



Minutes of Smoky Lake County's **Agricultural Service Board Organizational and Regular Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 12, 2023**, at 9:00 A.M. held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

The meeting was called to Order by the County's Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Lydia Cielin, in the presence of the following persons:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tues. Dec. 12, 2023</u> |
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| Committee Member | Dan Gawalko | Present in Chambers |
| Committee Member | Jered Serben | Present in Chambers |
| Alt. Committee Member | Dominique Cere | Present in Chambers |
| Alt. Committee Member | Lorne Halisky | Absent |
| Producer-at-Large Member | Tori Ponich | Present in Chambers |
| Producer-at-Large Member | Curtis Boychuk | Present in Chambers |
| Producer-at-Large Member | Tamara Flondra | Present in Chambers |
| Alt. Producer-at-Large Member | Kurt Melnyk | Absent |
| Alt. Producer-at-Large Member | Brett Rurka | Absent |
| County Interim CAO | Lydia Cielin | Present in Chambers |
| Ag. Fieldman | Carleigh Danyluk | Present in Chambers |
| Assistant Ag. Fieldman | Amanda Khin | Present in Chambers |
| County Executive Services/R.S. | Patti Priest | Present in Chambers |
| Communication Officer | Evonne Zukiwski | Virtually Present |

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

Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:

Election of Chairperson

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

ASB01-23: Ponich

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

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

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

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Interim 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.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

As per Bylaw No. 1441-23: Agricultural Service Board, Section 5.2, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must be a Member of Council from Smoky Lake County, and Mr. Jered Serben 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:

ASB02-23: Flondra That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, be adopted as amended:

Addition:

1. Chairperson's Report attachments:
 - a. Letter of support and response to the letter
2. Provincial Agricultural Service Board Year-2024 Resolutions.
3. Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation - Insect Survey Results 2023.
4. Letter from Leduc County, dated December 1, 2023, Re: 2023 AgriRecovery Program for livestock and Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

ASB03-23: Flondra That the Minutes of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on October 13, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Funding Request

Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board held discussion in respect to Smoky Lake County either: funding, not funding, increasing, or decreasing, the municipal contribution towards Lakeland Agricultural Research Association's (LARA's) Year-2024 operating budget, based information collected by the Board Members from consulting with local producers.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from 9:19 a.m. to 9:23 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide a verbal report of LARA's activities, mentioning their events and workshops held in November and December as well as the upcoming events:

- January 31, 2024, Webinar on Livestock Water Management Series: A Whole Year Approach.
- February 7, 2024, Workshop on Overcoming Challenges in Weed Management in Regenerative Agriculture in Vilna.
- February 9, 2024, Farmer Appreciation Night in Glendon.
- February 13, 2024, Sheep and Goat Forum in Elk Point.
- March 6, 2024, LARA Annual General Meeting.

4. Request for Decision:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Municipal Contribution

ASB04-23: Flondra DEFEATED That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board provide a recommendation to Smoky Lake County Council, based on information collected by the Board Members from consulting with local producers, and discussions held on December 12, 2023, to approve funding a municipal contribution in the amount of \$30,000.00 towards Lakeland Agricultural Research Association's (LARA's) Year-2024 operating budget.

DEFEATED.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Producer Membership Funding

ASB05-23: Ponich

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board provide a recommendation to Smoky Lake County Council, based on information collected by the Board Members from consulting with local producers, and discussions held on December 12, 2023, to: fund individual LARA Memberships upon request, in the amount of \$200.00 per producer's Premise ID Number and/or Farm Fuel Benefit Number, for the Year-2024, up to a total County-wide maximum membership funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), in lieu of any municipal contribution towards LARA's Year-2024 operating budget; and have Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Department Staff provide in-house extension event(s) as required.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) - Delegation

ASB06-23: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the verbal information provided by the December 12, 2023, Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA).

Carried.

Dominique Cere, Smoky Lake County Councillor, left Council Chambers, time 9:45 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-12-03: Clubroot

ASB07-23: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend Smoky Lake County's Policy Statement No. 62-12-03: Clubroot, be brought to Council as Policy Statement No. 62-12-04: Clubroot, with the following changes incorporated:

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| Title: Clubroot | | Policy No.: 12-03 |
| Section: 62 | Code: P-S | Page No.: 1 of 9 <i>E</i> |

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| Legislation Reference: | Alberta Provincial Statutes |
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| Purpose: | To recognize that Clubroot is a serious problem and Smoky Lake County supports the agricultural community to help minimize the spread of Clubroot which is a pest under the <i>Agricultural Pest Act</i> . |
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| Policy Statement and Guidelines: | |
| 1. DEFINITION: | |
| 1.1 | "Clubroot" is a disease of canola, mustard and other crops in the cabbage family (<i>Cruciferae</i>), caused by a parasite of plants (<i>Plasmodiophora brassicae</i>) that lives in the soil and characterized by knobby or club-shaped swellings on the roots and premature wilting, yellowing, and stunted growth of aboveground parts. |
| 2. BACKGROUND: | |
| 2.1 | Clubroot can spread through spores in the soil or in cruciferous plant material containing galls such as Canola, Mustard, Flixweed, Sherperd's purse, Stinkweed. Resting spores are extremely long lived, surviving in soil for up to 20 years; and are most likely to spread via contaminated soil carried from field to field by equipment. Tillage equipment represents the greatest risk of spreading the disease as soil is frequently carried on shovels and discs from field to field. |
| 3. OBJECTIVE: | |
| 3.1 | To minimize the spread and build-up of Clubroot in canola fields through education and awareness. |
| 3.2 | To prevent economic loss by employing a Clubroot Management Agreement between agricultural producers who have confirmed Clubroot fields within Smoky Lake County. |
| 4. STATEMENT: | |
| 4.1 | The Agricultural Service Board, under the authority of the <i>Agricultural Pest Act</i> , will undertake the following measures to assist in the minimization of Clubroot in canola. |
| 4.1.1 | Perform random testing of susceptible crops and confirm suspected infestations through laboratory testing (PCR). |

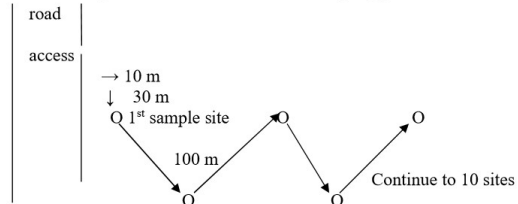
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

- 4.1.2 Advertise Public Awareness of County's random testing program.
- 4.1.3 Implement a Clubroot Management Agreement with agricultural producers based on the Canola Council of Canada Clubroot management recommendations and research.

5. SURVEY PROCEDURE:

- 5.1 Clubroot disease development is favored by wet and acidic soil conditions and is mainly spread by movement of soil and infected plant material, as well as run-off water carrying soil.
- 5.2 Symptoms: The spores infect the roots of susceptible hosts, causing the formation of club-shaped galls or swellings that restrict the uptake of water and nutrients by the plant. Above-ground symptoms include yellowing, stunting, premature ripening and wilting of plants.
- 5.3 Equipment and Materials needed: Clipboard, record sheets, hand towel, garden shears, Ziploc bags, 5% bleach solution, Plastic tray or pail, disposable boot covers, GPS Unit.
- 5.4 Clubroot field inspections will be conducted randomly by the appointed agricultural pest inspectors.
- 5.5 Agricultural Services Department Clubroot survey methods, reporting form and calculation of disease incidence will follow standard protocols as recommended by the Alberta Clubroot Management, *as per Schedule "A": Clubroot Survey Form*. The standard survey method is as follows: Scout for Clubroot by visually inspecting canola/mustard/cole crop roots for galls. As symptoms may take 6-8 weeks to develop, they are most detectable later in the summer (late July or August). Do not drive into field or access, but park on the road whenever possible.
 - 5.5.1 Put on new disposable boot covers. Survey the field in a "W" pattern, sampling 10 plants at each of 10 equally spaced sites along the arms of the W. Begin 30 m to the right of the field access. 10 m from field edge and allow 100 m between sampling points.



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- 5.5.2 At each sample site, dig up roots from 10 plants and shake off excess soil. Examine roots for presence of galls. Record sample site location and findings on Clubroot survey form. Fields where infection is found or suspected, collect 5 – 10 root specimens, by cutting off stems and placing roots in a Ziploc bag labeled with field location and date surveyed. Retain sample for submission to lab for conformation.
- 5.5.3 Prior to leaving potentially infested field, discard disposable boot covers into garbage bag and incinerate later. Disinfect sampling tools with bleach solution.

6. NOTIFICATION PROCESS:

- 6.1 When land is verified positive for Clubroot, the landowner will be notified via phone and in writing, as per Schedule "B": Notification To Landowner Of Clubroot if an agricultural producer is found not adhering to their Clubroot Management Agreement, Checklist a legal notice in accordance with the Province of Alberta Agricultural Pest Act, as per Schedule "C": Legal Notice To Control Pests may be issued. Agricultural producers will be required to meet with the Agricultural Fieldman within 60 days of receiving the letter and complete Schedule "D" Clubroot Management Agreement Checklist and have it signed and returned within 60 days.
- 6.2 If a host crop is sown on land that has Clubroot and a notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed.

| | Date | Resolution Number |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Approved | June 11, 2009 | # 556-10 - Page # 8996 |
| Amended | November 6, 2014 | # 118-14 - Page #11462 |
| Amended | February 19, 2019 | # 388-19 - Page #13475 |

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SCHEDULE "A"

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD CLUBROOT SURVEY FORM

Surveyor name: _____
 Municipality: Smoky Lake County

Field location: (Legal Property): _____
Section Quarter Township range Median

Name of producer farming that field: _____
 Date surveyed: _____
 Crop Cultivar: _____
 Previous crops: _____

Article 1. Survey results
 Strictly according to protocol (sample 10 plants at each of 10 sites using W pattern).

Clubroot Found

Yes
 No

N

of positive sites / 10: _____
 Lab Test Confirmation: _____
 Additional Comments: _____

Draw map of field and landmarks with sampling points

Date: _____

Inspector _____

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SCHEDULE "B"

NOTIFICATION TO LANDOWNER OF CLUBROOT

Date: _____

Dear Agricultural Producer,

RE: Random Clubroot Survey Results

During Smoky Lake County's annual Clubroot surveying program, we have identified Clubroot on the **Legal Land Description**. Please note Clubroot is a serious disease affecting canola, if the disease is not managed properly it will continue to spread and overtime severely decrease yield in future canola crops. Smoky Lake County holds the right to issue a Clubroot Notice restricting the growth of canola, but we much prefer to work with producers first. Attached to this letter is a Clubroot Management Plan of Alberta, along with the 20/20 seed lab report confirming the presence of Clubroot, and a Clubroot Management Agreement **Checklist** that **MUST** be returned to Smoky Lake County's Office within **60 days** of this letter being issued. This Clubroot Management Agreement **Checklist** must be reviewed and signed off by the **Agricultural Fieldman** Certified-Crop-Advisor and/or Agreologists. A list of these professionals in your area are attached.

Please understand we want to work with agricultural producers first and foremost, as we are here to provide support to the Agricultural Community as a whole. Please **You are required to** notify any renter or lease holders of this property if you are not currently farming the property yourself.

If you have any questions with any of the attached information or forms, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Fieldman

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SCHEDULE "C"

LEGAL NOTICE TO CONTROL PESTS

**Agricultural Pests Act
Section 6(1) - Form 2
PEST AND NUISANCE CONTROL REGULATION**

To: Name: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Box City or Town Postal Code

You are hereby notified that the _____ quarter of section _____ township _____ range _____ west of the 4th meridian, Alberta, as indicated on the diagram below, contains Clubroot, which has been declared a pest by the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* made under the *Agricultural Pests Act*, and you are directed to take the following measures:

- Do not plant canola on _____
Legal Property
 until _____
Year
- Keep _____
Legal Property
 free of volunteer canola, wild mustard and shepherds purse or any other host vegetation.
- Use direct seeding and any soil conservation practices to minimize soil movement.
- Clean soil and crop debris from field equipment before entering or leaving all fields.
- Avoid the use of straw, hay, greenfeed, silage or manure from the _____
Legal Property

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| NW | NE |
| | |
| SW | SE |

IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY: _____

All of the above measures must be completed within _____ years from the date of issue of this notice, failing this action may be taken in accordance with the legislation referred to above.

This notice is issued under Section 12(1) of the *Agricultural Pests Act*. An appeal against this notice may be served on the municipal secretary, accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, before the expiry of the time stated above or the period of 10 days from service of the notice, whichever expiry date occurs first and otherwise made in accordance with the *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Date of Issue _____ *Inspector – Smoky Lake County*
Telephone Number: 780-656-3730

c.c. Renter/Leasee (if different from the Landowner)

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SCHEDULE "D"

Clubroot Management Agreement Checklist

This Clubroot Management Agreement is for developing a proactive management plan with the help of a Certified Crop Advisor or Agrolgist to reduce or keep spore levels low and to minimize yield loss due to Clubroot.

For each section below, please fill out all required information for all management strategies. The strategies listed as ~~Required~~ **Recommended** are the minimum requirements that **Smoky Lake County suggests must be included**. Additional strategies can be included wherever feasible and possible. For in depth information on Clubroot management strategies, please refer to the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan, **the Alberta Canola Council** or your professional advisor.

Agricultural Producer Information

Date: _____

Landowner or Lease Holder Name: _____

Certified Crop Advisor: _____

Field location: (Legal Property): _____
Section Quarter Township Range Median

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Section Quarter Township Range Median

Part I: Crop Rotation

Crop Rotation has proven to lower spore loads in the soil with a minimum of a three year rotation. Longer rotations are encouraged in fields with high disease severity.

Indicate which crop rotation interval will be followed:

- Three-year rotation (two year break) – ~~Required~~ **Recommended**
- Four-year rotation (three year break)
- Perennial forage crop for more than two years
- Other- please indicate _____

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Part 2: Variety Selection

Select all strategies that will be used:

- Only Clubroot-resistant varieties in Clubroot confirmed fields will be grown – ~~Required~~, Recommended
- Use of Clubroot-resistant varieties in all canola fields
- Rotating Clubroot varieties with multi-genetics varieties
- Seeding Canola earlier

Part 3: Weed Management

Select all weed management strategies that will be used:

- Control of volunteer crops including: Canola, Camelina, Mustard or other Clubroot susceptible hosts – ~~Required~~, Recommended
- Control of cruciferous weeds throughout all rotations – ~~Required~~, Recommended
- Rotating herbicide programs within Canola varieties ex. Liberty, Roundup, Clearfield

Part 4: Small Clubroot Patch Management

- Hand pulling and safely disposing of all Clubroot-infected plants
- Liming of soil in Clubroot-infected patches to increase pH 7.3
- Soil testing to monitor Clubroot spore levels
- Seeding known Clubroot patches last

Part 5: Reducing Soil Movement

Please indicate all the ways that soil movement will be minimized:

- Seed grass in the field entry way to reduce spore or as an area for cleaning equipment
- Create separate entrance and exits away from existing field entrances
- Remove large clumps of soil from equipment
- Wash and sanitize with bleach when possible
- Visit Clubroot infected fields last
- Require others (industry) to implement a biosecurity protocol
- Use of soil conservation practices, such as zero till or minimum tillage- ~~Required~~, Recommended

- Minimize traffic in fields, especially during wet conditions
- Discourage recreational vehicles from crossing land with signage, fencing and gates

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Part 6: Disclosure of Clubroot Infestation and Biosecurity

- Notification of all occupants, renter and easement holders who have access to land- ~~Required~~
- Notification and disclosure to contracted services and or other parties accessing the land- ~~Required~~
- Disclosure that Clubroot is present to when the land is sold or rented to other parties

Part 7: Clubroot Scouting and Monitoring

- Continued monitoring of spore levels in soil and scouting for visible symptoms on plants in fields that have confirmed clubroot
- Continued scouting in other fields rented or owned

Part 8: Declaration

I declare that I have answered the above to the best of my ability and will adhere to the required clubroot management strategies, as a minimum, to keep Clubroot spore levels low.

Landowner/Renters Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certified Crop Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Agricultural Fieldman Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this agreement to the Smoky Lake County office within 60 days of receiving your Clubroot notification letter. For further information regarding this matter please contact the Agricultural Services Department at (780) 656-3730.

Physical Address: 4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, AB

Mailing Address: Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB
T0A 3C0

Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: ASB Business Plan

ASB08-23: Ponich That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend Smoky Lake County's Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan, be amended to align with changes made to Policy Statement No. 62-28-06: Mowing Program, and the fulltime Animal Control Technician.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

ASB Chairperson's Report

Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson, Dan Gawalko, provided the following written report:

Dan Gawalko ASB Chair report
December 2023

October 4 attended the ASB regional resolution review committee held virtually with our Ag Fieldman Carleigh, reviewed 3 resolutions, agriculture in the classroom, Alberta transportation vegetation management, bee package imports and control of Varroa mites, these will be brought forward to the NE regional conference on October 20th in Smoky Lake County October 13 attended the ASB meeting with Jared Serben and 3 new producer reps and 2 alternates from the county, we did an orientation on the ASB bylaws and policy, Doug Macaulay ASB program manager gave the board a very good orientation and presentation on ASB boards in Alberta, discussed the report card on the resolutions 2023 from Linda Hunt executive assistant of ASB provincial committee, Alyssa Krawchuk gave an update on LARA and how they are moving forward in 2024 with new staff coming onboard in January and also the upcoming extension events, next ASB meeting December 12, 9:00 am.

October 16 attended the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association LARA meeting, the small plot sprayer has arrived total price was 31,800 with shipping, Alyssa is the new agriculture director on the LICA board, will be selling the old 2006 Chev truck and will start looking to purchase a better condo used truck, no FarmRITE report at this time, executive director report was given by Alyssa, finished combining faba beans on oct 10, majority of the RVT trials had a passing mark, met with Lakeland college to start collaborating on some projects will meet again in January, met with MLA Scott Cyr he would like to have the Ag Minister and other MLA's come out to see what LARA is doing and raise awareness of agriculture in NE Alberta, had a meeting with living labs and attended several ASB meetings in the region, Dustin is now certified to do EVP's, LFA report heifers came out of the pasture Oct 1, dugouts are full, working with Lakeland college on increasing utilization on brush pastures and GPS ear tags, starting January 2024 2 free feed tests for member producers till the feed test budget runs out of funds, went over the clubroot policy, March 6 will be the AGM in Glendon or Goodridge, other upcoming events November 13-14 drone training clinic, November 16 working well webinar, November 28 strategic weed management seminar, November 30 young farmers appreciation night, December 1 Finding fairness in farm transitions with Elaine Froese, next meeting November 20 @ 10:00 am.

October 20 attended and chaired the 2023 Northeast Regional Agricultural service board conference at Metis Crossing with all of the new ASB board in attendance Jared Serben councillor, producer reps Curtis Boychuk, Tamara Flondra, and Tori Ponich, along with our Ag fieldman Carleigh and Assistant fieldman Amanda, Reeve Lorne Halisky councillor Dominique Cere, our interim CAD Lydia Cielin and our legislative clerk Patti Priest who was also our recording secretary, I welcomed MLA's Scott Cyr from Bonnyville - Cold Lake and Garth Rowswell from Vermilion- Lloydminster- Wainwright, Doug Macaulay Director of crop assurance program section gave a program update followed by Momna Farzand a cropping agrologist who talked about LARA and the research and extension programs they do in NE Alberta, Maureen Vadias-Sloan from AFCS gave an update on, insurance programs available to producers in Alberta, Don Christenson gave a very interesting presentation on diversifying your agriculture operation, Cole Ambrock talked about effectiveness of agritourism and raising awareness of primary ag production for millennial urbanites and Linda Hunt talked about AgKnow Alberta farm mental health network and the programs they offer to producers, we did a resolution session and concluded with the MD. Of Provost inviting us to attend the 2024 NE Regional ASB Conference in their municipality next year.

November 6 wrote a letter of support for the AgriRecovery program as producers in Smoky Lake County were not eligible for the program sent to the Minister of Agriculture RJ Sigurdson and AFCS office in St. Paul.

November 20 attended the LARA meeting in Ashmont talked about replacing the truck options on leasing or buying were discussed, in 2024 LARA will be giving 2 free feed tests for producers per provided PID number, we will be purchasing another feed sample probe no chair or Farmrite reports at this time, Momna gave a cropping report and Alyssa presented the finances and the proposed 2024 budget she also gave the executive director report she attended the LICA Oct 19 board meeting, the living labs organizing workshop, working on policies and Canada summer job applications, she will be purchasing some new computers for the office staff also discussed some ideas for next years events and presented a letter from ROAR about funding for fiscal year 2023-2024 for 330,000 dollars for each research association in Alberta, reviewed all appointments from each municipality organizational meetings, upcoming events November 28 strategic weed webinar, November 30 young farmers social, December 1 Finding fairness in farm transitions with Elaine O Froese

March 6, 2024 LARA AGM @ Goodridge hall and a farmer appreciation event in Glendon in early 2024 next meeting is on December 18 at noon in Ashmont.

Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation – AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers

ASB09-23: Serben That the correspondence received by the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, in support of the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation's AgriRecovery Program, be tabled to a future ASB Meeting to allow time to contemplate and bring back ideas for recommendations to the Minister on how to roll out the AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers.

Carried.

ASB Chairperson's Report

ASB10-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report be accepted for information, including the two letters sent by the Chairperson to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation: dated August 29, 2023, in favour of the Special Areas Board's request for additional supports in working with the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC); and, dated December 12, 2023, advocating for a AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers; **and** acknowledge receipt of the response letter received from the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, dated November 29, 2023, announcing the Federal Government has agreed to partner with the Provincial Government on the delivery of the 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program.

Carried.

7. Correspondence:

Big Lakes County - Support for U of C Faculty Veterinary Medicine Program

ASB11-23: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Tyler Airth, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Big Lakes County received October 16, 2023, in respect to support for University of Calgary Faculty Veterinary Medicine Programs, be filed for information.

Carried.

Big Lakes County - Integrity of our Pesticide Regulatory System

ASB12-23: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Tyler Airth, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Big Lakes County, dated October 16, 2023, in respect to maintaining the integrity of our Pesticide Regulatory System, be filed for information.

Carried.

Warner County - Appreciation for the Increase of Funding for ASBs

ASB13-23: Boychuk That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Shawn Rodgers, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, Warner County, dated October 16, 2023, in appreciation for the Increase of Funding for Agricultural Service Boards, be filed for information.

Carried.

Lac Ste Anne County - AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers

ASB14-23: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, from Joe Blakeman, Reeve, Lac Ste Anne County, dated November 8, 2023, in respect to the AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers, be filed for information.

Carried.

Smoky Lake County - AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers

ASB15-23: Ponich That the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, acknowledge receipt of the copied letter advocating for a AgriRecovery Program for Livestock Producers, received from Jered Serben, Reeve, Smoky Lake County, dated November 6, 2023, to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Carried.

Alberta Invasive Species Council - Sponsorship

ASB16-23: Ponich That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board recommend Smoky Lake County Council approve to sponsor a bronze membership in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Alberta Invasive Species Council, in response to the letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, received November 23, 2023.

Carried.

Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolution Package

ASB17-23: Boychuk That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Members who are attending the Provincial ASB Conference, scheduled for January 23, 2024, in Lethbridge, Alberta, vote **in favour** of the following Year-2024 ASB Resolutions, as presented within the Provincial ASB Resolution Session Agenda Package, dated December 1, 2023:

| Number | Resolution |
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| 1-24 | Agricultural Equipment Highway Signs |
| 2-24 | Compensating Producers for Ecosystem Services |
| 3-24 | Creation Of Livestock Production Insurance |
| 4-24 | Supporting A Compensation Multiplier |
| 5-24 | Wild Boar and The Alberta Agricultural Pest Act |
| 6-24 | Improving The Sustainability of Canadian Apiculture Through Bee Package Imports and the Control of Varroa Mites |
| 7-24 | Re-Registration Of 2% Liquid Strychnine for Certified Applicators |

Carried.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation - Insect Survey Results 2023

ASB18-23: Ponich That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network's Smoky Lake County Insect Survey Results for Year-2023, based monitoring information collected and submitted by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Department Staff, and distributed by Shelley Barkley, Insect Technologist, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.

Carried.

Leduc County - 2023 AgriRecovery Program Exemption

ASB19-23: Flondra That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from Glenn Belozer, ASB Chair, Leduc County, date stamped December 11, 2023, in respect to concerns over Leduc County's exemption to the Year-2023 AgriRecovery Program for Livestock and Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance (CADLA) Program, be filed for information.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

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

Next Agricultural Service Board Meeting

ASB20-23: Flondra The next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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:

ASB21-23: Ponich That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting of December 12, 2023, be adjourned, time 10:55 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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