



**Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes**

Agricultural Service Board Meeting October 7, 2025 - 09:00 AM

1 Meeting Called To Order

Minutes of Smoky Lake County’s **Agricultural Service Board Regular Meeting** held on Tuesday, **October 7, 2025**, at 9:05 A.M. held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

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

		ATTENDANCE
<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tues. October 7th, 2025</u>
Committee Member	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
Committee Member	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Alt. Committee Member	Dominique Cere	Present Virtually
Producer-at-Large Member	Curtis Boychuk	Present in Chambers
Producer-at-Large Member	Tamara Flondra	Present in Chambers
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Kurt Melnyk	Absent
Alt. Producer-at-Large Member	Brett Rurka	Absent
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Tori Ponich	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO/Finance MNG	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Recording Secretary	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present in Chambers
Comm. Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Representative from LARA	Sara Krawchuk	Virtually Present
Public	1 Guest	Virtually Present

2 Adoption of Agenda

ASB164-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, be adopted with the following additions:

- 4.1 Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk Virtual presentation from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association
- Appointment Tori Ponich as Acting Ag Fieldman

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

ASB165-25: Flondra

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County’s Agricultural Service Board Meeting**, held on October 7th, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4 Business-Request for Decisions

4.1 Appointment of Tori Ponich as Acting Ag Fieldman.

ASB 166-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board appoint and acknowledge Tori Ponich be the acting Interim Agricultural Fieldman on a temporary basis until December 19, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2 Policy Statement 62-02-04 Bounty for Pocket Gophers.

ASB 167-25: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board amend Policy No. 62.02, "Bounty for Pocket Gophers," to reflect a price increase to \$3.00 per tail, effective January 2026.

CARRIED

5 Issues for Information

None

5.1 6.1 ASB Chairman's Report (Handout)

ASB 168-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the ASB Chairmans report prepared for October 7, 2025, as information.

CARRIED

5.2 Northeast Regional Conference

ASB 169-25: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of any members who are able to attend the Northeast Regional Conference, to be held at the Vegreville Social Centre in Vegreville Alberta on November 3rd, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

5.3 Delegation- Alyssa Krawchuk, of Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association.

ASB 170-25: Boychuk

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from 9:16 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. was Alyssa Krawchuk, of Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association for the purpose of updates regarding events provided by LARA.

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accepted the verbal presentation of Alyssa Krawchuk, of Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, as information.

CARRIED

5.4 Mowing Map Update as of October 5th, 2025.

ASB 171-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the Mowing Maps and discussion regarding mowing tenders update dated October 5th, 2025, as information.

CARRIED

5.5 Agricultural Department Report.

ASB 172-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Department Report updated October 2026 for information.

CARRIED

5.6 Request for inclusion of Smoky Lake County in the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program.

ASB 173-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the information from the letter regarding "Request for inclusion of Smoky Lake County in the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral letter" that was sent to Honourable RJ Sigurdson Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

and Honourable Heath MacDonald Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food sent on dated August 29th, 2025.

CARRIED

5.7 Smoky Lake County Declaration of Agricultural Disaster and Livestock Tax Deferral Letters.

ASB 174-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board acknowledges the Smoky Lake County Declaration of Agricultural Disaster and Livestock Tax Deferral Letters that were sent to the The Honorable Heath MacDonald Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on August 29th, 2025, as information.

CARRIED

5.8 Agricultural Pest Update

ASB 175-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept the Agricultural Pest update as presented.

CARRIED

5.9 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Report Card on Resolutions.

ASB 176-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board accept Provincial Report card on Resolutions as information.

CARRIED

6 Correspondence

None

6.1 AgKnow Impact Summary received June 25th, 2025. Recommendation: File for Information.

ASB 177-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board direct administration to research the “Ag Do More” Ag Foundation Mental Health in Agricultural resources and bring back the information to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting.

CARRIED

6.2 Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster in the MD of Pincher Creek, received June 24th, 2025.

ASB 178-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster in the MD of Pincher Creek, received June 24th, 2025, and file for information.

CARRIED

6.3 Insights from ASB Spring Town Hall Meetings, received June 24th, 2025.

ASB 179-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept the Insights from ASB Spring Town Hall Meetings, received June 24th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.4 Agricultural Moisture Situation Update as of June 19th, 2025, provided by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, received June 23rd, 2025.

ASB 180-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the Agricultural Moisture Situation Update as of June 19th, 2025, provided by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, received June 23rd, 2025.

CARRIED

6.5 AgKnow Transforming Mental Health in Alberta's Farming Community, received July 14th 2025.

ASB 181-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the AgKnow Transforming Mental Health in Alberta's Farming Community, received July 14th 2025 and file as Information.

CARRIED

6.6 ASB Connector July 2025 Edition, received July 15th, 2025.

ASB 182-25: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the ASB Connector July 2025 Edition, received July 15, 2025, and recommend that any board members who identify information in the July edition that would be beneficial bring it forward at a future meeting.

CARRIED

6.7 Alberta Launches Regulatory Dialogue Portal for Water Management provided by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, received July 17th, 2025.

ASB 183-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Launches Regulatory Dialogue Portal for Water Management provided by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, received July 17th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.8 Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster declaration in Mackenzie County, received July 31st, 2025.

ASB 184-25: Flondra

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster declaration in Mackenzie County, received July 31st, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.9 Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster declaration in Lac La Biche County, received July 31st, 2025.

ASB 185-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Letter regarding Agricultural Disaster declaration in Lac La Biche County, received July 31st, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.10 Wild Boar Update received Aug 18th, 2025.

ASB 186-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge regarding the Wild Boar Update received Aug 18th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.11 Agricultural Moisture Situation Update as of Aug 6th, 2025, provided by Alberta Agriculture.

ASB 187-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Moisture Situation Update as of Aug 6th, 2025, provided by Alberta Agriculture and file as information.

CARRIED

6.12 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Greenview, received July 8th, 2025.**ASB 188-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Greenview, received July 8th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.13 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Cypress County, received July 15th, 2025. ©**ASB 189-25: Flondra**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Cypress County, received July 15th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.14 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Bonnyville, received July 23rd, 2025.**ASB 190-25: Flondra**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Bonnyville, received July 23rd, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.15 Agricultural Disaster declaration in County of Grande Prairie, received July 21st, 2025.**ASB 191-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in County of Grande Prairie, received July 21st, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.16 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Saddle Hills County, received July 25th, 2025.**ASB 192-25: Boychuk**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Saddle Hills County, received July 25th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.17 Agricultural Disaster declaration in County of Northern Lights, received July 28th, 2025.**ASB 193-25: Boychuk**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in County of Northern Lights, received July 28th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

6.18 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Smoky River, received Aug 6th, 2025.**ASB 194-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Smoky River, received Aug 6th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.19 Letter from Minburn County for the Reinstatement of previously approved Gopher control methods, received August 20th, 2025.****ASB 195-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Letter from Minburn County for the Reinstatement of previously approved Gopher control methods, received August 20th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.20 Letter for Continued support for unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Sales in Alberta written by Minburn County, received August 20th, 2025.****ASB 196-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Letter for Continued support for unlimited On-Farm Slaughter Sales in Alberta written by Minburn County, received August 20th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.21 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Athabasca County, received Aug 6th, 2025.****ASB 197-25: Boychuk**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Athabasca County, received Aug 6th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.22 Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Peace, received Aug 19th, 2025.****ASB 198-25: Flondra**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Agricultural Disaster declaration in Municipal District of Peace, received Aug 19th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.23 Request for inclusion of Lac Ste. Anne County in Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program, received Aug 19th, 2025.****ASB 199-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Request for inclusion of Lac Ste. Anne County in Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program, received Aug 19th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.24 Request for inclusion of Westlock County in Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program and a Declaration of Agricultural Disaster, received Aug 19th, 2025.****ASB 200-25: Flondra**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the Request for inclusion of Westlock County in Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program and a Declaration of Agricultural Disaster, received Aug 19th, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED**6.25 Update on the Proposed Provincial Resolutions Process, Received Sept 1st, 2025.****ASB 201-25: Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the Update on the Proposed Provincial Resolutions Process, Received Sept 1st, 2025, and file as information.

CARRIED

7 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

ASB 202-25: Flondra

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd, 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

8 **Adjournment**

ASB 203-25: Boychuk

That Smoky Lake County’s Agricultural Service Board Meeting of October 7th, 2025, be adjourned, time 10:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Signatures Upon Request

CHAIRPERSON, David Kully

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Signatures Upon Request

Interim CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Brenda Adamson