

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 14, 2023, at 1:00pm – ABP Board Room In Person / Virtual**

Present: Brodie Haugan - *Chair, SE*
Sheila Hillmer - *Vice Chair, SW*
Fred Lozeman - *@ Finance Chair, SW*

Jay Hager - *@ Large*
George L'Heureux - *@ Large*
Nanita Blomquist - *@ Large*
Kent Holowath - *@ Large*
Lee Irvine - *@ Large*
Doug Roxburgh - *@ CT*
Miles Wowk - *@ NE*

“That the minutes from the February 28th, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting were approved.”

Motion by Hager / Irvine: Carried

(b) Minutes of the March 1st, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting

“That the minutes from the March 1st, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting were approved.”

Regrets: Gary These -*@ NW*

Motion by Hager / Irvine: Carried

Staff: Brad Dubeau - *General Manager*
Donald Poitras - *Controller*
Kathy Jardine - *Executive / Accounting Assistant*

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Reporting ending February 28th, 2023

“That the ABP financial statements be approved as presented.”

Motion by Lozeman / L'Heureux: Carried

(b) Refund Update

Haugan updated the board on refunds.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

4. Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Staff Update

ABP Operations report was included in the board package.

“That the agenda be approved (with additions and changes).”

Addition:

7 (l) Election Initiatives - Government Priorities

Motion by Hillmer / Wowk: Carried

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) Research Committee:

The Ag Consortium letters are due April 30th, 2023.

BCRC - Lots of projects are up for evaluation.

(b) AFCA Update:

First board meeting after ABIC – April 18th, 2023.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the February 28th, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting

(c) CCA Update:

Bill C282 is a big issue, discussions on trade issues.

CCA AGM March 22 - 24th, 2023.

The Board went In-camera at 2:04pm.

Motion by Hillmer / Roxburgh:

“ABP Board to go into In Camera.”

Carried

The Board came out of In-camera at 2:25pm.

Motion by Lozeman:

“ABP Board to come out of In Camera.”

Carried

6. Decision Items

(a) Confirm ABP - CCA Board Members

The following producers Graham Overguard, Curtis Vander Heyden and Greg Schmidt have submitted nominations for the Alberta CCA open positions at large. The ABP Board is required to confirm these individuals.

Graham Overguard, Curtis Vander Hayden, Greg Schmidt

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Graham Overguard, Curtis Vander Heyden and Greg Schmidt to CCA representing Alberta at large.”

Motion by Holowath / Wowk:

Carried

The following ABP board members have expressed interest in the appointed ABP position as a CCA Director.

Miles Wowk, Doug Roxburgh, George L’Heureux

An election was held by texting the votes to Dubeau-ABP General Manager and verified by Jardine – Executive/Accounting Assistant.

Roxburgh was successful and welcomed as the new appointed ABP CCA director.

(b) Confirm Audit Committee

George L’Heureux, Kent Holowath – Chair, Brenda Rosadiuk, Colin Rice

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms George L’Heureux, Kent Holowath, Brenda Rosadiuk and Colin Rice to the 2023 audit committee.”

Motion by Blomquist / Hager:

Carried

(c) Agency Service Agreement – Haugan

Discussions were held by the board on the current service agreement with the agency and the suggested amount increase of 10 to 13 cents by the Auction Markets from the current 5 cents we are paying. The following motion was set forth.

“That Dubeau engage with legal council to determine if there is a compensation to be negotiated between ABP and the agency to compensate remitters on an increase of 5 cents.”

Motion by Hillmer / Hager:

Tabled

Discussions were held on the motion after being tabled by the board and a new motion was put forward.

“That ABP enter negotiations with the agency to increase compensation to remitters by 5 cents out of the National levy.”

Motion by L’Heureux / Wowk:

Carried

(d) ABP Board Resolutions – Haugan / Dubeau

Central Zone

Mover: Anthony Rosadiuk

Seconder: Colin Campbell

Whereas: We currently like the format and presentation of the current ABP magazine.

Be it resolved: The ABP magazine keeps the current format as an information resource for the membership.

Open discussions were held by the board and the motion defeated due to not holding the magazine to a no change policy.

Motion by Holowath / Hillmer:

Defeated

Mover: Assar Grinde
Seconder: Greg Bowie

Whereas: The intensity and destruction of wildland-urban interface fires in Alberta, and the costs of fighting such fires and rebuilding the communities is becoming unbearable. More effective, and cheaper, preventative methods are needed.

And whereas,

Creating large firebreaks around urban areas by removing coniferous fuel types is one of the most effective forms of Fire smarting a community, the costs of creating and maintaining this change in fuel type with manpower has been a barrier to adoption.

And whereas,

Cattle producers have been losing pastureland to development and cultivation, there is a potential solution to address both problems- using cattle to maintain an open, mixed grass-woodlot around communities, as is being piloted in British Columbia already.

Be it resolved: ABP lobby the Alberta Government to establish community pastures and grazing reserves in the green zone around forested communities to reduce fire risks to urban areas while also increasing available grazing land for cattle.

Open discussions were held by the board, and all were in agreement that this resolution would be better served if the resolution was sent to the RMA as it was not within ABP’s mandate but ABP would support and encourage the RMA to investigate fire mitigation around the out skirts of towns and cities on the issue.

Motion by Hillmer / L’Heureux:

Defeated

Northeast Zone

Mover: Jesse Campbell
Seconder: Wacey Manning

Whereas: The shortage of skilled truckers for hauling cattle.

Be it resolved: ABP explore the possibility of the creation of a training program to certify livestock haulers that would qualify them for the ABP/ Alberta Cattle Feeders insurance and in addition include safe cattle handling, and traffic safety.

Open discussions were held by the board and the resolution was defeated as ABP can not create a training program, but they could be of assistance when Alberta Cattle Feeders get results from the feasibility study on insurance provided by an industry organization.

Motion by Irvine / Roxburgh:

Defeated

(e) Confirm CCIA Rep - Dubeau

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Howard Bekkering as the ABP CCIA rep for a 2-year term ending in March 2025.

Motion by Holowath / Hillmer:

Carried

7. Discussion Items

- (a) PNWER - Hillmer to attend July 16th – July 20th
- (b) Director Responsibilities

Discussions were held by the ABP board

(c) AGM & Delegate Day - Semi Annual

Discussions were held by the board on the AGM and Delegate day with positive results from the 2023 AGM.

The Semi Annual was discussed and the following motion was brought forward to the ABP board.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors agree that they will not pursue a semi-annual

meeting and would rather pursue other initiatives or events.

Motion by Blomquist / Hillmer:

Carried

(d) ABP 12th Board of Director

Discussions were held by the board.

(e) ABP Auction Market Communication

Discussions were held by the board.

(f) Minister Bibeau Meeting

Discussions were held by the board.

(g) C-282 Update

Discussions were held by the board.

(h) Beef Competiveness Study

Discussions were held by the board.

(i) CRSB Nomination

Discussions were held by the board.

(j) Canada – United Kingdom (UK) FTA meeting with Agriculture and Irrigation / Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism.

Discussions were held by the board.

(k) Intensive Livestock Working Group

Dubeau spoke to a one more year commitment to ILWG and Bekkering would like off the committee. L'Heureux put his name forward:

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms George L’Heureux to a 1-year term on the ILWG committee ending in March 2024.

Motion by Hager / Hillmer:

Carried

7 (l) Election Initiatives - Government Priorities

To be discussed at the May 17th ABP Board of Directors meeting.

8. Zone reports

Northeast Zone

Voted Emil as the new Zone coordinator. Attended the trade show at Czar.

Northwest Zone

No updates.

Southwest Zone

Sponsored two events.

Southeast Zone

Attended the womens calving clinic.

Central

Supported Cattle show NE of Edmonton.

9. In Camera

(a) The Board went in-camera at 5:10pm.

Motion by Roxburgh / Hillmer:

“ABP Board to go into In Camera.”

Carried

10. Reading Material

The reading material is included in the Board package and was reviewed as part of the Board meeting.

11. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

(a) May 17th, 2023 – Virtual

(b) July 11th, 2023 – In-person

(c) Sept 13th, 2023 – Virtual

(d) Nov 15th, 2023 – In Person

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Hillmer at 5:10pm.