



Minutes of Smoky Lake County's **Agricultural Service Board Organizational and Regular Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 13, 2022**, at 1:06 P.M. held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

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

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tues., Dec.13, 2022</u>
Committee Member	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
County CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
County Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Absent
County Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present Virtually
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Tori Stang	Present in Chambers
County Executive Services/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually
County Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Present Virtually
County Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Present Virtually
County GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Present Virtually

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

1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:

Chairperson

The Chief Administrative Officer called a first (1) time for nominations for Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board.

ASB001-22: Halisky

That Councillor Dan Gawalko be nominated as the Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board.

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

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

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chief Administrative Officer declared nominations for the Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, ceased.

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

Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson called a first (1) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board.

ASB002-22: Halisky That Councillor Linda Fenerty be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board.

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

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

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chairperson declared nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, ceased.

Ms. Linda Fenerty was declared elected by acclamation by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board for the ensuing year.

2. Agenda:

ASB003-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, be adopted as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Insect Survey Results.

Carried Unanimously.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:05 p.m.

3. Minutes:

ASB004-22: Halisky That the Minutes of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ASB005-22: Serben That the Action List from Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family

ASB006-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend the Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family, be amended by County Council to include Andy and Shawnalee Shwetz as the awarded Farm Family of Year-2022.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Farm Member Appointment

ASB007-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge Barb Shapka and Charlie Leskiw, as the appointed Farm Members to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Board, for the 2022-2025 term in accordance with Smoky Lake County Council's Organizational Meeting held on October 26, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

ASB008-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson report prepared by Dan Gawalko for December 13, 2022, be accepted and filed for information as follows:

LARA Board of Directors Meeting

Cropping Program and Interim Operations Manager Report

1. Attended Lac La Biche ASB meeting on November 2nd.
2. Megan and Amanda held a cow bytes workshop for the Ardmore 4-H beef club on November 16th.
3. Amanda attended ARVAC meeting on November 21st virtually.
 - LARA will be receiving \$20,925 for RVT cereal trials for 2022.
 - ARVAC did apply for funding through the Funding consortium. If funding is approved, we will continue to receive \$90/plot in the future. If not accepted ARVAC will be cutting sites to be able to continue providing \$90/plot.
 - ARVAC is also looking into taking over the RST cereal trials. Dr. Sheri Strydhorst has been hired to go over 2020 and 2021 RST data. Sheri has applied for RDAR funding for the next three years and if approved ARA's will be receiving \$11 O/plot.
4. Got agreement signed with the MD of Bonnyville for snow removal at LARA office.
5. Busy analyzing data and working on grant reporting.
6. Sent away RVT wheat samples to get protein tested. LARA protein tester will need to be recalibrated as it is reading low protein numbers on samples.
7. Events over the last month have been extremely successful. We had great attendance at the young farmer night and innovation workshop. Many producers commented that they enjoyed attending these events and hope to see more in the future.

Carried.

One Member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 1:18 p.m.

Agricultural Service Board Department's Report & Provincial ASB Resolutions for 2023

ASB009-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board department's written report as of November 30, 2022, be accepted and filed for information; **and acknowledge** the Board's support in favour of all the following resolutions being brought forward to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board's Annual General Meeting scheduled for January 14-19, 2023:

RESOLUTION 1-23: CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

That the Alberta Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development work with the ABVMA to create a Mid- Level Veterinary Professional designation within the Veterinary Profession Act to address the rural veterinary shortage and provide mid-level supportive care to Alberta livestock producers, including but not limited to:

1. Pregnancy Checking
2. Vaccination
3. Semen Testing
4. Blood draws
5. Injections
6. Catheterization
7. Wellness checks
8. Renewing prescriptions
9. Establishing required relationship for producers to purchase prescribed medicines.

RESOLUTION 2-23: RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS

That the Government of Alberta aid the crisis of rural veterinary shortage by directing the University of Calgary to adjust admissions to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for students from rural areas applying by providing credit for rural acuity and prioritize accepting students who

intend to specialize in large animal practice and return to work in rural areas following completion of their program.

RESOLUTION 3-23: APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING

That the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provide sustainable operational funding to Applied Research Associations to maintain local, unbiased research and extension services that keep Alberta agriculture innovative and competitive.

RESOLUTION 4-23: GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST The Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to have BMA 2 population and density of Grizzly Bears assessed and develop a suite of programs for Agricultural Producers, like those available to agricultural producers in BMA 5, including a Provincial Grizzly Impact Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION 5-23: LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE

That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas restructure the criteria for Landowner Special Licenses to allow for landowners to receive tags without having to previously be unsuccessful in a regular draw. And Further: That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas allow Landowner Special Licenses to be valid for the entirety of the season in all Wildlife Management Units (WMU's) in which the applicant has deeded land.

RESOLUTION 6-23: ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT

That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas provide adequate resources to support the Alberta Water Act, to ensure these contraventions are being dealt with.

RESOLUTION 7-23: CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE

That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation develop a communication plan to promote awareness for Albertans regarding the disparity between the prices that agricultural producers receive for their products and the prices consumers pay.

RESOLUTION 8-23: CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS

That when Federal and Provincial governments approve large scale energy developments that they consider local environmental conditions and the policies that the local municipality has in place on the development through their permitting process.

RESOLUTION 9-23: SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS

That the Federal Government of Canada adopt the 4R Climate- Smart Protocol approach developed by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) of Fertilizer Canada and provide sustainable funding into research and development regarding fertilizer use efficiency. And Further: That the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change suspend the 30% synthetic fertilizer emission reduction targets until the proper tools to measure emissions for producers are available.

RESOLUTION 10-23: ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALLY REGULATED WEEDS

That Canada Food Inspection Agency add a requirement to the Canadian Organic Standards that requires the organic grower be compliant with any provincial legislation regarding invasive species in order to achieve and maintain organic certification.

RESOLUTION 11-23: LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE

That Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency make 2% Liquid Strychnine available to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels through an emergency registration for the 2023 season. And Further: That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation petition and study avenues to convince Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to leave 2% Liquid Strychnine on the market on a permanent basis to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels.

RESOLUTION 12-23: REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)

That Municipal Affairs establish a task force comprised of Agricultural Service Board Members, agricultural producers, experts in agricultural science, agronomy and business, as well as representatives from the oil and gas industry associations, to conduct a full review into the function and mandate of the Surface Rights components of the LPRT as directed by related legislation, with a focus on matters of, or related to:

- Contractual negotiations being fully paid by energy operators,
- Implementation of mandatory mediation prior to LPRT application,
- Improved timeliness of applications, and
- Clarity of terms used in the Surface Rights Act.

Carried.

Delegation: Mrs. Shawnalee Shwetz, entered Council Chambers, time 1:27 p.m.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Year-2022 Highlights

ASB010-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Year-2022 Highlights:

Carried.

Year-2022 Clubroot Survey

ASB011-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the Year-2022 Clubroot survey results from within Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

2022 Farm Family Award Recipient's plaque presentation: The Shwetz Family

Virtually present before the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 1:30 p.m. to 1:33 p.m., was Mrs. Shawnalee Shwetz on behalf of her and her family, to receive the Year-2022 Farm Family Award plaque as presented by Division Five Councillor, Jered Serben:



Delegation: Mrs. Shawnalee Shwetz, left Council Chambers, time 1:34 p.m.

6. Correspondence:

Cypress County - Rural Veterinarian Shortage in Alberta

ASB012-22: Halisky That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from Dustin Vossler, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, Cypress County, dated November 2, 2022, advocating to awareness to the rural veterinarian shortage in Alberta, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) Sponsorship

ASB013-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board **take no action** to Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) Partner Sponsorship for Year-2023, due to budget restraints, in response to the letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated November 3, 2022, requesting same.

Carried.

2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference

ASB014-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board members who can attend – attend the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference, hosted by the M. D. of Greenview, scheduled for January 17 – 19, 2023 at the Tara Evet Centre in Grande Prairie.

Carried.

Cardston County - Rural Veterinarian Shortage in Alberta

ASB015-22: Fenerty That the information received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from Roger Houghton, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, Cardston County, dated November 25, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Year-2022 Insect Survey Results

ASB016-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the Year-2022 Insect Survey Result and recommend the information be posted on the County's websites.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Next Meeting

ASB017-22: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**, 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:

ASB018-22: Cere That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 13, 2022, be adjourned, time 1:56 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER