Smoky Lake County

Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026, 1:00 P.M.
Special Council Meeting

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by the Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, in Smoky Lake County Chambers, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Division 1	Ryan Barker	Physically Present
Division 2	David Kully	Physically Present
Division 3 / Reeve	Craig Lukinuk	Physically Present
Division 4/ Deputy Reeve	Lorne Halisky	Physically Present
Division 5	Jered Serben	Physically Present
CAO	Chyenne Shaw	Physically Present
Recording Secretary/Legislative Services	Meaghan Andreychuk	Physically Present
Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:		
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Physically Present
HR/ Safety Manager	Jasmine Schaub	Physically Present
Agricultural Fieldman	Sebastien G Dutrisac	Physically Present
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman	Brieann Eden	Virtually Present
Interim Finance Manager	Dennesha Ferguson	Virtually Present
Communications Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Other Observers	1 Member	Virtually Present

Resolution No: 20260811-602

Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Special County Council Meeting agenda with the following additions:

- 3.3 Resolutions from the Agricultural Service Board
- 3.4 Outstanding Natural Gas Service Installation Invoice
- 3.5 Information Hub regarding AI Data Centre Townhall info session with Minister Nate Glubish
- 4.2 Closed Session in pursuant to Division 2 of Part 1 ATIA Section 19 – Third-party Business Interests

CARRIED

3. Request for Decisions

3.1 Declaration of Agricultural Disaster

Resolution No: 20260811-603

Moved by: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council declare an agricultural disaster within Smoky Lake County, effective August 11, 2026; and further, that Administration prepares a letter for the signatures of the Reeve and the Agricultural Service Board Chair to the Honourable Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, advising of the declaration and providing relevant supporting information. Furthermore, that Administration utilizes the County's social media platforms to request that residents submit

photographs and other evidence of agricultural impacts to support the County's submission to the Minister.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-604

3.1 Declaration of Agricultural Disaster Motion 2
Moved by: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Agricultural Service Board to prepare and send a letter to Honourable, Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, regarding the agricultural disaster within Smoky Lake County, and to reach out to the surrounding municipalities that have declared an agricultural disaster to encourage and spearhead a regional collaborative approach to advocating for provincial recognition and assistance.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-605

3.1 Declaration of Agricultural Disaster Motion 3
Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to forward correspondence regarding the agricultural disaster, including the letter from the Reeve and the Agricultural Service Board Chair, to Honorable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta; Shannon Stubbs, Member of Parliament; Gene Hrabec, Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Director; and Kara Westerlund, President of Rural Municipalities of Alberta, for information and to support advocacy efforts related to the agricultural disaster.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-606

3.3 Resolutions from the Agricultural Service Board
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Agricultural Service Board draft resolutions, amended to include rural municipalities and municipal contractors for problem wildlife control, the use of drones and watercraft in the course of their duties, and bridges and culverts, temporary structures, accelerated STIP funding without reducing other budget lines, and an 85% provincial contribution without reducing eligible expenditures, and submit them for consideration at the RMA District 5 Conference by September 4, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-607

3.2 Request for Reimbursement of Vehicle Damages Resulting from Roadway Sinkhole
Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request for reimbursement in the amount of $3,140.75 for vehicle damages resulting from a roadway sinkhole located on Range Road 153, south of Township Road 584, and request that the resident pursue a claim through their own vehicle insurance provider. Further, that the resident's insurance company be directed to contact the County's insurance provider regarding the matter.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-608

3.4 Outstanding Natural Gas Service Installation Invoice
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve transferring the outstanding balance of Invoice No. INVC2902 ($74,520.82), Invoice No. INVC3073 ($48,170.12), and accumulated interest charges ($7,931.06), totaling $130,622.00, to Tax Roll No. 17581550, contingent upon full payment not being received within 30 days of this meeting date (August 11, 2026) any occurred cost such as legal fees will be applied to this invoice.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-609

3.5 Information Hub regarding AI Data Centre Townhall info session with Minister Nate Glubish
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approves the attendance of any two Council members to attend the in-person Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information Hub featuring Honourable, Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation of Alberta scheduled for August 20, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located within Sturgeon County (location to be determined).

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-610

3.5 Information Hub regarding AI Data Centre Townhall info session with Minister Nate Glubish – Second Motion
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration, specifically the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of County Services, to attend the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information Hub virtual session featuring the Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, on August 27, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and further authorize attendance for any interested members of Council.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-611

4. Closed Session
Closed Session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Pursuant to Section 20 Personnel Matters and Section 19 Third Party Business Interests:
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council move to closed Session pursuant to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Part 1, Section 20: Personnel Matters, at 2:03 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Chief Administrative Officer, Chyenne Shaw
- Director of County Services, Jordan Ruegg
- Human Resources/ Health and Safety Coordinator, Jasmine Schaub

Record Secretary/ Legislative Services, Meaghan Andreychuk, left Council Chambers at 2:21 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260811-612

Out of Camera
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of In Camera Session at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260812-613

Adjournment

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Special Council Meeting of August 11, 2026, be adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Signature Apon Request

REEVE,

Craig Lukinuk

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Signature Apon Request

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,

Chyenne Shaw