

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **August 16, 2022**, at 1:06 P.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>Tuesday, Aug. 16, 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	Virtually Present
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
GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present

Delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

No Members of the Media were Present.

No Members of the Public were Present.

2. Agenda:

888-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

889-22: Halisky That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

890-22: Fenerty That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

No Requests for Decision.

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 - July 25 2022

Dan Gawalko councillor division one

- Wanda gave the chair report she attended the Ft. Kent field day on July 21 and will be meeting with RDAR on July 25.
- Still looking at purchasing a hauling truck some electrical issues with it this week.
- FARM RITE they are working on harmonized based funding,
- Kellie gave the executive director report she met with Brian Jean last week and told him about LARA Dave Hansen was out at our field day and will be meeting with him also.
- Amanda gave the research report maintaining plot sites and Megan will be starting silage trials soon.
- AESA report by Kellie doing CAP grant applications put out info on blue green algae for livestock.
- LFA report by Jay bulls are coming out on July 29 and lots of good grass so far.
- Financials were given and everything good maxing out on our fertilizer and chemical budgets because of cost increases.
- Discussed safety @ LARA purchased ratchet boomers not using old boomers with snipes no more inspecting fire extinguishers and will be placing 2 large ones in our trucks looking at working alone and updating other safety policies.
- All financials and meeting minutes can be viewed by contacting a staff member at the LARA office.
- Next meeting will be on Monday September 26/22 at Ashmont 9:00 am.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

891-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: June 14, 2022 to August 11, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Department's Report

892-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board department's written Report as of August 16, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 1:22 p.m.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:24 p.m.

2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map

893-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map as of August 8, 2022, for information.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program

894-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board bring forward the Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program, to the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting for review.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map

895-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map as of August 8, 2022, for information.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 1:31 p.m. to 1:37 p.m., was Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a verbal report of LARA activities, including but not limited to the following points:

- There were 20 people that attended the LARA Field Day in Smoky Lake County on August 10, 2022.
- Oats, top dressing, and hemp trials are left to harvest, all other trials were turned into silage on August 8 and 11, 2022.
- There will be a hemp demonstration (when it is ready to be cut down) at Charlie Leskiw's around the end of August or beginning of September with a couple days' notice to attend.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 1:38 p.m.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

896-22: Serben 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 August 16, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

2022 Weed Inspection Update

897-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Weed Inspection Update as of August 4, 2022, for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Government of Canada's Emissions Target for Synthetic Fertilizers

898-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the letter received from the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change, dated June 10, 2022, stating "the strengthened climate plan will invest \$165.7 million over seven years to support the agriculture industry in developing transformative clean technologies and help farmers adopt commercially available clean technology", in response to the County's letter in respect to the Government of Canada's Emissions Target for Synthetic Fertilizers.

Carried.

Wild Boar Containment Standards under the Agricultural Pests Act

899-22: Serben That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from Bruce Hamblin, Director Inspection and Investigation Section, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, dated June 14, 2022, in respect to an agreement for the Implementation of Wild Boar Containment Standards under the Agricultural Pests Act, be filed for information.

Carried.

Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirements

900-22: Fenerty That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from Neil Woitas, ASB Chair, Lamont County, dated June 23, 2022, in respect to a statement related to the Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirements – Specifically for Rural Students, be filed for information.

Carried.

Ag for Life - Connecting Kids to Agriculture Funding

901-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board **take no action** to the letter received from Beth Halford, Manager Strategic Partnerships, Ag for Life, dated June 29, 2022, requesting funding for connecting Kids to Agriculture.

Carried.

Next Meeting

902-22: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, October 11, 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:

903-22: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 16, 2022, be adjourned, time 1:46 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER