

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Charlie Christie - *Chair*
Kelly Smith-Fraser - *Vice Chair/Zone5*
Melanie Wowk - *Finance Chair*
Brad Osadczuk - *Zone 1*
Chris Israelson - *Zone 3*
Tim Sekura - *Zone 6*
Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*
Gordon Graves - *Zone 8*
Assar Grinde - *Director at Large*
Brodie Haugan - *Director at Large*
Fred Lozeman - *Director at Large*

dealing with both municipalities and the provincial government.

Motion by Graves/Osadczuk:

“That ABP support the MNP Intermunicipal Development Plans/Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks project and fund the project in conjunction with the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association.”

Carried

Staff: Rich Smith - *Executive Director*

The directors noted the importance of keeping the project within the budget.

Absent: Sheila Hillmer - *Zone 2*
Jesse Williams - *Zone 4*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Tim Smith - *CCC Chair*
Ken Stanley - *CFC Chair*

2. Service Charge Refund Request

The directors discussed a service charge refund request from a marketing company that included a number of requests on account of other producers. ABP regulations require the producer who paid the service charge to submit a refund request. If the other producers are required to submit their own refund requests, these will arrive after the deadline. The director stated that we should follow the rules and deadlines identified in our regulations.

When the call reached quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1. MNP IDP/ICF Project

The purpose of the conference call was for the ABP Board of Directors to consider an MNP proposal for an Intermunicipal Development Plans/Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (IDP/ICF) Positioning and Advocacy Project. This would be a project done in collaboration with the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA). The Board had discussed this project at the July 17, 2019 meeting, but had questions about the project. At the Canadian Beef Industry Conference, R. Smith and Jan Tranberg, of ACFA, met with the three MNP representatives who would be working on the project.

The conference call was ended just after 9:00 a.m.

This project was discussed with the Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG) to explore the possibility of ILWG members participating in funding the project. However, the ILWG members declined to participate, leaving ABP and ACFA as possible funders of the project. R. Smith and Tranberg questioned the high cost of the project, a point raised by the ABP Board. MNP revised the project proposal and reduced the cost of the project from \$70,000 to \$50,000.

We are seeing a growing trend toward municipalities using development plans and frameworks to assert more control over the development or expansion of confined feeding operations (CFOs). ABP and ACFA strongly believe that these decisions should remain with the NRCB using the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA). The training for producers, the municipal IDP/ICF strategy, and the strategy for engaging the provincial government that MNP is proposing will be valuable tools for our industry in