

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE COW CALF COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL**  
**MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019, 8:30 a.m.**

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**Present:** Tim Smith - *Chair, @ Large*  
Shane Hansen - *Vice Chair, Zone 2*  
Kevin Stopanski - *Zone 1*  
Katlyn Benedict - *Zone 5*  
Martin Clausen - *Zone 7*  
Emil Dmytriw - *Zone 8*  
Kody Traxel - *@ Large*  
Brodie Haugen - *BOD representative*

**Staff:** Tom Lynch-Staunton - *GR & Policy*

**Absent:** Shawn Freimark - *Zone 4*  
Kolton Kasur - *Zone 6*  
Mike Nadeau - *Zone 9*  
Jodi Flaig - *@ Large*

Haugen gave a quick summary about his recommendations to improve the current TOR which would include being more focussed with specific objectives for the year that would be measurable, to get the most value out of the CCC. The CCC needs goals that it can accomplish and be proud of for the year, then communicate to producers what was accomplished at the end of the year. Haugen and Lynch-Staunton suggested developing a workplan each year that would show what the CCC plans to accomplish, whereas the TOR could be more general. Hansen suggested developing a list of potential activities, then prioritize them for the year.

Hansen suggested we update the TOR to say that it will include developing a yearly workplan. Create some guidelines around what to include in the workplan.

**DIRECTION: Lynch-Staunton and Haugen will draft a 2019-2020 CCC Workplan to attach to the Terms of Reference and will submit to the council for review.**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

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(a) Additions and Adoption of Agenda:

Hansen suggested members provide any updates to the council on the agenda if there is enough time left at the end of the conference call.

Motion by Hansen/Dmytriw

**“That the agenda be approved as presented.”**

Carried

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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(a) Minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting

Motion by Stopanski/Benedict:

**“That the minutes from the January 21, 2019 be approved as presented.”**

Carried

(b) Matters arising:

Hansen was wondering if Lynch-Staunton had followed up with John De Groot and whether he was still part of the Oldman Watershed Council. Lynch-Staunton hasn't yet but has it and several other directives from the January 21, 2019 meeting on his list to complete.

**3. Decision Items**

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(a) Cow Calf Council Terms of Reference and 2019 Work Plan:

Stopanski requested more information about the purpose of the Cull Cow Working Group. This working group is hoping to prevent crippled and/or diseased cows from coming to the market and to explore if a program could be created to determine a suspect animal could still be salvaged for meat, then to see how we could get cows killed and inspected on farm to recoup some meat value. The CC working group will explore whether there are some solutions available

Lynch-Staunton questioned to see if the CCC wants to be involved in animal health and welfare as outlined in the TOR. It was suggested he check with Karin to see if it and the AFAC conference are already covered.

**DIRECTION: Lynch-Staunton to follow up with Karin to see if Animal Welfare and participation in AFAC is covered and/or if the CCC needs to be involved.**

The CCC also asked if Lynch-Staunton could check to see if the Environmental Stewardship Award committee reviews the selection criteria or would like the CCC to review the award criteria as one of its tasks for this year. It was the understanding that Greg Bowie, Past ESA Committee member, developed the selection criteria more than 10 years ago, but don't know if it has ever been updated/reviewed.

**DIRECTION: Lynch-Staunton to check with Rich to see if the criteria should be reviewed and whether the CCC should review and update it.**

The CCC is comfortable with the TOR with the changes as proposed.

Motion by Hansen/Dmytriw:

**“That the CCC Terms of Reference be approved with the noted changes.”**

Carried

(b) Cow Calf Council 2019-2020 Budget:

Based on the direction from the CCC at the January 2019 meeting, Lynch-Staunton put together a budget based on previous years’ budgets and expected expenses for council members. Lynch-Staunton walked the council through the budget.

Motion by Hansen/Stopanski:

**“That the CCC approve the 2019-2020 Budget and it be submitted to the Board of Directors.”**

Carried

(c) Redistribution of H. Lemmer’s responsibilities:

Lynch-Staunton circulated the current activities/committees/ organizations participation list with Lemmer’s participation highlighted. It was suggested that Lynch-Staunton redistribute the list with a bit more information about each organization that Lemmer was involved with so members can make a more informed decision. If someone from the Council wants to take one on, they can volunteer through email.

It was also suggested that Lynch-Staunton reach out to Zone 3 to see if they have someone from their zone to replace Heinz on the Council and if they want to participate in the Bow River Basin Council (if deemed important).

**DIRECTION: Lynch-Staunton to redistribute information on organizations and committees that Heinz was involved with and to reach out to Zone 3**

Motion by Dmytriw/Stopanski:

**“That the Council approve sending Kevin Stopanski to the 2019 AFAC Conference.”**

Carried

**4. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events**

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(a) Alberta Beef Industry Conference registration:

ABP has 2 extra registrations and hotel booked if anyone from the Council wants to attend. Any member wishing to go is to let Lynch-Staunton and/or Rosanne Allen know ASAP.

**5. Updates**

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(a) Wildlife Working Group:

Hansen gave an update on the Wildlife Working Group. This group has been quite active already this year and has been working with Jeff Bectell from the Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association. The group met with

Alberta Environment and Parks Fish and Wildlife Policy and Land Policy senior staff where they agreed to work together with us as an industry-government working group where we will develop a pilot project with improvements to predator compensation and mitigating conflicts with predators. The pilot will hopefully be ready to go by Fall 2019 and held in 2 regions- SW Alberta and NW Alberta.

(b) Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference:

Benedict gave an update on the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference (PCESC) that she attended in Winnipeg and found it very positive. One key takeaway was that most, if not all, of the environmental organizations see raising livestock as a very important way to conserve grasslands and are very supportive of ranching.

(c) Endangered Species Conservation Committee:

Smith had a conversation with Gordon Graves regarding the Endangered Species Conservation Committee and there are a few issues to keep an eye on. Smith suggested Lynch-Staunton follow up with Gordon to get more information.

**6. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hansen at 10:00 a.m.