

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP CONFERENCE CALL
TUESDAY AUGUST 21, 2018, 8:00 a.m.**

Present: Shane Hansen - *Chair*
Mike Nadeau - *Zone 9*

Staff: Fred Hays - *Policy Analyst*

F. Hays called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Additions and Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Nadeau/Hansen

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried

2. Decision Items

(a) Determine chair for Problem Wildlife Working Group

Shane Hansen volunteered to be chair. Approved by Nadeau.

(b) Miistakis Proposal- Human Wildlife Co-Existence on Agricultural Lands: Path to Coexistence - A Wayfinding

Guy Greenaway from Miistakis had presented to the Cow Calf Council at their meeting in Edmonton on June 13, 2018 the proposal for a problem wildlife forum to be held sometime later in 2018. This forum would work with members of the wildlife committee to determine a way forward to find solutions for predator and ungulate issues in rural Alberta. Groups to be included in this forum would include, but not limit AFSC, Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Fish and Wildlife, and others. Prior to the ABP Wildlife meeting, Greenaway had discussed the focus of the forum and wanted to have clear direction from ABP, and other potential participants about their direction and present policy dealing with wildlife and coexisting with wildlife in rural Alberta.

There was some discussion about the budget for this project. \$10,000 had been allocated from the Cow Calf Council for the undertaking. Miistakis would invoice on time and materials used up to this amount, if needed. If the project did not seem to be going anywhere, there would be no further expenses.

Greenaway wanted to have good support and direction from ABP about their issues and policy. Hansen and Nadeau concurred; this had to come from the ABP board.

Direction: to have staff gather some current problem wildlife issues speaking points to be reviewed by the WG. There would be another conference call by the Problem WLWG on August 23, 2018 at 8am to review and edit this information, including an introduction to the Miistakis forum.

The Problem WLWG wanted to allow the Cow Calf Council to be able to address these concepts for the forum. The final

speaking points/items would be emailed to the Cow Calf Council for their review after August 23, 2018 for their comments. A final list and comments would be send to Tim Smith, chair Cow Calf Council, as information for the next ABP board meeting scheduled for September 5, 2018.

3. Next Meeting

(a) Conference call on August 23, 2018 at 8 a.m.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hansen at 9:00 a.m.