



**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. held
Virtually

(Meeting ID # 800483679) and Physically in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612
McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Ryan Barker, at 9:00 a.m. in the
presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
		<u>Tuesday, May 26th, 2026</u>
<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Committee member/Chair	David Kully	Absent
Committee Member/Vice Chair	Ryan Barker	Present in Chambers
Alternate	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Producer-at-Large Member	Sarah Eigner	Present in Chambers
Producer-at-Large Member	Tori Ponich	Present in Chambers
Producer-at-Large Member	Curtis Boychuk	Present in Chambers
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Tamara Flondra	Present in Chambers
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Brett Rurka	Absent
Manager of Ag Services	Sebastien Dutrisac	Present in Chambers
Assistant Manager of Ag Services	Brieann Eden	Present in Chambers
Recording Secretary/Legislative Services	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present in Chambers

2.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-013

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Sara Eigner

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, be adopted with the following additions:

- Delegation Lac la Biche ASB extension program and appeal committee discussion
- 6.6 is now strict 9 update Curtis
- Additional material to 5.1 Ag regarding Drone School

CARRIED

3.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-014

**Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting, on Tuesday,
February 3rd, 2026**

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Curtis Boychuk

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service
Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 03rd, 2026, be adopted as
presented.

CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Action Item List

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-015

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake Agricultural Service Board adopt the Action item list as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-017

5.2 Summer Tour.

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve any members who can attend, attend and register for the 2026 summer tour.

CARRIED

6. New Business

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-018

6.1 RFD Recommendation for Agricultural Fieldman appointment

Moved By: Sara Eigher

Seconded by: Curtis Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County ASB supports the appointment of Sebastien Dutrisac and Briemann Eden as the Agricultural Fieldmen for the County of Smoky Lake, effective April 16, 2026, pursuant to the Agricultural Service Board Act.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-019

6.2 RFD ASB Annual Report 2025

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board submits the Annual ASB Report to Council

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-020

6.3 Agricultural Service Board Field Visit July 8th, 2026

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accepts the Agricultural Service Board Field Visit for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-021

6.4 Provincial Resolution Response

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board submits the responses to the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee and accept as information.

- RESOLUTION 1-26: EMERGENCY REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR RICHARDSON’S GROUND SQUIRREL (RGS) CONTROL – Responded

- RESOLUTION 2-26: EXEMPTION OF AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT FROM CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1999 EMISSION LIMITS - Responded
- RESOLUTION 4-26: RURAL WATER DISTRIBUTION AND CONNECTIVITY FUNDING - Responded
- RESOLUTION 4-26: Responded
- PC 126 Alberta Rat Control program – Responded
- PC 2-26 On farm meat processing – Responded
- PC4-26: URGENT REFORMS TO CFIA AND PMRA – No response
- RESOLUTION E1-26: VACANT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL SCIENTIST POSITION – Somewhat response
- RESOLUTION E2-26: LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY UPDATE
- CONCERNS – No response

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-022

6.5 Resolution for Fall 2026 (Discussion)

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Tori Boychuk

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board direct its members to submit subjects regarding but not limited to, registered trap lines to Administration for resolution by July 31, 2026, and further direct Administration to draft a letter outlining the effects of bridge repairs on agricultural transportation to the Minister of Agriculture, and to present the letter at the next ASB meeting.

CARRIED

Jered Serben, Division 5 Councillor and Alternate voting member left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-023

6.6 Strychnine update

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council the fees and dispersal practice will be \$22.00 per bottle, to a limit of 6 bottles until the empty bottles have returned empty.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-024

6.7 Centennial Farm Family Award

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to council to bestow the Farm Family Centennial Award to the applicant and direct administration to come back with a quote for a gate sign option at the next council meeting on May 28th, 2026.

CARRIED

Joint Agricultural Service Board meeting with Lac La Biche County (Hosted Virtually by Lac La Biche County)

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-025

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

The Agricultural Service Board recessed the Agricultural Service Board meeting at **9:59 a.m.** to join the joint Agricultural Service Board meeting with Lac La Biche County to discuss joint municipal collaborations regarding shared extension program for the year of 2026 with the

following members virtually present to Smoky Lake Agricultural Service Board:

- Vic Toutant – Agricultural Service Board Chair
- Travis Ailsby - Member at large
- Jolene Yackimec - Member at large
- Debbie Burdek - Member at large
- Sierra Coy- Term Infrastructure Clerk
- Brennan Scott –Agricultural Fieldman
- Dan Gaudet –Resource Management Supervisor

The delegation focused on collaboration opportunities between municipalities to support local agriculture and producers. Lac La Biche County outlined several upcoming workshops they are hosting, including a cattle genetics workshop on June 4 and a pork production workshop on June 30, which will cover regulations, sourcing pigs, and livestock health.

They also highlighted ongoing support for producers through soil sampling and forage testing programs. There was interest in collaborating on future initiatives, such as slaughterhouse tours and additional cattle workshops.

Discussion included sharing costs for larger initiatives, such as bringing in specialized workshops from the United States. There was also a proposal to collaborate regionally on a joint weed and pest appeal board to help manage conflicts of interest between neighboring municipalities.

Overall, the conversation emphasized regional cooperation, resource sharing, and enhanced support for agricultural producers.

CARRIED

The Agricultural Service Board meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

**Joint Agricultural Service Board meeting with Lac La Biche County
(Hosted Virtually by Lac La Biche County)**

**Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-026**

**Moved By: Tori Ponich
Seconded by: Ryan Barker**

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept the information from the Joint Agricultural Service Board meeting from Lac La Biche County as information.

CARRIED

**Joint Agricultural Service Board meeting with Lac La Biche County
(Hosted Virtually by Lac La Biche County)**

**Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-027**

**Moved By: Ryan Barker
Seconded by: Curtis Boychuk**

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Direct Administration to continue working with Lac La Biche County on joint extension program events, and further to continue engaging with other municipal neighbours for future collaborative opportunities.

CARRIED

6.8 Ag Fees and Charges Bylaw

**Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-028**

**Moved By: Tori Ponich
Seconded by: Sara Eigher**

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council the adoption of the Draft Ag Fees and Charges Bylaw as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-029

6.9 Aquatic Invasives Species

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accepts the report for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-030

6.10 Vegetation Management Policy

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to council to adopt the amended Policy 62-15-05 Vegetation Management Policy.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-031

6.11 Regional Weed and Pest Appeal Committee

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends that Council to investigate into the creation of a Regional Weed and Pest Appeal Committee with neighbouring municipalities for 2027.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-032

6.12 Weed and Pest Inspector Appointment

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board supports the appointment of Hannah Richard and Natalie Tychkowski as weed and pest inspector at the next council meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-033

6.13 Weed Inspection and Weed Notice Policy

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to council to adopt the amended Policy 14-02 Weed Inspection as presented with the recommendation to provided by the Agricultural Fieldman Manager with amendments to responding to complaints with 3 business days.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-034

6.14 RFD Roadside Mowing Policy

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board recommends to Smoky Lake County Council to adopt the amended Roadside Mowing Policy.

CARRIED

7. 7.1. ASB Chairmans Report
Nil.

8. Correspondence

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-035

8.1. Growing Agritourism, Alberta Farm Fresh Released February, 2026, RE: A Briefing for Communities, Destinations, and Economic Development

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Curtis

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “A Briefing for Communities, Destinations, and Economic Development” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-036

8.2 Growing Agritourism, Alberta Farm Fresh Released February 2026, RE: Exploring local opportunities through community Agritourism Town.

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “Exploring local opportunities through community Agritourism Town as information”.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-037

8.3 Letter received from Shayne Blosky, ASB Chair, Brazeau County, released February 18th, 2026, RE: Support for Unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Operation (OFSO)

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board file the letter received from Shayne Blosky, ASB Chair, Brazeau County, released February 18th, 2026, RE: Support for Unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Operation (OFSO) as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-038

8.4 Letter received from Ryan Ratzlaff, Reeve, Municipal District of Greenview, released March 24th, 2026, Proposed Amendments to the Traceability Regulation.

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Sara Eigher

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board file the letter received from Ryan Ratzlaff, Reeve, Municipal District of Greenview, released March 24th, 2026, Proposed Amendments to the Traceability Regulation.as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-039

8.5 Letter Bill 22 Fact Sheet – Animal Protection Amendment Act released March 31, 2026.

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “Bill 22 Fact Sheet – Animal Protection Amendment Act released March 31, 2026” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-040

8.6 Weed/Pest Compliance Handout, released May 1st, 2026, AER

Moved By: Tori Ponich

Seconded by: Curtis Boychuk

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “Weed/Pest Compliance Handout, released May 1st, 2026, AER” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-041

8.7 Referral Criteria for Shared-Jurisdiction Pest and Weed Infractions, released May 1st, 2026, AER, AEM, AGI

Moved By: Sara Eigher

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “Referral Criteria for Shared-Jurisdiction Pest and Weed Infractions, released May 1st, 2026, AER, AEM, AGI” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-042

8.8 Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Local Authority Enhanced Pests and Weed Control Management Process (RCAM Orders), released May 1st, 2026, AEM, AER, AGI

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Local Authority Enhanced Pests and Weed Control Management Process (RCAM Orders), released May 1st, 2026, AEM, AER, AGI” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-043

8.9 CAM Order Referral Process, released May 1st, 2026, AER

Moved By: Curtis Boychuk

Seconded by: Ryan Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “CAM Order Referral Process, released May 1st, 2026, AER” as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-044

8.10 AGI moisture situation update

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board receive item “AGI moisture situation update” as information.

CARRIED

9.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-045

Moved by: Ryan Barker

Seconded by: Tori Ponich

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for August 11th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., to be held to be held virtually, through electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and/or physically in County Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
ASB 202605-26-046

Adjournment
Moved By: Ryan Barker
Seconded By: Tori Ponich

That Smoky Lake County’s Agricultural Service Board Meeting of May 26th, 2026, be adjourned, time 11:24 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN,
David Kully

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Chyenne Shaw