

# Big Lakes County Bylaw

## Bylaw No-29 2022- Agricultural Service Board

Being a bylaw of Big Lakes County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing an Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

**WHEREAS** Section 3 of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter A-10 authorizes Council to pass a bylaw establishing an Agricultural Service Board; and

**WHEREAS** Section 2(a) of the *Agricultural Service Board Act* states, "The duties of an agricultural service board are 'to act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister, in matters of mutual concern,' and

**WHEREAS** Section 3(1) of the *Agricultural Service Board Act* states "A council may establish and appoint members to an agricultural service board", and Council so desires to appoint members to a board; and

**WHEREAS** Section 3(2) of the *Agricultural Service Board Act* states "The council is to determine the chair, the number of voting members, the voting status and the term of office of the members of the board"; and

**WHEREAS** Section 5(1) of the *Agricultural Service Board Act* states "A council may appoint one or more advisory committees with respect to any matter related to agriculture", and Section 5(2) states "an advisory committee appointed under this section shall act in an advisory capacity to the board and council": and

**WHEREAS** Council finds it expedient to delegate its powers, duties, or functions under the above sections of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*,

**NOW THEREFORE**, hereby enact as follows:

### INTERPRETATION

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the "Agricultural Service Board Bylaw"
2. Headings in this Bylaw are for reference purposes only.
3. Words in the masculine gender will include the feminine gender whenever the context so requires and vice versa.
4. Words in the singular shall include the plural or visa versa whenever the context so requires.

### DEFINITIONS

5. Definitions
  - a. "Act" shall mean the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter A-10, as amended.
  - b. "ASB" shall mean Big Lakes County Agricultural Service Board.
  - c. "Council" shall mean the Big Lakes County Council.
  - d. "County" shall mean the Big Lakes County.

- d. Chief Administrative Officer, or delegate (optional)

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

13. As defined by the *Agricultural Service Board Act* (RSA 2000 c. A-10 s.2, 2007 c. A-40.2 s.74), the duties of an ASB are as follows:

- a. Act as an advisory body and to assist Council and the Minister of Agriculture, in matter of mutual concern,
- b. Advise on and help organize and direct weed, pest control and soil and water conservation programs.
- c. Assist in the control of livestock disease under the Livestock Diseases Act.
- d. Promote, enhance, and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer.
- e. Promote and develop agricultural policies for approval by Council to meet the needs of the County

14. Additional roles and responsibilities are as follows:

- a. Annually review and recommend operating and capital budgets to Council for approval.
- b. Present an annual report of ASB activities in a form acceptable to Council and containing the information required by Council, as per Section 4 of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*.
- c. Advise the Agricultural Fieldman in carrying out the programs approved by Council in the annual operating and capital budgets.
- d. Review annually the Strategic Business Plan document describing all the goals and programs provided by the ASB and provide any recommended changes to Council.
- e. To advise Council with respect to proper land utilization in two capacities:
  - i. Generally, to improve the economic welfare of County farmers.
  - ii. Specifically, to implement land remediation and reclamation orders as outlined in the *Agricultural Service Board Act* (RSA 2000 c. A-10, 2010).
- f. Suggest and advise Council on environmental programs with Agricultural impacts.
- g. Review all ASB Policies as required and recommend changes to Council for adoption.

15. All ASB programs and procedures shall be subject to Council approval and County policies and bylaws.

16. All matters relating to administration shall be subject to County policy.

17. Some of the Acts that Agricultural Services and the Board are responsible for are as follows:

- a. The Agricultural Service Board Act
- b. The Weed Control Act
- c. Agricultural Operational Practices Act
- d. Animal Protection Act

## Effective Date

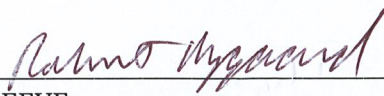
- 24. Big Lakes County Policy ASB-01 is hereby rescinded
- 25. This bylaw comes into effect after third reading and upon signing.

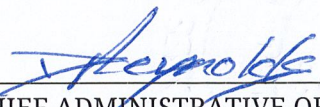
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