

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **August 11, 2009** at 2:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Ron Bobocel in the presence of the following persons:

		<u>A T T E N D A N C E</u>
		<u>Tuesday, August 11, 2009</u>
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Barton Coady	Present
4	Lori Danyluk	Present
5	Vacant	Vacant
A.F.	Scott Franchuk	Present
C.A.O.	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Asst. A.F.	Kurt Holdis	Present
Cons. Tech	Evonne Zukowski	Present

1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:

Chairperson

The Chief Administrative Officer called first (1) time for nominations for Chairperson.

720-09: Danyluk

That Councillor Ron Bobocel be nominated as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

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

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

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

721-09: Cholak

That nominations cease.

Carried.

Mr. Ron Bobocel was declared elected by acclamation by the Chief Administrative Officer as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee and assumed the Chair.

Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson called first (1) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

722-09: Coady

That Councillor Lori Danyluk be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

Councillor Lori Danyluk declined the nomination for Vice-Chairperson.

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

723-09: Danyluk That Councillor Dareld Cholak be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

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

724-09: Cholak That Councillor Barton Coady be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

Councillor Barton Coady declined the nomination for Vice-Chairperson.

725-09: Bobocel That nominations cease.

Carried.

Mr. Dareld Cholak was declared elected by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

2. **Agenda:**

726-09: Cholak That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 be adopted with the following addition(s):

1. Delegation: Hank Holowaychuk, Fire Chief,
Smoky Lake Fire Department.
2. Executive Session: Labour Issue.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

727-09: Coady That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2009 be adopted as presented; and the Action List of June 11, 2009 Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. **Request for Decision:**

Policy Statement No. 02-02-02: Fee for Emergency Services Vehicles

728-09: Cholak That County Council amend Policy Statement No. 02-02-02 entitled "Fee for Emergency Service Vehicles", as follows:

Purpose:	To recover costs for the use for the emergency services vehicles. .
-----------------	---

<p>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</p> <p>WHEREAS, County Emergency Service Vehicles and Personnel do respond to fire calls on the highways.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, Smoky Lake County shall charge the following fees for fire calls on the highways:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motor Vehicle Collisions Fees: \$400.00 per hour for both the rescue van and the fire truck.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Charge is \$400.00</p>
--



Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-05-05: Grasshopper Control and ECO Bait Spreader Rental

729-09: Cholak

That County Council amend Policy Statement No. 62-05-05 entitled “Grasshopper Control and ECO Bait Spreader Rental”, as follows:

Purpose:	To provide ratepayers with grasshopper control options; the opportunity to rent the Eco Bran Spreader and purchase Eco Bran Bait, participate in the County Grasshopper compensation program or the County Eco Bait Program.
Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
<p>The Agricultural Service Board Committee may supply the Grasshopper Bait Distributor equipment on a rental basis for use by ratepayers for Grasshopper Control.</p> <p>All interested persons/ratepayers must execute a “Equipment Rental Agreement” – Policy 14-A.04-01.</p> <p>This service will be supplied on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Equipment Rental- Eco Bran Bait Spreader: \$50.00 per day. ▶ Grasshopper Eco-Bait: Cost per bag at the County’s cost plus freight. ▶ Damage Deposit: \$100.00 will be refunded if the equipment’s return is free from any damages. <p>Smoky Lake County will implement a program to encourage private owner(s) to control Grasshoppers on road allowance ditches by compensating the landowner \$25.00 per (half) ½ mile (one-side) of County road allowances, effective the crop year. If the County road allowance can not be sprayed by the private owner due to power lines, trees, bodies of water, etc.; the Smoky Lake County will apply a one time application of ECO Bait in the adjacent road allowance at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, on a first come basis and as time and budget permits.</p> <p>All interested persons/ratepayers shall complete:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule “A”: Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule “B”: Grasshopper Spraying Program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Smoky Lake County will provide one bag of Eco Bran Bait to the ratepayer if the ratepayer has sprayed the adjacent land per one (1) mile, (one-side).</p>	

 APPLICATION FORM FOR ROAD ALLOWANCE GRASSHOPPER SPRAYING	SCHEDULE "A"
Date: _____	
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee style="text-align: center;">APPLICANT NAME	
ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee style="text-align: center;">APPLICANT NAME	
ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
DO HEREBY apply for a grant of \$50.00 per mile to spray grasshoppers along the County road allowance, adjacent farmland that I own, rent, or control. I declare that I have incurred expenses along the following rights-of-way as described by the following legal land locations:	
1. _____ number of miles _____ 2. _____ number of miles _____ 3. _____ number of miles _____ 4. _____ number of miles _____ 5. _____ number of miles _____ 6. _____ number of miles _____	
The attached invoices and receipts are proof of expenditures incurred by myself in carrying out a "Roadside Grasshopper Spraying" Program.	
SIGNATURES:	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____	DATE: _____
SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: _____	DATE: _____
 GRASSHOPPER PROGRAM	SCHEDULE "B"
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee style="text-align: center;">APPLICANT NAME	
ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"): As per <u>Schedule "A"</u> : Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.	
I, _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Owner _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee style="text-align: center;">APPLICANT NAME	
ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands"): As per <u>Schedule "A"</u> : Application Form for Road Allowance Grasshopper Spraying.	

I (We) hereby agree to, in consideration of the benefit derived by me (us) from the work description above shall indemnify and save harmless the <u>Smoky Lake County</u> , its Councillors, officers, employees and agents from any claim, damages, liability, cost, fee, penalty, action, cause of action, demand, damage to property, injury to person or death (including, without limitation to, legal fees of <u>Smoky Lake County</u> on a solicitor-client full indemnity basis), that may arise directly or indirectly out of the performance of the above described work(s).	
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION AND AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS.	
DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____
DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.	
SIGNATURE OF LESSEE: _____	SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: _____

Carried.

2009 Fire Calls
730-09: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County take no action to charge residents for the 2009 Fire Calls that occurred from January 2009 to the end of June 2009.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 02-04-02: Fee for Fire Calls

731-09: Bobocel

That Smoky Lake County cancel Policy Statement No. 02-04-02: Fee for Fire Calls.

Carried.

Hank Holowaychuk, Fire Chief, Town of Smoky Lake left the Council Chambers, time 3:05 p.m.

Addition to the Agenda:

Executive Session: Labour Issue

732-09: Bobocel

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee go into an Executive Session to discuss a labour issue, time 3:05 p.m.

Carried.

Kurt Holdis, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist left the Council Chambers, time 3:45 p.m.

Executive Session: Delegation

Hank Holowaychuk, Fire Chief, Town of Smoky Lake

Hank Holowaychuk, Fire Chief, Town of Smoky Lake entered the Council Chambers, time 3:45 p.m.

733-09: Cholak

That the Agricultural Service Board Committee go out of the Executive Session, time 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

Kurt Holdis, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist entered the Council Chambers, time 4:00 p.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board: Report

The Agricultural Fieldman presented an updated report on the following issues:

ASB Work Plan:

■ **Agricultural Service Board – Manager’s Report: June 11, 2009 to August 11, 2009.**

■ **Roadside Spraying Program:** Sprayed 136.5 miles to date for a variety of brush and various noxious weeds.

■ **Roadside Mowing Program:**

- Division One: 117 miles sprayed.
- Division Two: 145 miles sprayed.
- Division Three: 186 miles sprayed.
- Division Four: 90.5 miles sprayed.
- Division Five: 79 miles sprayed.
- Hamlet of Warspite: 1 time.
- Hamlet of Bellis and Mons Lake: 2 times.
- Other resorts: 2 times.

This week mowing to start in Division Four and moving into Division Five.

Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Technician Report:

Updated Report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist:

Month of June:

- Attended Growing Forward Training.
- 7th Annual Grazing School For Women: 35 ladies participated, was a success.

Month of July:

- Attended 2 days of Range and Riparian Health Training from Cows and Fish staff: Most helpful training to date, worked on our own individual grazing cases. Mine is a producer with a newly acquired grazing lease in the Vilna area, planning on working with producer in the future.
- Silkworm Garden Tour: 64 people on the tour, co-hosted with Mona Lee Kirkland from Vermilion. Have begun planning for 2010, looking for yards around the Hwy 857 area.
- Biodiversity Workshop: Co-hosted with Mona Lee Kirkland from Vermilion. Workshop was almost cancelled due to lack of interest – only 4 producers in attendance, but overall they really enjoyed it. Helped to meet AESA objectives for 2009.
- Put my Riparian Health Assessment Training to use at the Dormant Season Grazing Site. Late growing season has pushed the forage clipping back into August.

- Attended an Environmental Farm Plan Training 101 in Leduc.
- Took part in the 2010 Alberta Environmental Stewardship Calendar Photo selection and committee meeting.

Up-Coming Activities:

- Carbon Credit Workshop at Lad Bellevue Hall in St. Paul on August 12, 2009.
- Stewardship Fact Editing for Calendar – August 17, 2009.
- Bi-Weekly Forage and Drought monitoring conditions reporting.
- TD Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up site coordinator, location to be announced.
- Working Well Workshop, was told that Smoky Lake was on the list for fall workshops, haven't heard anything more about it.
- Starting to work on fall newsletter.
- Will hopefully hear beginning of October if AESA will continue.

Growing Forward Program:

- New funding program to “assist” producers over the term of 4 years.
- LOTS of additional paperwork for producers, with little money back.
- Early plans for the AESA staff to support the Growing Forward Program, how much or by doing what...we have yet to find out.
- Not all applications have the same requirements, and not all areas of the program are completed or released to the public or AESA.
- Not many people seem to be pleased with his program so far.

734-09: Coady

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated June 11, 2009 to August 11, 2009; and the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Livestock Producers in a Drought

News Release

- News Release entitled: “Government of Canada to Help Alberta Livestock Producers Affected By Drought” from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, from Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, dated July 22, 2009 – announcing the Alberta Tax Deferral Designated Areas.

735-09: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County write a letter to the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Foods; c.c. Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier; Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture; MP Brian Storseth, and MLA's Ray Danyluk and Jeff Johnson to express concern about our municipality's exclusion from the 2009 Livestock Tax Deferral Program that would assist our livestock producers affected by Drought.

Carried.

Next Meeting

736-09: Bobocel

That the next **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **October 26, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. to held at the Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

737-09: Coady

That this meeting be adjourned, time 4:15 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

S E A L

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER