

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Tuesday, **October 15, 2019** at 10:48 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson Dan Gawalko in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, Oct.15, 2019</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Lorne Halisky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Ag. Fieldman	Tori Cherniawsky	Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Kihn	Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

No Member(s) of the Media Present.

One Member of the Public Present.

2. Agenda:

1216-19: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 15, 2019, be adopted as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Alberta Crop Report – October 8, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

1217-19: Lukinuk That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1218-19: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Policy Statement No. 62-03-05: Coyote Control

1219-19: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-03-05: Coyote Control be amended:

Title: Coyote Control		Policy No.: 03-05
Section: 62	Code: P-R	Page No.: 1 of 1

Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes.
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Purpose:	To assist agricultural producers who are dealing with coyote predation of livestock.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:
<p>1. OBJECTIVE</p> <p>1.1 The Agricultural Service Board Committee will undertake a Coyote Control Program within its boundaries under provisions of the <i>Agricultural Pest Act</i>.</p>
<p>2. GUIDELINES</p> <p>2.1 Upon receipt of a request for Coyote Control materials, the Agricultural Fieldman will thoroughly investigate reasons for the request. If, in the opinion of the Agricultural Fieldman, the request is justified, he may issue a limited number of control materials in accordance with guidelines as outlined by the Pest Control Branch, Alberta Agriculture.</p> <p>2.2 Only holders of a <i>Form 7 "Permit For Coyote And Skunk Control On Another Person's Land"</i> will be able to issue a <i>Form 8 "Permit To Use Coyote Or Skunk Control Materials Or Devices On Own Land"</i></p> <p>2.3 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will not issue <i>Form 9's – Permit to Destroy Coyotes Using Dogs</i>.</p> <p>2.4 At the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, landowners will be informed of alternative measures i.e. hunters and trappers. The County will provide a list of hunters and trappers available to assist landowners in dealing with problem coyotes.</p>

Carried.

2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference

1220-19: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council **not** attend the Year-2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference scheduled for January 21-24, 2020, in Banff, Alberta, due to the location not being an agricultural area and, in an effort, to reduce expenditures.

Carried.

2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference

1221-19: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council pursue negotiating a contract with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) for the Year-2020 Extension Programming without crop test plot trials for a municipal contribution in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairman gave a verbal report including the following points:

- Will be attending the next Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) meeting scheduled for October 28, 2019, to be held in Ashmont at 9:00 a.m.
- Will be attending the North East Agricultural Service Board meeting scheduled for October 31, 2019, to be held in Wainwright, Alberta.

1222-19: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report as of October 15, 2019, be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Department Report

1223-19: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of October 10, 2019 be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Mandatory Agriculture Education in the Classroom Resolution

1224-19: Halisky That Smoky Lake County be in support of the resolution being brought forward to the Year-2020 Agricultural Service Board Conference, sponsored by Lac La Biche County as follows:

Whereas agricultural production in Alberta has historically been and continues to be a major economic force and employer of workers, and

Whereas generations ago, most Albertans grew up on the family farm and had an intimate knowledge about how livestock, crops, and other agricultural commodities were raised, and

Whereas most Albertans now live in urban non -farm environments and do not have the same level of knowledge about how livestock, crops, and other agricultural commodities are being raised, and

Whereas the general public has historically had a high regard for agriculture and farmers as they put food on their table in Alberta, Canada, and the rest of the world, and

Whereas modern agriculture in Alberta is being severely tested by concerns about how livestock, crops, and agricultural produce is being raised, especially regarding environmental impacts, animal cruelty, and farm safety, and

Whereas, many of these concerns stem from a lack of knowledge about agriculture in the general community,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta work with fellow rural stakeholders, Alberta Education, and the Alberta Teachers' Association to request that mandatory agriculture education be implemented in the school curriculum in Alberta.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) - Alberta Crop Report

1225-19: Cherniwchan That the report received by Smoky Lake County from the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), titled: Alberta Crop Report, dated October 1, 2019, and October 8, 2019, including information on crop conditions, be filed for information.

Carried.

Agriculture Service Board Grant Review Program

1226-19: Lukinuk That the information received by Smoky Lake County from Cindy Bishop, Engagement Consultant-Facilitator, dated May-2019, in regard to the results of the Agriculture Service Board Grant Program Review, be filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Goat Association Convention Committee

1227-19: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County take no action to the email received by from Melodi MacKinnon, Chair Alberta Goat Association Convention Committee, received September 18, 2019, in regard to the Alberta Goat Association Convention Sponsorship request.

Carried.

Alberta Farm Safety Centre

1228-19: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the thank-you letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated September 18, 2019 for the County's Year-2019 contribution in the amount of \$759.50 to Alberta Farm Safety Centre for their "Safety Smarts" school-based farm safety program for safety initiatives in an effort to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children; and acknowledge the 2019-2020 school term year is the 22nd consecutive cycle of "Safety Smarts" delivery in Alberta.

Carried.

Natural Resources Conservation Board 2018-19 Annual Report

1229-19: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County a copy of the Natural resources Conservation Board 2018-19 Annual Report be made available for public viewing at the Main County Office during regular business hours; and advertise the availability on the County's social media, in response to the correspondence received from Walter Ceroici, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Natural Resources Conservation Board, received September 20, 2019.

Carried.

Agriculture for Life

1230-19: Halisky That Smoky Lake County take no action to the correspondence received by from Luree Williamson, CEO, Agriculture for Life, on September 26, 2019, in regard to a request for funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for helping them "share the truth about Alberta's food story".

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next Meeting

1231-19: Orichowski That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Monday, December 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

1232-19: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 15, 2019, be adjourned, time 11:15 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER