



Minutes of Smoky Lake County's **Agricultural Service Board Organizational and Regular Meeting** held on Tuesday, **February 21, 2023**, at 1:01 P.M. held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

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

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tues., Feb.21, 2023</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	Absent
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present Virtually
Interim Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Tori Stang	Present in Chambers
County Executive Services/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually

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

2. Agenda:

ASB019-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

ASB020-23: Serben That the Minutes of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, be adopted as amended: Motion #ASB002-22 was moved by Halisky not Fenerty.

Carried.

ASB021-23: Fenerty That the Action List from Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Evonne Zukiwski, Communications Officer, virtually joined the meeting time 1:08 pm.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 1:10 p.m.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:13 p.m.

4. Request for Decision:

County Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan
ASB022-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend the Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan, be amended by County Council to include the changes as discussed.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 1:11 p.m. to 1:21 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:

- Annual General Meeting is March 14, 2023 in Vilna,
- LARA Board Meeting is February 27, 2023,
- Forage species webinar February 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.,
- Nutrient management webinar March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.,
- Drone training, in Ashmont, March 30-31, 2023,
- Looking for plots and what should be seeded in those plots.

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

4. Request for Decision:

2023 Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

ASB023-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board agree to host and schedule the Year-2023 Northern Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on Friday, November 3, 2023, at a local location to be determined.

Carried.

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:30 p.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

ASB024-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson report prepared by Dan Gawalko as of February 15, 2023, be accepted and filed for information as follows:

Dan Gawalko ASB chair report

February 15 2023

- January 23/23 attended LARA strategic planning session in Ashmont redefined our vision, goals and mission statement and looked closely at LARA moving into the future a summary of the goals of the strategic plan are improve producer engagement, strengthen collaborations with external stakeholders, strengthen program and operational funding, development of human resource strategy and increase awareness of LARA
- January 25 attended the LARA board of directors meeting Wanda gave her chair report met with MLA's in December and spent time on the HR committee Kellie also met with some MLA's and Minister Nate Horner discussing FARMRITE and research funding she also gave her executive director report. Amanda gave her cropping report she posted the summer student jobs, did 3 age verifications, attended an agronomy update, reporting rvt trials and grant funding and attended Western Canada soil conference, Megan gave the forage report she is doing grant reporting the drought book is completed, she is having a feeding webinar with Barry Yaremko, Kellie presented the finances and the 2023 budget Jay gave the LFA report they are putting out ads for a new pasture manager, upcoming events were sent to Jenna at Smoky Lake county to forward to council and to get posted on the county website for more information on the finances or the minutes please feel free to contact Kellie or Amanda at the LARA office in Ft.Kent. The next meeting is at the Ashmont legion on Monday February 27 @ 10:30 am,
- February 15 attended the Smoky Lake county council meeting and council approved being part of LARA for the 2023 year

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

County of Warner - Rural Veterinarian Shortage in Alberta

ASB025-23: Halisky That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from Shawn Rodgers, ASB Chairman, County of Warner, dated January 9, 2023, advocating to awareness to the rural veterinarian shortage in Alberta, be filed for information.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

ASB026-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, accept the verbal report from Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), for information as presented on February 21, 2023.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

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

Next Meeting

The next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** will be scheduled at the call of Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT:

ASB027-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting of February 21, 2023, be adjourned, time 1:36 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER