



SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology on Wednesday, **April 15, 2020** at 11:39 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

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>Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Virtually Present
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Virtually Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Virtually Present
4	Lorne Halisky	Virtually Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Virtually Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Virtually Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin	Virtually Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present

No Members of the Media Present.
One Member of the Public Present.

2. Agenda:

667-20: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, April 15, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

The Chairperson welcomed Carleigh McMullin to the position of Agricultural Fieldman for Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board.

3. Minutes:

668-20: Halisky That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

669-20: Lukinuk That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

2020 Farm Family Awards – Division 1.

670-20: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council nominate Edward Huk and Family from Division 1, for the Year-2020 BMO Farm Family Awards sponsored by Northlands Agriculture in partnership with BMO and with ceremonies schedule for November 14, 2020 during the Farmfair International to recognize outstanding families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community and to honour both their farming business practices and their community involvement; in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-03, and prior to the nomination deadline of May 29, 2020.

Carried.

Weed Inspector Appointment

671-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Weed Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.

Carried.

Pesticide Inspector Appointment

672-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Pest Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually left the meeting, time 11:45 a.m.

Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship

673-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County donate by sponsoring the purchase of the Year-2020 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day Belt Buckles in the amount of \$750.00, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated February 18, 2020.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Health Canada Phasing out Strychnine

674-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County provide a letter of support the Alberta Lakeland MP: Shannon Stubbs, in regard to lobbying against Health Canada's March 4, 2020 announcement to phase out Strychnine to control prairie gophers along with a deadline for manufacturers to cease the sale of Strychnine by March 4, 2021 and all users of Strychnine to cease using Strychnine by March 4 2023; and carbon copy MLA: Glenn van Dijken, in respect to the email received on April 1, 2020 to the Chairperson Dan Gawalko from Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland to Protest Pest Management Regulatory Agency decision.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

675-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report, as of April 15, 2020, including the following points:

- attended a Mental Health Seminar on March 12, 2020,
- the new addition of the Growing Forward newsletter is available, along with, the following correspondence:
- from the Alberta Government dated April 1, 2020 in regard to "Re-evaluation Decision RVD2020-06, Strychnine and Its Associated End-use Products (Richardson's Ground Squirrels)", and
- from Alan Hampton, Pest Committee Chair, Starland County, dated March 2, 2020 in regard to retailers being allowed to buy and sell Strychnine used to control Richardson's ground squirrels until March 4, 2021 with all Strychnine products to be used up by March 4, 2023,

be accepted for information.

Carried.

Farmer's Appreciation Day

676-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board postpone the 18th Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day lunch event of hamburgers and hotdogs scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Town of Smoky Lake, until further notice due to uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Summer Field Days

677-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the following poster received by from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) in regard to their Year-2020 Summer Field Day schedule:



Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman’s Report

678-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Agricultural Fieldman’s Report, as prepared by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, dated April 7, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Invasive Species Council

679-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County purchase a bronze sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for Year-2020, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in response to the letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, received March 5, 2020, requesting a 2020 sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council.

Carried.

Next Meeting

680-20: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegations.

ADJOURNMENT:

681-20: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 15, 2020, be adjourned, time 12:25 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER