

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Wednesday, **July 7, 2010** at 11:10 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

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

A T T E N D A N C E		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Wednesday, July 7, 2010</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Barton Coady	Present
4	Lori Danyluk	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
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/R.S.	Evonne Zukowski	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present

2. Agenda:

745-10: Orichowski That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Thursday, July 7, 2010 be adopted with the following addition(s):

1. Executive Session: Personnel.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

746-10: Cholak That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

747-10: Danyluk That the Action List of April 8, 2010 Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

No Request for Decision.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board: Report

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

■ Agricultural Service Board – Manager’s Report: June 24, 2010 to July 7, 2010.

748-10: Orichowski

That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated June 24, 2010 to July 7, 2010, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) Technician Report: Updated Report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist:

Month of April:

- PowerFlex workshop held April 26, 2010. Event was co-hosted with LARA and was held in Mallaig. Had 22 producers in attendance.
- Classroom Agriculture Program. Completed 2 presentations, a new presentation was created that was more hands on.
- Assisting with RCMP Musical Ride planning.

Month of May:

- 2011 Alberta Environmental Stewardship Calendar. Decision has been made to go ahead with the 2011 calendar although it will more than likely be the last year as it is harder to find sponsorship dollars.
- Green Certificate tester for two days.
- Growing Forward program was finally launched. Been working with several producers from Smoky Lake and St. Paul Counties to complete their Environmental Farm Plan and assist producers in filling out their Growing Forward work plans and applications. Been assisting other AESA Res in reviewing their completed Farm Plan binders.
- Assisted in preparation of the 8th Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation BBQ.
- Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Newsletters are now being distributed to all farm boxes within the Smoky Lake County.

Month of June:

- 8th Annual Grazing School for Women held June 8 & 9, 2010 at Hastings Lake Bible Camp near Sherwood Park. Had 27 ladies that attended the two day school. School evaluations came back very positive.
- Planning for the Silkworm Garden Tour “North” to be held July 13, 2010.
- Wetland presentation for H.A. Kostash Grade 8 class at Shemeluk Lake.
- AESA Conference Call. Agreement for 2010 funding has just been signed and mailed in. 2011 Funding will be run with the ASB Grant in order to streamline administration. Mid-year reporting due at the end of August.
- Growing Forward Integrated Crop Management portion of the stewardship division has been suspended due to the over allocation of funds.

Up-Coming Activities:

- Silkworm Garden Tour being held July 13, 2010
- Newsletter to go out in July
- Kathy Voth workshop being held on August 13, 2010. Partnering with AESA Res from Bonnyville, Minburn and Vermilion Counties. Workshop is a ½ day session that focuses on training your cattle to eat weeds.

749-10: Coady That the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) report presented by Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

2010 RCMP Musical Ride Update

The Agricultural Fieldman presented an updated report on the 2010 RCMP Musical Ride on the following issues:

- The Musical Ride horses have contracted strangles and all tour dates prior to July 20, 2010 have been cancelled. At this point we will continue to plan as if the ride is still going ahead but avoid making any purchases until we have conformation that the tour is back on schedule.
- T-shirts will be ordered by the end of the week.
- Paper Canadian flags have been ordered and are in.

750-10: Danyluk That the Agricultural Fieldman's updated report on the RCMP Musical Ride report, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Mowing Update

751-10: Danyluk That the Agricultural Fieldman's report on the mowing program operating on schedule, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Spraying Update

752-10: Orichowski That the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman's report on weed inspections are being conducted throughout the County and spot spraying is occurring on areas of concern, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

911 Dispatching

753-10: Cholak That Smoky Lake County schedule an Open House Presentation in regards to 9-1-1 Dispatching at the Joint Municipalities Meeting on September 20, 2010.

Carried.

Fire Mutual Aid: County of Two Hills

754-10: Cholak That Smoky Lake County take no action on the request to amend the terms of the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with the County of Two Hills; and that the proposed Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with the County of Two Hills as per the County Bylaw.

Carried.

Fire Apparatus: Smoky Lake Fire Department

755-10: Coady That Smoky Lake County's next purchase of a new Fire Apparatus be a 4x4 Freightliner Truck and Chassis for the Smoky Lake Fire Department in Year 2012.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Farm Safety

756-10: Danyluk

That Smoky Lake County fund in the amount of \$822.50 to the 2010 Alberta Farm "Safety Smarts" Program, as indicated in the letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Center, dated May 4, 2010.

Carried.

Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs)

757-10: Coady

That the letter received from Rick Atkins, Technology and Innovation Branch, Government of Alberta, Agriculture and Rural Development, dated May 17, 2010 regarding the 2010 funding for the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Program has been approved for \$72,553.00, be filed for information.

Carried.

North East Region Resolution Meeting

758-10: Cholak

That the Minutes received for the North East Region Resolution Response Committee Meeting held on Friday, May 29, 2010 at the County of Two Hills, be filed for information.

Carried.

Next Meeting

759-10: Cholak

That the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, **September 21, 2010** at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Agricultural Fieldman/Fire Chief, Kurt Holdis, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, and Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist left the Council Chambers, time 11:45 a.m.

Addition to the Agenda:

Executive Session

760-10: Danyluk

That County Council go into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue, time 11:45 a.m.

Carried.

761-10: Coady

That County Council go out of an executive session, time 11:54 a.m.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

762-10: Coady

That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:55 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER