

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **April 14, 2009** at 2:05 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Mr. Cory Ollikka in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>A T T E N D A N C E</u> <u>Tuesday, April 14, 2009</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Barton Coady	Present
4	Lori Danyluk	Present
5	Cory Ollikka	Present
A.F.	Scott Franchuk	Present
C.A.O.	Cary Smigerowsky	Absent
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Cons. Tech	Evonne Wirstuk	Present

2 members of the Public.

2. **Agenda:**

389-09: Coady

That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 be adopted with the following addition(s):

1. ASB Chairman Meeting.
2. Executive Session: Legal Issue.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

390-09: Cholak

That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2009 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

8. **Executive Session:**

391-09: Coady

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue, time 2:07 p.m.

Carried.

392-09: Bobocel

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee go out of the Executive Session, time 2:15 p.m.

Carried.

4. **Request for Decision:**

Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day

393-09: Cholak That the correspondence on the Smoky Lake County 7th Annual Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day scheduled for June 6, 2009 in the Village of Vilna, be filed for information.

Carried.

Mower Tenders

The Agricultural Service Board received three tenders for a Schulte Rotary 10 foot Mower as follows:

- Frank Flaman Sales: \$18,655
- Waskatenau Motors: \$19,300
- Caquette & Sons Implements: \$20,750

394-09: Cholak That Smoky Lake County purchase a Schulte Rotary 10 foot Mower from Waskatenau Motors in the amount of **\$19,300**; and advertise the old mower – Unit # 438 for sale.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

ASB Chairman Meeting

395-09: Coady That the Agricultural Service Board Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Agricultural Fieldman attend the Agricultural Service Board Chairman Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2009 at the County of Two Hills County Office.

Carried.

5. **Issues for Information:**

Action List: January 12, 2009

396-09: Bobocel That the Action List of the Agricultural Service Board dated January 12, 2009, be filed for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board: Report

Policy Statement No. 62-13-01: Clubroot Prevention Techniques

397-09: Cholak That County Council adopt Policy Statement No. 62-13-01 entitled “Clubroot Prevention Techniques”, as follows:

Purpose:	To ensure that Smoky Lake County performs proper operating procedures to help contain the spread of the Clubroot disease while performing municipal services.
Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
1. DESCRIPTION:	
1.1	"Clubroot" is a disease that attacks plants such as canola. The organism invades the roots of the host plant causing it to grow tumour-like bulbs (galls) on the roots that sap the plant's strength. The organism can live in the soil for up to 18 years before infecting a plant. The disease can cut a field yield by 5 to 50 per cent.

2. STATEMENT:

- 2.1 Clubroot gets transported from field to field mainly from the movement of soil through human activity. Smoky Lake County will implement procedures to help contain the spread of disease. Every effort will be made to ensure that procedures have been reviewed and that best practices are implemented while performing municipal services.

3. PROCEDURE:

- 3.1 All municipal services transporting dirt/soil from one field/area to another will be kept to a minimum.
- 3.2 Vehicles and equipment will be sprayed with a 5% Bleach Solution.
- 3.3 Communication will be established between the local landowner and Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board to determine whether or not there is a presence of clubroot in a certain field. **Reference Policy 62-12-01: Clubroot.**
- 3.4 Assurance will be communicated to the local landowner that Smoky Lake County has implemented steps to minimize the spread of clubroot within the County.
- 3.5 Smoky Lake County will communicate and provide recommendations to Energy (Oil) Companies, based on Alberta Clubroot Management Plan and County Policies, to ensure that the companies are diligent in cleaning off equipment to prevent the spread of Clubroot between fields.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-12-01: Clubroot

398-09: Danyluk

That County Council defer Policy Statement No. 62-12-01 entitled "Clubroot" to the May County Council Meeting.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board: Report

399-09: Bobocel

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated March 11, 2009 to April 3, 2009, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) Technician Report:

Updated Report presented by Evonne Wirstuk, Municipal Conservation Technologist:

Month of January:

- Submitted 2008 AESA expenses (with some help from Delaney).
- Attended Farm Tech 2009 "Global Perspectives ... Local Knowledge".

Month of February:

- Attended St. Paul's Working Well Workshop (had over 30 participants). Smoky Lake's workshop that was scheduled for April has now been moved to sometime in the fall ... hopefully November.

- Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshop held at Lac Bellevue Hall. Had a total of ten farming operations (two from Smoky Lake and four from St. Paul).
- Met with two other farming operations and worked one-on-one with the producers to complete their EFP's.
- Attended Rock the Farm in Red Deer. Finally learnt a little something about Carbon Credits.
- Attended Wainwright EFP Workshop to gain more experience.
- Attended the AAAF meeting in St. Paul while Scott was in school.
- Participated in the EFP binder review. Northeast region had ~25 binders reviewed.

Month of March:

- Grazing School for Women: Pioneer Bible Camp and our speakers have been confirmed.
- Classroom Agriculture Program: Teaching Grade 4 students about Agriculture. Completed three presentations – 3 more to go (all in the County of St. Paul).
- Ag-Citing Careers: was invited to be a guest speaker at this event at Lakeland College.
- Attended and helped with the final planning stages for the Best Management Practices for the Agricultural Climate of Tomorrow Conference in Vegreville.
- Worked the AESA booth at the Farm and Ranch Show – March 27, 2009.
- Green Certificate Testing: Smoky Lake School on April 8, 2009.
- AESA Application: Added small objectives regarding Climate Change, awareness is my main focus for this topic.

Up-Coming Activities:

- Planning on putting out a Newsletter: Mid-April.
- Classroom Agriculture Program presentations: April 16 and April 24.
- Conference call to find out the future of AESA and any funding that may become available for producers.
- Education Basics Workshop: hosted by Alberta Environment – April 30.
- Trying to book H.A. Kostash Wetland Day: 1st week in June to coincide with Environment Week and Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day.
- Wetland Presentation for Lac Sante Watershed Group: July 5.
- Silkworm Garden Tour: July 17.
- Biodiversity Day: July 21.
- Manure Management Workshop or Carbon Credits Workshop: Date TBA in Fall 2009.

400-09: Cholak

That the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) report presented by Evonne Wirstuk, Municipal Conservation Technologist, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

2009 ASB Summer Tour

401-09: Coady

That County Council and relevant administration who can attend – attend the Agricultural Service Board 2009 Summer Tour: Beyond The Horizon in Lacombe County, Lacombe, Alberta on July 6 – 9, 2009.

Carried.

Waskatenau Community Centre

402-09: Bobocel That the correspondence received on the Waskatenau Community Centre in regards to the non-compliance Inspection Notice on Fire Extinguishers not installed to manufactures specifications, be filed for information.

Carried.

ASB 2009 Grant

403-09: Cholak That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Agricultural Service Board - 2nd allocation funding in the amount of \$83,175.88 for the 2008/09 Grant Program for a total grant allocation for 2008/09 Grant program in the amount of \$161,505.88, as per letter received from Eileen Chauvet, Supervisor, Agricultural Service Board Program, Alberta Agricultural and Rural Development, dated March 19, 2009.

Carried.

Next Meeting

404-09: Bobocel That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **June 11, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. to held at the Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

405-09: Coady That this meeting be adjourned, time 3:00 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER