

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE COW CALF COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL
TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2015

Present: Tim Smith - *Chair, Zone 4*
Rick Friesen - *Zone 1*
Jake Meyer - *Zone 2*
Brodie Haugan - *Zone 1 @ large*
Walt Suntjens - *Zone 4 @ large*
Rose Wymenga - *Zone 5*
Kelly Fraser - *Zone 5 @ large*
Assar Grinde - *Zone 6*
Ted Ford - *Zone 7*
Brian Chomlak - *Zone 8*
Norm Hennigar - *Zone 9*

Staff: Fred Hays - *Policy Analyst*

Absent: John Bland - *Zone 3*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Adoption of agenda:

Motion by Wymenga/Suntjens:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were not addressed.

3. Financial Report

The financial report was not addressed.

4. Decision Items

The meeting was called to address Terms of Reference recommendation to the Board for the new Wildlife Committee that is being formed. There was some possible overlap of objectives between the two committees. The CCC has the opportunity to provide some recommendations dealing with these objectives and Terms of Reference for the Wildlife Committee. The biggest challenge was dealing with areas of wildlife compensation issues, including losses of crops, forage and pasture including swath and bale grazing and insurance issues dealing in the same items. The CCC reviewed drafts of the Wildlife Committee Terms of Reference recommendations and a revised Cow Calf Council Terms of Reference that would address these overlap objectives. The recommended draft Terms of Reference for the Wildlife Committee were agreed on in principle. The Wildlife Committee would have policy responsibility for issues of wildlife damage due to predation, and support membership in Wildlife related programs. It would also deal with post harvest crop

and forage issues including swath, bale and corn grazing compensation assessment. However, it is recommended that direct negotiation with Agriculture Financial Service Corporation (AFSC) would go through the CCC’s Safety-net subcommittee. To ensure good communication the Wildlife Committee could have one member on the Safety-net subcommittee. The WC could deal with compensation administration issues such as livestock evaluation within the existing established protocols or slow producer payments with participating organizations including AFSC.

Motion by Chomlak/Hennigar:

“That the Wildlife Committee could have one member on the Safety-net subcommittee.”

Carried

The CCC Safety-net subcommittee would continue to deal with insurance and compensation policy issues of Business Risk Management (BRM) involved with crops, pastures and forages. Any wildlife-related policy issues would be communicated from the Wildlife Committee to the CCC/Safety-net subcommittee for dealings with AFSC to ensure non-compromising viewpoints.

Motion by Ford/Grinde:

“That the Cow Calf Council would have one member on Wildlife Committee.”

Carried

The Cow Calf Council Terms of Reference draft was updated to address this relationship with the Wildlife Committee. Tim Smith would present these recommendations at the next ABP Board meeting.

5. General Reading Material

- (a) Wildlife Committee Terms of Reference- draft
- (b) Cow Calf Council Terms of Reference- draft

6. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

A future meeting of the CCC would be held in June in conjunction with the Semi-Annual meeting at Edmonton.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Grinde at 2:30 p.m.