

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 14th, 2024 – 12:00pm – 5:00pm – Virtual**

Present:

Brodie Haugan	-Chair, SE
Doug Roxburgh	-Vice Chair, CT
Kent Holowath	-Finance Chair, SE
Aydon Alberg	- @ Large
Colin Rice	- @ Large
Kent Holowath	- @ Large
Bernie Doerksen	- @ NW
Miles Wowk	- @ NE
Brad Mappin	- @ Large
Brenda Rosadiuk	- @ Large
Sheila Hillmer	- @ Large
Fred Lozeman	- @ Large

“That the minutes from the February 26th Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried

(b) Minutes of the February 28th, 2024, Board of Director meeting.

Motion by Roxburgh / Alberg:

“That the minutes from the February 28th Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.”

Regrets: Lee Irvine

Carried

Staff: Brad Dubeau - *General Manager*
Donald Poitras - *Controller*
Kathy Jardine - *Executive Assn.*

(b) Issues arising from the minutes.

No issues arose.

Guests:

- (a) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association – Adams
- (b) Western Stock Growers Association - Wilson
- (c) Feeders Association of Alberta – Bowhay
- (d) Alberta Auction Markets Association – Martin

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

Motion by Holowath / Wowk:

“That the agenda be approved as amended.”

Carried

(a) Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest expressed by attendees.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the February 26th, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Roxburgh / Rosadiuk:

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Reporting ending February 29th, 2024.

- Our expenses are at 79.4% of an expected budget of 91.7%. Still under budget so far this year with more work / receipts to come in the AGM and ABIC, and marketing.
- There are no out of the ordinary expenses to discuss at this time. We continue to have a strong balance sheet. Our Equity portion of our investments are marginally higher at 20.3%, compared to the board instructions of 20%. For March, if it is over 20%, it will only be due to fluctuations in the market.

Motion by Holowath /Lozeman:

“That the ABP February 29th, 2024, financial statements be approved as presented.”

Carried

4. Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

(a) Staff Update

- ABP’s February 2024 Staff Operations reports are included in the board package.

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) ACFA Update:

- Approximately 600 in attendance at ABIC and are pleased with how the conference went.
- Captive insurance is looking very promising, this is a study that ACFA has been looking at over the past year and will be presenting to ABP in the near future.

(b) Western Stock Growers Association

- No representative in attendance.

(c) Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association: Forbes

- AGLA's AGM in Lethbridge was very well attended.
- Minister Loewen attended and announced in the coming weeks he will be announcing a ministries advisory council for the recreational access regulation review that will be coming out in the spring.

(d) Feeders Association of Alberta

- Yearly audit with ATB to update FAA's contract with ATB and Alberta Breeder Finance Inc.

(e) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association: Dr Kutryk

- No representative was in attendance.

(f) Alberta Auction Markets Association:

- Auction markets have been busy through Jan and February but starting to show numbers tightening up as we approach April.

(g) CCA Update:

- CCA AGM is in Ottawa March 18th – March 21st.
- Hillmer appointed as the Alberta Representative for CCA.
- Discussions were held by the board on the upcoming CCA AGM meetings.

(h) Research Committee & BCRC

- ABP Research Committee hosted a Research Showcase at Old's College on March 11th, 2024.
- Two representatives are to be elected by the research committee for BCRC, the positions are currently held by Graeme Finn and John Doherty and both individuals are open to continuing.

6. Decision Items

(a) Board Resolutions

“Be it Resolved That CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) advocate for the removal of all present restrictions and reporting requirements currently in effect due to BSE.”

Mover: Wowk

Secunder: Rice

Central

Carried

2) Whereas The beef industry has room for growth through genetic improvement. The industry is not taking full advantage of this potential the same way the dairy industry is. Dairy can target desired genetics with pinpoint accuracy and make exponential improvements. The beef industry is also at risk of multi-national companies identifying superior genetics and having ownership. I feel that as an industry we must take an issue that needs to be defined and to develop a strategy to move forward.

“Be it Resolved That Alberta Beef Producers explores ways to work with commercial and seed stock producers, genetic companies, researchers and applied research associations and funders like RDAR to gather mass data and identify superior genetics in a non- biased way. I believe a collaborative approach would benefit all

“Be it Resolved That ABP develop a provincial and national climate program that promotes existing grassland habitat carbon program.”

The above resolution was brought forward to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was amended to read **“Be it Resolved That Alberta Beef Producers engage a provincial and national climate program that promotes existing grassland habitat carbon reimbursement program.”**

Mover: Miles Wowk Second: Almberg

The above amended resolution was brought forward again to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was defeated by the Alberta Beef Producers on the grounds that a national climate program that promotes existing grassland habitat carbon reimbursement program is not within Alberta Beef Producers mandate.

Mover: Hillmer Second: Lozeman

Northeast Defeated

7) Whereas Foot and mouth disease has been spreading worldwide. and the likelihood of it reaching the Canadian beef herd is a reality in our industry.

“Be it Resolved That ABP develop a committee consisting of all cloven-hoofed animals’ including wildlife species to develop an emergency response plan with the CFIA and to have a date of completion.”

The above resolution was brought forward to the ABP Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was amended to read **“Be it Resolved That ABP engage with all cloven-hoofed animals including wildlife species to develop an emergency response plan with CFIA and Animal Health Canada to have a date of completion.”**

Mover: Wowk Second: Doerksen

The above amended resolution was brought forward again to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was carried. **“Be it resolved That ABP advocate on behalf of producers to develop an emergency response plan with CFIA and Animal Health Canada to have a**

date for completion and referred to the ABP Policy Manual 17.2.”

Disease Outbreaks Policy

17.2 ABP will work with CFIA and associated stakeholders to provide clear and efficient emergency response protocols for producers.

Approved: November 22, 2023

Mover: Lozeman Second: Wowk

Northeast Carried

8) Whereas The Alberta Government continues to fund extended grazing project and research but fails through the wildlife damage program to acknowledge the extended grazing season.

“Be it Resolved That ABP lobby the government to change the wildlife damage program to include extended grazing systems and eliminate the end date of OCT 31st.”

The above resolution was brought forward to the ABP Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was amended to read **“Be it Resolved That ABP lobby the government to change the wildlife damage program to include extended grazing systems and extend the end date of October 31st.”**

Mover: Almberg Second: Wowk

The above amended resolution was brought forward again to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024, and was carried. **“Be it Resolved That ABP lobby the government to change the wildlife damage program to include extended grazing systems and extend the end date of October 31st.”**

Mover: Lozeman Second: Hillmer

Northeast Carried

9) Whereas CO2 has become a target and presented as a pollutant rather than the building of life.

“Be it Resolved That ABP starts to inform the public on the benefits of CO2 as a positive, showcasing the benefits of the Carbon Cycle and how beef production plays a role in our quality of life.”

The above resolution was brought forward to the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024. There was no mover or seconder on the resolution.

Southwest Defeated

(b) Agency Allocations

- **“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors set the agency allocation for the fiscal year 2025–2026 as follows.**
- **Motion was tabled with agency allocations to be confirmed by the new Board of Directors on March 14th, 2024.”**

Research	32
Canada Beef	63.5
PSE	4.5

Motion by Holowath / Doerksen

The motion to table the Agency allocation was lifted and restated below:

- **“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors set the agency allocation for the fiscal year 2025–2026 as follows.**

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Motion by Holowath / Doerksen

Carried

(c) Fully Funded Industry Working Group

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors direct the General Manger to strike a working group to begin exploring options to develop a plan for returning to a non-refundable commission and report back to the board for discussion.”

Motion by Rice / Holowath

Carried

(d) CCA Fly Ins

Discussions were held by the board and a motion was brought forward:

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors support the current fly in request from CCA and send to two individuals for meetings in Ottawa.”

Motion by Doerksen / Hillmer

Carried

(e) Western Stock Growers Association & Alberta Cattle Feeders Association

The Western Stock Growers Association has extended the same invitation to ABP to have an elected representative sit in on their board meetings as a non-voting member.

Discussions were held by the ABP board, and the decision was made to leave Jay Hager on as the ABP elected representative to sit on the board meetings as a non-voting member of Western Stock Growers Association.

The Alberta Cattle Feeders Association of Alberta has extended the same invitation to ABP to have an elected representative sit in on their board meetings as a non-voting member.

Motion by Doerksen / Holowath

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approves Roxburgh, Hillmer, Haugan and Lozeman as an alternative to participate in Alberta Cattle Feeders Association Board meetings and provide reports back to ABP board.”

Carried

7. Discussions Items

(a) AGM and Alberta Beef Industry Conference

- AGM and ABIC very well attended.
- Marketing council was impressed with ABP’s resolution process and would like to utilize our resolution process to help other commissions.

- Discussions were held by the board.

(b) Alberta Farm Animal Care Update

- Alberta Farm Animal Care has officially released that AFAC has been closed and communication around the alert line was discussed by the board.

(c) Grassland Initiative Review

- Documents were provided in the board package and the board discussed the Grasslands Initiative leading into CCA's AGM.

(d) New Board Governance Training & Media

Media and Governance training will be held on May 1st or May 2nd.

(e) Board Indemnity Agreement

- Board Indemnity agreement was included in the Board Package and please sign and bring to the May 1st and May 2nd in person meetings.

(f) Alberta Purebred and Processor Representation

- Discussion were held by the board on potential ways to fill some gaps and to ensure that the industry is being represented and communicated with.

(g) DEMAG

- Agri -recovery has approximately 7800 applications and will be finalizing all the 7800 applications.
- Applications should start moving to cheque status by the end of March.

(h) VBP+ Update

Discussions were held by the board on upcoming VBP+ announcements.

8. Zone reports

Northwest Zone

- Bull sales have been good

Northwest Zone

- Some sponsorship opportunities that the zone is looking into.

Southwest Zone

- No meetings since the AGM

Southeast Zone

- Craig Lehr will be the new zone coordinator for the SE. Working on some 4H requests.

Central

- No meetings since the AGM

9. In Camera

- (a) The Board went in-camera at 4:29 pm.

Motion by Hillmer / Wowk:

“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

May 1st and May 2nd, In person ABP Boardroom
May 8th – Budget Draft - Virtual
June 19th, 2024 – Virtual
July 9th – In Person- TBA
September 18th – In Person – ABP Boardroom

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Wowk at 4:52p.m.