

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE CATTLE FEEDER COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 2018, 8:00 p.m.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA

Present: Craig Lehr - *Zone 1*
Jimmy Nelson - *Zone 2*
Walt Suntjens - *Zone 4*
Cecil Andersen - *Zone 6*
Ken Stanley - *Zone 7*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Jeff Havens - *@ Large*
Glen Kummer - *@ Large*
Tim Sekura - *Board Rep*

“That Craig Lehr is acclaimed the Cattle Feeder Council representative on the Governance Committee.”

Carried

Staff: Rich Smith - *Executive Director*
Karin Schmid - *Beef Production*

iii. Audit Committee:
Motion by Sekura/Suntjens:

“That Glen Kummer is acclaimed the Cattle Feeder Council representative on the Audit Committee.”

Carried

Absent: Cam McLerie - *Zone 5*
George L’Heureux - *Zone 8*

Guests: Sheila Hillmer - *Zone 2*

Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and welcomed all returning and new members

1. Adoption of Agenda

The council members added 3(a) dispensing of prescription-only antimicrobials and 4(c) winter manure spreading to the agenda.

2. Decision Items

(a) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Chair:

Smith called for nominations for Cattle Feeder Council Chair.

Motion by Sekura/Havens:

“That Ken Stanley is acclaimed the Cattle Feeder Council Chair.”

Carried

Stanley took the chair of the meeting.

(b) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Representatives:

i. Research Committee:

Motion by Suntjens/Nelson:

“That Craig Lehr is acclaimed the Cattle Feeder Council representative on the Research Committee”

Carried

ii. Governance Committee:

Motion by Havens/Suntjens:

(c) Winter Manure Management:

Stanley told the council that the winter manure management project has been concluded, but there has not been a report distributed yet. We also have not been successful in convincing Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) and the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to create a policy that would allow producers to create a manure management plan that includes winter spreading on land where the practice will not cause any adverse environmental impacts. The pilot project demonstrated that producers could manage manure responsibly with winter spreading, but there is still reluctance to change NRCB policies. Stanley suggested that we may need to create another joint ABP-Alberta Cattle Feeders’ Association (ACFA) working group to pursue the policy change. The council directed Stanley, Nelson, and Suntjens to participate in this working group.

(d) Selection of next council meeting date:

The council decided to hold a meeting on a day adjacent to the January or February Board of Directors meetings.

3. Discussion Items:

(a) Dispensing Prescription-Only Antimicrobials:

The council discussed the issue of dispensing prescription-only antimicrobials after the implementation of Health Canada antimicrobial policy changes on December 1, 2018. There is a need to ensure that producers retain timely and economical access to the prescription-only antimicrobials. The members heard that UFA is considering hiring a pharmacist to oversee dispensing of antimicrobials and there are issues with producers getting antimicrobials for use with Micro mixers.

4. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

(a) CFC Meeting – January or February 2019, ABP Boardroom, Calgary, AB

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Suntjens.