

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 17th, 2023 at 8:30am – ABP Board Room - Virtual

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

Jay Hager - *@ Large*
Kent Holowath - *@ Large*
Lee Irvine - *@ Large*
Doug Roxburgh - *@ CT*
Miles Wowk - *@ NE*
Gary These - *@NW*

Regrets: George L’Heureux
Nanita Blomquist
Lyle Adams

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

Guests:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:41 am.

1. Adoption of Agenda

“That the agenda be approved.”

Motion by Holowath / Irvine:

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the March 14th, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.

“That the minutes from the March 14th, 2023 and the April 11th, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”

Motion by Lozeman / Kent:

Carried

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Reporting ending March 31st, 2023

“That the ABP March 31st, 2023 and the April 30th, 2023 financial statements be approved as presented.”

Motion by Lozeman / Hillmer:

Carried

(c) Budget 2023 - 2024

“That the ABP Draft Budget be approved as presented.”

Motion by Lozeman / These:

Required Motions for Fiscal 2023/2024:

“To move \$ 783,728 from unrestricted net assets to ABP operations budget.”

Motion by Lozeman / Wowk:

Carried

“To move \$93,521 from unrestricted net assets to Operating reserve fund future years.”

Motion by Lozeman / These:

Carried

“To move \$ 371,200 from unrestricted net assets to Unrealized Nesbitt Burns Account.”

Motion by Lozeman / Holowath:

Carried

“To leave \$150,612 of CCA carry over from contributions in unrestricted. ABP will be assessed on these dollars in the next fiscal year.”

Motion by Lozeman / Hager:

Carried

Motion by Holowath / Hillmer:

Govt of Canada Automobile Allowance

Carried

“That Alberta Beef producers follow the Canada Revenue Agency mileage rates at the beginning of Alberta Beef producers’ fiscal year.”

The following individuals Aydon Almberg and Jim Bowhay have expressed their interest in being part of the Tier Advisory Team and approved by TAT via a phone call. The Board is required to confirm these individuals to the committee.

Motion by Hager / Holowath:

Carried

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Aydon Almberg and Jim Bowhay to the Tier Advisory Team.”

4. Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

(a) Staff Update

Motion by Hillmer / Hager:

ABP’s April 2023 Staff Operations report was included in the board package.

Carried

6 (b) North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization dedicated to promoting the health and sustainability of the North Saskatchewan River and its watershed. With a focus on collaboration and community engagement, the NSWA has for more than 20 years worked to protect and enhance the quality of water and the health of aquatic ecosystems within the watershed, while also supporting the social and economic well-being of the region.

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) Research Committee:

Brief update on ABP research committee, Living Labs project and BCRC.

**** Note**** Craig Lehr is the chair for BCRC and the Research Committee.

“That ABP will send a representative on behalf of ABP to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.”

(b) ACFA Update:

First ACFA in person Board meeting since their AGM.

Motion by Holowath / These:

(c) CCA Update:

Brief updates from CCA since their AGM, not much activity.

Carried

6. Decision Items

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Miles Wowk to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Committee.”

6 (a) Tier Advisory Team (TAT)

The following individual Miles Wowk has expressed his interest in being part of the Tier Advisory Team and approved by TAT via a phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

Motion by Hager / Holowath:

Carried

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Miles Wowk to the Tier Team.”

6 (c) Alberta Forage Industry Network

The following individual Emil Dmytriw has expressed his interest in populating the Alberta Forage Industry Network and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Emil Dmytriw to the Alberta Forage Industry Network.”

Motion by Hillmer / These:

Carried

6 (d) Intensive Livestock Working Group

The following individual Colin Rice has expressed his interest in populating the Intensive Livestock Working Group and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Colin Rice to the Intensive Livestock Working Group.”

Motion by Hillmer / Holowath:

Carried

6 (e) Alberta Farm Animal Care

The following individual Kaylee Chizawsky has expressed her interest in populating the Alberta Farm Animal Care Committee and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Kaylee Chizawsky to the Alberta Farm Animal Care committee.”

Motion by Hillmer / Hager:

Carried

6 (f) Livestock Identification Services

The following individual Craig Lehr has confirmed he would let his name stand again for another term on the Livestock Identification Services committee and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Craig Lehr to the Livestock Identification Services committee.”

Motion by Hager / Holowath:

Carried

6 (g) VBP+ Management Committee

The following individual Brodie Haugan has confirmed he would let his name stand again for another term on VBP+ Management Committee. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Brodie Haugan for another term on the VBP+ Management committee.”

Motion by Hillmer / Holowath:

Carried

6 (h) Canadian Beef Cattle Check Off Agency

The following individual Sheila Hillmer has confirmed she would let her name stand again for another term on Canadian Beef Cattle Check Off Agency Committee. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Sheila Hillmer for another term on the Canadian Beef Cattle Check Off Agency committee.”

Motion by Lozeman / Hager:

Carried

6 (i) Technical Advisory Group

The following individual John Doherty has expressed his interest in populating the Technical Advisory

Group Committee and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms John Doherty to the Technical Advisory Group committee.”

Motion by Hillmer / These:

Carried

6 (j) Cows and Fish

The following individual George L’Heureux has confirmed he would let his name stand again for another term on the Cows and Fish Committee. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms George L’Heureux for another term on the Cows and Fish committee.”

Motion by These / Lozeman:

Carried

6 (k) Drought and Excess Moisture Advisory Group

The following individual Rod Carlyon has confirmed he would let his name stand again for another term on the Drought and Excess Moisture Advisory Group. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Rod Carylon for another term on the Drought and Excess Moisture Advisory Group.”

Motion by Holowath / Lozeman:

Carried

6 (l) Ag Safe Alberta

The following individual Bernie Doerksen has expressed his interest in populating the Ag Safe Alberta Committee and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Bernie Doerksen to the Ag Safe Alberta committee.”

Motion by These / Hillmer:

Carried

6 (m) Land Agent Advisory Committee

The following individual Kyle Lemmer has expressed his interest in populating the Land Agent Advisory Committee and approved by TAT via phone call. The Board is required to confirm this individual to the committee.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors confirms Kyle Lemmer to the Land Agent Advisory committee.”

Motion by Holowath / Hager:

Carried

6 (n) Ag Safe 3 Year Funding Commitment

Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors will consider the request by Ag Safe for a three-year funding commitment for the Fiscal 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 of \$25,125.00/year.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors commits to a 3-year funding commitment for the Fiscal 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 of \$25,125.00/year.”

Motion by Hillmer / Lozeman:

Carried

6 (o) AGLA Stewardship Project

AGLA is asking the industry organizations who sit around the table at the Operational Disposition Holders Committee for an expression of interest to help finance the project longer term as well as provide volunteers for content creation. Additional funding and content support will allow this project to continue past the lifespan of the grant funding as a beef industry communications tool centred around the grazing lease program and those that operate on

Crown lands. Other livestock industry organizations have already committed to supplying some funding once the grant money has been spent, provided the analytics show a positive impact through the campaign. We are not asking for a specific amount – we would leave that up to the organizations to decide what they can afford / offer.

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors commits funding for the AGLA Stewardship Project of \$3000.00 along with digital support if requested. This is conditional on the success of the first 6 months of the program.”

Motion by Holowath / Hillmer:

Carried

7. Discussions Items

(a) Alberta Beef Industry Conference / Alberta Beef Producers AGM.

On going discussions with Alberta Cattle Feeders and how ABP fits into the program. Discussions were held by the board.

(b) Canadian Beef Industry Conference

(1) ABP Tour

Update on the ABP tour, discussions were held by the board.

(2) Booth

Update on the booth, discussions were held by the board.

(c) 2023 Amended By-Laws – Article 51

“That Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors recognizes and accepts the Amended By-Law Article 51 regarding members of the Executive.”

Motion by Hager / Holowath:

Carried

(d) Invitation to other organizations to attend Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors meetings.

Dubeau to reach out to Presidents of other Beef Industry organizations to extend an invitation to attend ABP’s Board of Directors meetings.

(e) Alberta Beef Producers Summit

The Alberta Beef Producers Summit will be held at the Hotel Arts in Calgary. Discussions were held by the board.

(f) CRSB Working Group and Nominee

Aaydon Almberg was nominated for the CRSB Working Group. Discussions were held by the board.

(g) Traceability Meeting Update

Discussions were held by the board.

(h) Alberta Auction Market Update

Discussions were held by the board.

(i) Alberta Wildfires Update

Discussions were held by the board.

(j) ABP / ACFA Memorandum of Agreement Update

Discussions were held by the board.

8. Zone reports

Northeast Zone

Sponsoring Bullarama and several 4-H shows.

Northwest Zone

Reached out to some 4-H clubs inquiring about sponsorship.

Southwest Zone

Sponsorship of three, 4-H events.

Southeast Zone

Sponsored seven 4-H events.

Central

No activity.

9. In Camera

(a) The Board went in-camera at 1:38pm.

Motion by Hillmer / Holowath:

“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) July 11th, 2023 – In-person – Hotel Arts, Calgary
- (b) Sept 13th, 2023 – Virtual
- (c) Nov 15th, 2023 – In Person – ABP Boardroom

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Hillmer at 2:13pm.