

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Monday, **November 22, 2010** at 3:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Cory Ollikka 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>Monday, November 22, 2010</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Rick Cherniwchan	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
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Asst. A.F.	Kurt Holdis	Present
Cons. Tech	Evonne Zukowski	Present
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1. **Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:**

**Chairperson**

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

87-10: Orichowski      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.

88-10: Cherniwchan      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.

89-10: Cholak      That Councillor Randy Orichowski be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

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

90-10: Danyluk That Councillor Rick Cherniwchan be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

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

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

91-10: Cholak That nominations cease.

Carried.

Councillor Rick Cherniwchan withdrew his name for the position as Vice-Chairperson for the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

Mr. Randy Orichowski was declared elected by acclamation by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Service Board Committee.

2. **Agenda:**

92-10: Cholak That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Monday, November 22, 2010 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. **Minutes:**

93-10: Danyluk That the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

94-10: Cholak That the Action List of September 21, 2010, Agricultural Service Board Meeting, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. **Request for Decision:**

**Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program**

95-10: Cholak That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board not initiate a Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program.

Carried.

**Accounts Receivable: Charges and Penalty Cancellation**

96-10: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County cancel the fire invoice charges in the amount of \$470.00 and penalties in the amount of \$1,267.77 for a total amount of **\$1,737.77** on the Accounts Receivable Account Number 5991.

Carried.

**Accounts Receivable: Charges and Penalty Cancellation**

97-10: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County cancel the fire invoice charges in the amount of \$6,230.00 and penalties in the amount of \$4,256.02 for a total amount of **\$10,486.02** on the Accounts Receivable Account Number 19255.

Carried.

**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:  
October 28, 2010 to November 22, 2010.**

98-10: Orichowski That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, dated October 28, 2010 to November 22, 2010, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

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

**Month of October:**

- 2011-2013 ASB Environmental Stream Funding Application submitted, hoping to hear final granting dollar amount beginning of December.
- Helping at County of St. Paul’s Farm Safety Day.
- Working one-on-one with producers to complete their Grazing and Winter Feeding Growing Forward applications.
- Ongoing peer evaluations of Environmental Farm Plan binders.
- Fact writing, compiling and editing for the 2011 Alberta Environmental Stewardship calendar.
- Applied for registration with the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

**Month of November:**

- Planning underway for the 2011 Grazing School for Women: June 14 and 15, 2011 or June 15 and 16, 2011 at Mistahya Camp, Wainwright – Focusing on speakers.
- Working on final touches for the 2011 Alberta Environmental Stewardship Calendar, finished proofing the final draft, printing should begin shortly.
- Continue working one-on-one with producers to complete their Environmental Farm Plan binders and Growing Forward applications.
- Peer Evaluations of Environmental Farm Plan binders.
- Attending a biodigester tour: November 23, 2010.
- Co-hosting (with 6 other municipalities) an Engergy Cabin Tour at Lakeland College: November 24, 2010.
- Green Certificate testing: November 26, 2010.

**Up-Coming Activities:**

- Attending the Western Canadian Grazing Conference: December 1 and 2, 2010.
- Distribution of 2011 Alberta Environmental Stewardship Calendars.
- Planning for the 2011 Grazing School for Women.
- Once final granting dollars have been confirmed will be working with County of Thorhild to form a official partnership.

99-10: Danyluk

That the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) report provided by the Agricultural Fieldman on behalf of Evonne Zukiwski, Municipal Conservation Technologist, be accepted, and filed for information.

Carried.

**Environmental Farm Plan Program: Resolution**

100-10: Danyluk

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board prepare a resolution for the next Regional Agricultural Service Board in November 2011 regarding the Environmental Farm Plan Program to request that the Federal and Provincial Government provide program funding dollars as an incentive for farmers to complete Environmental Farm Plans.

Carried.

**2010 Year-End Operations: Report**

The Agricultural Fieldman, Scott Franchuk and the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Kurt Holdis presented an updated report on the 2010 Year-End Operations on the following issues:

- **Overview:** The 2010 season was very productive overall but not without its challenges. Faced with the coordination and execution of an event like the RCMP Musical Ride ate into the resources of the ASB, but was well worth it and the negative impacts on ASB programming were minimal. Also, new summer staff were trained and responded with outstanding production once they were set on their own. Weather was also a factor with more precipitation than usual which hindered spraying and mowing also increasing grass and weed regrowth.
- **Mowing:** The 2010 mowing program came very close to achieving its goal of mowing the County Right-of-Ways twice. The east side was complete (Division 1, Division 2 and part of Division 4) with about 15 miles left in Division 4 on the west side and half of Division 5 left to mow. Increased involvement with the west end mower operator should look to improve productivity for the 2011 season.
- **Spraying / Weed Inspections:** The weed inspection team covered all roads in the County and filled out 428 weed inspections. This is the foundation for our Vegetation Management Plan and will only increase production as the system is streamlined. With the two returning summer students and a plan put in place 2011 promises to be the most productive yet.

The Spraying Program was not as successful as was hoped due to new staff training and weather. More emphasis was put on spot spraying, working on cleaning up problem areas.

- **Blasting / Beaver Control:** An application has been submitted to Alberta Environment for an exemption on the use of Beaver Dam Drainage Pipes (“Gizmos”). We have had excellent results in the use of them and have created longer term solutions to drainage problems in many areas. These have helped us combat flooding issues in the Mons Lake Area, White Earth Creek, Edward Creek as well as various crossings within the County. Also this was a busy year for blasting with operations taking place throughout the whole season both for private and in-house issues.

101-10: Cherniwchan That the updated report presented by the Agricultural Fieldman, Scott Franchuk and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Kurt Holdis on the 2010 Year-End Spraying, Mowing and Blasting Programs, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

## 6. Correspondence:

### **2011 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference**

102-10: Orichowski That the County Council who can attend, and the Chief Administrative Officer and the Agricultural Service Board staff attend the 2011 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference: Agriculture on the Horizon on January 18 – 21, 2011 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton.

Carried.

### **Farm Tech 2011**

103-10: Danyluk That the Agricultural Service Board staff attend the Farm Tech 2010 on January 26 – 28, 2011 at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton.

Carried.

### **ASB Orientation Manual**

104-10: Cherniwchan That the Orientation Manual for Agricultural Service Board Members, be filed for information.

Carried.

## 7. Delegation(s):

### **Northlands /AMA Farm Family Award**

Roy and Marie Mulkay were unable to attend the Agricultural Service Board Meeting.

The Divisional Councillor will deliver the Smoky Lake County plaque for the recognition of the 2010 Northlands / AMA Farm Family Award recipients.

**Next Meeting**

105-10: Orichowski

That the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **January 24, 2011** at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

106-10: Danyluk

That this meeting be adjourned, time 3:15 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER