy belt buckles, which are to be provided for their annual show and sale scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022 in the Village of Waskatenau, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated April 11, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson’s Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairperson: Dan Gawalko, provided the following written Agricultural Service Board Chairperson’s report:

LARA Board of Directors meeting February 28 2022

- Alyssa gave her executive director report, submitting grant applications final edits on yearly reports, signed the contract with RVT, posted for a forage and livestock manager, attended Smoky Lake ASB meeting and had a follow up meeting with our managers, sold the 865-case tractor, working with JMD group on our audit, looking into strategic planning sessions and attended Feb 10 ABP meeting.
- Amanda gave her research report, sourcing seed, RVT pulses contracts coming in, prepaid for fertilizer locked in original price, attended 3 intercropping webinars and a hemp round table meeting, and presented an agronomy update.
- LFA March 10th is their AGM.
- Kellie gave the AESA report intercropping webinars are still on going.
- Alyssa presented the financials.

LARA AGM March 1 2022

- The AGM was attended by both producer reps of Smoky Lake County Barb Shapka, Charlie Leskiw and myself councillor division one and Linda Fenerty councillor division two and our Ag fieldman and assistant fieldman Carleigh Danyluk and Amanda Kihn who both did an excellent job at their booth at the small trade show that was open during the evening.
- Barb McCarthy did the financial audit,
- Most of LARA staff talked about ongoing programs and plot trials that are happening and also had a very good presentation from the barley and wheat commission.

LARA Board of Directors and Organizational meeting March 28, 2022

- I did not attend this meeting because of a conflicting schedule Up coming Events
- On farm slaughter licenses March 30, 2022.
- Apivore resistance webinar April 5, 2022.
- Growing hemp workshop Smoky Lake April 7, 2022.
- Connect for food workshop April 13, 2022
- Soil health with Nicole Masters April 20, 2022
- Summer field days, Fort Kent July 21, 2022
- Lac La Siche July 27, 2022
- St. Paul August 4 2022
- Smoky Lake August 11, 2022
- Next board meeting April 5, 2022 Ashmont Agri plex at 9:00 am
- Any questions about the finances or the minutes feel free to contact the executive director at LARA office in FT. Kent

North East ASB Chairs and Fieldman Meeting April 4, 2022 virtual

- The NE region ASS chair Sebastien Dutrisac gave his report, and we also went through the resolutions that were presented to the government at the ASS conference and RMA spring convention and the responses which will be included in our upcoming ASB meeting, everyone is encouraged to look into the ASB website and follow the blog or click on resolutions, next meeting is by call of the chair.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually left the meeting, time 10:00 a.m.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

568-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: February 16, 2022, to April 4, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

569-22: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of February 8, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol

570-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve to proceed with a project titled: Leafy Spurge Biocontrol, to work with landowners to suppress the population of the noxious weed: Leafy Spurge using living organisms.

Carried.

Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program (2022-2023)

571-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the County is not eligible to participate in the Alberta Government's Wild Boar at-Large Ear Bounty program from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, aimed at eliminating the destructive pest's threat to crops, livestock and the environment by offering a bounty of \$75.00 per set of ears to approved trappers, as announced on April 5, 2022.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Livestock Weight Scale

572-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge discussion held in respect to the **rescinded** Policy Statement 62-31-02: Livestock Weight Scale, and the Year-2017 transfer of ownership / donation of the Livestock Weight Scale to the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, providing it be shared with any other 4-H beef clubs that may require it.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

573-22: Fenerty That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022, in respect to support for Bill C-234: an Act to amend the Greenhouse gas pollution Act which received its first reading on February 7, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairman County of Warner

574-22: Halisky That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022, expressing concerns in respect to the Federal Government's synthetic fertilizer emissions target for Year-2025.

Carried.

Red Deer County - Year-2022 Provincial ASB Conference

575-22: Halisky

That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Dana Depalme, Agricultural Service Board Vice Chair, Red Deer County, dated March 21, 2022, in appreciation of the Northwest Region of Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) and the Provincial ASB Committee, for the execution of the Year-2022 Provincial ASB Conference and Resolution Session held in Edmonton from January 25 to 28, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Mountain View County - University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM)

576-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, forward the letter received from Gord Krebs, Councillor, Division 4, Mountain View County and Angela Aalbers, Reeve, Mountain View County, dated March 28, 2022, to our local Veterinarians for their awareness in respect to the need for the Government of Alberta to support:

1. Participation of Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) in the University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) admissions process to encourage and support successful rurally minded student admission to UCVM,
2. Aiding UCVM in curriculum changes to develop a rural practitioner stream,
3. Mentorship programs for rural Veterinarians, and
4. UCVM initiatives to develop Stackable Certificate programs.

Carried.

Grazing School for Women

577-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County provide County promotional items in the maximum valued amount up to \$250.00 to the Grazing School for Women, scheduled for June 14 and 15, 2022, hosted by Beaver County, in response to the letter received from Tanis Ponathy, Grazing School for Women Planning Committee, dated April 4, 2022.

Carried.

Next Meeting

578-22: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Friday, June 17, 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:

579-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 12, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:39 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER