

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS  
MINUTES FOR THE COW CALF COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL-DRAFT  
MONDAY APRIL 10, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**

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**Present:** Penny Patton - *Chair*  
Kevin Stopanski - *Zone 1*  
Tyler Sawley - *Zone 2*  
Walt Suntjens - *Zone 4*  
Dick Wymenga - *Zone 5*  
Assar Grinde - *Zone 6*  
Lyndon Mansell - *Zone 8*  
Heinz Lemmer - *At Large*  
Devon Sengaus - *At Large*  
Tim Smith - *At Large*  
Brad Osadczuk - *Bd rep*

**Staff:** Fred Hays - *Policy Analyst*  
Rosanne Allen - *Office Admin*

**Absent:** Kevin Krebs - *Zone 3*  
Linda Messner - *Zone 9*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda 8:30 a.m.**

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(a) Adoption of agenda:

Motion by Smith/Stopanski:

**“That the agenda be approved with changes.”**

Carried

Minutes from the conference call on April 3, 2017 were distributed, but not reviewed.

**2. Decision Items**

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(a) ES Working Group proposal for board:

On the last conference call a small working group was created to work on this proposal. Hays sent an email to the members with a draft of the proposal. Is it the intent to have the board populate the working group. Grinde suggested putting forward the names for the working group created in December.

Motion by Grinde/Lemmer:

**“That the CCC present proposal ‘B’ to the ABP Board of Directors to create an Ecosystem Services working group.”**

Carried

**DIRECTION: that the CCC suggest to the Board of Directors that Heinz Lemmer, Assar Grinde, Tim Smith and Walt Suntjens populate the working group.**

Penny will discuss this at the Board meeting.

There are a few things that we need to address:

The Miistakis conference approached the Wildlife Committee last year looking for funding and input in developing a conference. At that time the Committee rejected the proposal. Patton suggested Miistakis submit a formal request and discussion will be made at our next meeting.

Resolution on compensation for wildlife habitat. Patton said that something had been done for this; a proposal will be coming forward from Colin Campbell to the council.

Hays has sent out information on Biodiversity to the Council. There was no further action about this required.

(b) Working groups and action list review:

The members discussed the various working groups that have been created and their roles. College enrollment was discussed and Smith asked about domestic enrollment over foreign. Isn't this issue a staff assignment rather than a working group issue? Mansell was asked if he would like some staff help.

(c) Review process for removal of delegates from CCC:

From the CCC Terms of Reference (2017). A member of the council appointed by the zone can be replaced if they do not attend meetings without good cause. But how do we replace a member-at-large who is elected at the AGM? Right now the system is onerous. Need to make the process easier.

Lemmer suggested that the Chair call member who has missed more than two meetings or conference calls.

**DIRECTION: the chair will contact members who have missed one meeting without notice or just cause to resolve their absences.**

**DIRECTION: for the chair to suggest to the ABP Board of Directors that this issue be considered by the Governance Committee**

(d) Oldman River Watershed member board appointment:

Hays was going to look into this issue and see who is involved in this. John De Groot attends the Watershed AGM for his grazing lease, and has represented ABP in the past. De Groot has agreed to represent ABP as a member at large.

Motion by Grinde/Sawley:

**“That the CCC approve the appointment of John de Groot as their representative on the Oldman River Watershed board as a member-at-large.”**

Carried

A request for John De Groot for board appointment to the Oldman River Watershed will be made prior to April 30, 2017.

### **3. Discussion Items**

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(a) ABP Councils, Committees and Working Groups – new roles and responsibilities-draft:

This document came from the board showing what the working groups would look like. There were edits to be made. Some discussion about having WG and subcommittees go directly to the board with their recommendations, and not having to go back to the Council, as indicated in the CCC Terms of Reference. Patton will discuss this at the next Board Meeting.

ABP Fireguard proposal. This had been presented to the CCC by Roland Cailliau and discussed and supported at the meeting on March 13, 2017. Patton will present this to the Board for their action.

(b) Presentations:

Is there anything the members would like to see a presentation on or something they would like to have more information on for future meetings? There were a few things that were presented last year that should be big picture items. Patton suggested a presented on GMO alfalfa or from Ducks Unlimited; capital financing options other than AFSC; success stories; agricultural easements that will help lower the price of land; at a recent Foothills Forage meeting there was a presentation on food integrity and meat consumption that was very good and interesting; maybe something on marketing options – besides a Canfax report.

We will make arrangements for another conferece call before the June meeting after the next board meeting on May 4, 2017.

### **4. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events**

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(a) Conference call after the next Board meeting on May 4, 2017.

(b) CCC meeting – June 15, 2017, Delta South, Edmonton, AB

### **5. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Patton at 9:50 a.m.