

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE COW CALF COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017, 8:00 P.M.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Present: Kevin Stopanski - *Zone 1*
Shane Hansen - *Zone 2*
Kevin Krebs - *Zone 3*
Walt Suntjens - *Zone 4*
Devon Sengaus - *Zone 5*
Assar Grinde - *Zone 6*
Martin Clausen - *Zone 7*
Blair Anderson - *Zone 8*
Linda Messner - *Zone 9*
Heinz Lemmer - *at Large*
Mike Nadeau - *at Large*
Tim Smith - *at Large*

Staff: Fred Hays - *Policy Analyst*
Rosanne Allen - *Executive Assistant*

The Hays called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Additions and Adoption of Agenda:

Additions: 2(a)(ii) Selection of Vice Chair:

Motion by Suntjens/Messner:

“That the agenda be approved with additions.”

Carried

2. Decision Items

(a) Selection of Cow Calf Council Chair and Vice Chair:

i. Selection of Chair:

Stopanski nominated Assar Grinde

Grinde nominated Tim Smith

Hansen nominated Heinz Lemmer

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

Tim Smith was elected as the Cow Calf Council Chair

ii. Selection of Vice Chair:

Stopanski nominated Assar Grinde

Messner nominated Heinz Lemmer

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

Assar Grinde elected as the Cow Calf Council Vice Chair

(b) Governance Committee representative:

Hansen nominated Linda Messner

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

Linda Messner was acclaimed the Cow Calf Council representative to the Governance Committee

(c) Audit Committee representative:

Messner nominated Kevin Krebs

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

Kevin Krebs was acclaimed the Cow Calf Council representative to the Audit Committee

(d) Representative to the Alberta Forage Industry Network (AFIN):

Anderson nominated Heinz Lemmer

Grinde nominated Martin Clausen

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

Heinz Lemmer was elected as the Cow Calf Council representative to the Alberta Forage Industry Network

(e) Representative to ABP Research Committee:

Sengaus nominated Kevin Stopanski

Messner nominated Mike Nadeau

Nominations were called three times

Nominations closed

The election was a tie, so a coin was flipped

Mike Nadeau won the coin toss and will be the Cow Calf Council representative on the Research Committee

(f) Ecosystems Working Group - Lemmer:

Lemmer discussed the ESWG project during the past year and development of the Alberta ES Programs list as ways for producers to receive financial return for undertaking ES initiatives; this had been approved by the Board earlier in the day. This document will be upgraded in appearance and made available on the ABP website. The ESWG will also communicate with several provincial agricultural groups about its availability.

(g) Cows and Fish - Hays:

Hays discussed the C&F recent activities. Peggy Strankman had been the chair during the past year, anticipating having another ABP member to be able to be part of their candidate list for chair for next year. There is a need for good governance strengths in that organization. Strankman had volunteered to stay on as chair for the following year, but would be willing to step aside at the wish of the Council. This will be addressed at the first Council meeting in the new year.

(h) Going forward:

The Council discussed possible direction and areas to be address for the next meeting and following year. This included developing a process or mechanism to deliver projects and communication to cow calf producers. Areas discussed included succession planning, Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+), the grizzly bear management plan, and addressing a biosecurity response dealing with potential disease outbreaks such as FMD. Any other topics for the next meeting should be forwarded to T. Smith and/or Hays.

(i) Selection of next council meeting date:

A date to be decided for the end of January, or first part of February 2018.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hansen at 9:30P.M.