

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Friday, **June 17, 2022**, at 9:06 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>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Friday, June 17, 2022</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
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Tori Stang	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	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.
One Member of the Public was Present.

2. Agenda:

776-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

777-22: Serben That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

778-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Carole Dowhaniuk, GIS Operator, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:11 a.m.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:17 a.m.

4. Request for Decision:

Sale of Capital Equipment Unit 454

779-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County advertise to sell the following County Surplus Equipment as is - where is, by Public Tender, stating “the highest nor any Bid shall not necessarily be accepted”; and the closing date for accepting bids be July 15, 2022, at 12:00 Noon:

- Unit 454, Year-2012, 24’, Enclosed Interstate Trailer.

Carried.

Unbudgeted Capital Purchase: Replacement of Unit 454

780-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted expenditure in the amount up to \$6,800 plus GST and Tire Levy, to replace Unit 454 Enclosed Interstate Trailer with a more appropriate trailer for the Agricultural Services Department’s operation.

Carried.

Spencer Kotylak, Deputy Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:24 a.m.

2022 Farm Family Awards – Division 5

781-22: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate Andy and Shawnalee Shwetz’ family from Division 5, to receive the Year-2022 Farm Family award.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 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:

- Trial plots are located just west of Serben Farms on the south side of Highway 28.
- Events coming up:
 - August 10, 2022, Smoky Lake County Field Day starts with a lunch at noon at the Smoky Lake a complex followed by a bus tour of our plots. We are still in the process of confirming all speakers.
 - July 26, 2022, North Dakota State University, will talk about improving your on-farm production.
 - August 9, 2022, Organics Workshop.
 - July 21, 2022, Fort Kent Field Tour.
 - July 27, 2022, Lac La Biche County Field Tour.
 - August 4, 2022, St. Paul Shelterbelt.
- We did receive funding to put together a producer handbook on management strategies for a dry conditions and extreme heat for Northeastern Alberta, which will include information on animal perennial crops livestock trees and shelterbelts water management soil health management as well as mental health.

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:

- April 25 2022 attended the LARA meeting discussed buying a new truck to replace the one used for hauling equipment around and approved repairs to the 2006 chevy 2500 truck, and a motion was made to purchase dual meeting equipment. Alyssa gave the Farmrite report discussions focused on funding proposals following the meeting with the minister, RDAR has decided to work with the associations to create a future funding model. Alyssa gave the executive directors report discussed future partnerships with Lakeland college and also a strategic planning session in the future submitted 2 proposals to RDAR for possible funding, attended several meetings .and also gave the financial report. Amanda gave the research report April was busy preparing for seeding hosted a hemp workshop in Smoky Lake County prepping summer staff. Kellie gave the AESA report working on CAP grants for producers, EFP's and finishing up extension activities. LFA report increased pasture fee's same number of heifers as last year new dugout is full of water.
- On June 10 attended the Smoky Lake County farmer appreciation days with councillors Serben, Cere, and Halisky, a good turnout from local producers, there was a small trade show, our fire chief and deputy chief put on a PTO accident also, thank you to our ag department staff and fieldman for organizing and working on this event great job.
- June 13 attended the Bellis 4H beef club show and sale gave out the county sponsored buckles to the grand champion and reserve champion steers councillors Cere and Serben were also in attendance, the kids did a great job a lot of really good-looking animals this year.
- June 13, I attended the LARA meeting, Wanda gave the chair report had a meeting with RDAR still discussing funding formulas for research associations, HR meeting. Alyssa gave her report and the financials, updating the website, organizing summer events the office has had some new windows and doors installed, Amanda gave the research report busy seeding in May all plots are seeded and working on spraying all the plots. Kellie gave the AESA report took first aid and Canadian health training did some EFP's, RDAR meetings, walking with moose for grade 5 classes. the LFA reported June 3 the heifers came 392 head and the pasture received over an inch of rain.

Up Coming Events:

Summer field days Ft. Kent July 21, 2022, BBQ supper 5pm
Lac La Biche July 27, 2022, Craigend hall 10 – 2pm
St. Paul August 4, 2022, seed plant BBQ supper 5pm
Smoky Lake August 10, 2022, Agri plex 12pm lunch
July 26, 2022, increasing forage efficiency and reducing costs Mallaig hall
August 9, 2022, Discover Organics, Owl River Hall.
August 13, 2022, open farm days at Charlotte Lake farms

For more information or to discuss the minutes or financials please contact one of the LARA staff members.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

782-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: April 5 to June 13, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

783-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of June 7, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map

784-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map as of June 10, 2022, for information.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map

785-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County’s Year-2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map as of June 10, 2022, for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee Resolution Responses & Grading

786-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acting on behalf of County Council, acknowledge the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC) Year-2022 responses to the following resolutions and submit notice agreeable of same to the ASBPC, by the deadline of June 30, 2022:

RESOLUTION	ASBPC INITIAL GRADE	ASBPC COMMENTS
Resolution # 1-22: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways	Accept in Principle	All of the concerns from the resolution were addressed in the response. The Committee will follow up with the Ministry/Department of Transportation for updates to the program-level review taking place this fall. The grade of accept in principle ensures the Committee has the mandate to follow up with the Ministry of transport on this review.
Resolution # 2-22: Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts,	Accept in Principle	The response from the government addresses the resolution and indicates that work is in progress to design a cooperative extension model. The ASBPC has discussed this process with RDAR executives and has asked for an update on this progress at the June 8, 2022 townhall. The grade of Accept in Principle ensures that the Committee has the mandate to continue to inquire about this progress and advocate for government support regionally based agriculture experts that are able to advise and collaborate with ASBs in their extension efforts.
Resolution # 3-22: Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (February 22, 2022),	Accept the Response	The response from the minister addressed the ask in the resolution and redirected the ASBs to reach out to the individual schools and school authorities in their local areas, as they have the jurisdiction to decide which days the students celebrate in the school year.
Resolution # 4-22: Properly Managing Ungulate Populations,	Incomplete	The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The ASBPC sent a second letter requesting more detailed information to the ministry of AEP on April 25 with a response deadline of May 15, no further response was received.
Resolution # 5-22: Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the Greenhouse Gasp Pollution Pricing Act.	Incomplete	The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The Committee sent the minister of AAFC a letter requesting further details by May 15; no response was received.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

787-22: 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 June 17, 2022.

Carried.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 9:58 a.m.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

Next Meeting

788-22: Cere

That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**, at **1:00 p.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

789-22: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 17, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:02 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER