

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Present: Rick Burton - *Chair*
Erik Butters - *Past Chair*
Kevin Boon - *Vice Chair*
Doug Sawyer - *Finance Chair*
Gerald Maser - *Zone 1*
Brent Carey - *Zone 2*
Brian Edge - *Zone 3*
Frank Murphy - *Zone 4*
Rob Somerville - *Zone 5*
Greg Bowie - *Zone 6*
Roy Eckert - *Zone 6 (at large)*
Ben Schrader - *Zone 7*
Brian Chomlak - *Zone 8*
Janys Boyte - *Zone 9*
Stuart Thiessen - *CFC*
Dave Solverson - *CFC*
Chuck MacLean - *CFC*
Darryl Carlson - *CIC*
Larry Delver - *CIC*

Staff: Rich Smith - *General Manager*
Reynold Bergen - *AH&W Manager*
Laura Procnier - *Controller*
Barb Sweetland - *Promo Manager*
Katelyn Laverdure - *Comm Coordinator*
Rosanne Allen - *Executive Assistant*

Guests: Gordon Graves - *Zone 8*
Donna Noullett - *Zone 9*

Absent: Darcy Eddleston - *Zone 8 (at large)*

The Chairman Burton called to order at 12:40 by.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Additions: 3A(m) Election of Cattle Feeder Council Chair;
3A(n) Election of Cattle Industry Council Chair; 3C
Regulation Amendment Ratification; 3D Research and
Committee Structure;

(a) Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Edge/MacLean:

“That the Agenda be approved with the changes discussed.”

Carried

2. Appointment of Ballot Counters

Motion by Bowie/Eckert:

“That Barb Sweetland and Laura Procnier be appointed as ballot counters.”

Carried

3. Decision Items

A. Tier 1 Selections:

(a) CBEF Board Member:

The nomination committee nominated Chuck MacLean

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Delver/Maser:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Chuck MacLean is declared CBEF representative by acclamation.

(b) CCIA Board Member:

The nomination committee nominated Darcy Eddleston and Murray Kerik.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Chomlak/Delvor:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Darcy Eddleston was elected to represent ABP.

(c) ABP Board Member to Alberta Beef Quality Starts Here (ABQSH):

The nomination committee nominated Pat Rutledge and Cecilie Fleming.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by MacLean/Carlson:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Pat Rutledge was elected to represent ABP.

(d) ABP Board member to Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA):

The nomination committee nominated Travis Toews, Larry Delvor, and Dave Solverson.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Carey/Boyte:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Dave Solverson was elected to represent ABP.

(e) ABP Board Member to Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG):

The nomination committee had no names to put forward for the position.

Thiessen put forward that this had become a staff position and Burton agreed to leave the nomination open and revisit it again if necessary. Rich Smith has agreed to continue attending any meetings that are organized.

(f) ABP Board Member to CFC:

The nomination committee nominated Greg Bowie
Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Murphy/Eckert:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Greg Bowie is declared ABP Board representative to CFC by acclamation.

(g) ABP Board Member to CIC:

The nomination committee nominated Brent Carey.
Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Edge/Chomlak:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Brent Carey is declared ABP Board representative to CIC by acclamation.

(h) ABP Board Member to CCC:

Because we are in a transition period between the old regulations and new the Board felt that Frank Murphy, the current chair of the Cow/Calf committee would act as ABP’s representative.

(i) ABP Alternate Member to Livestock Patron’s Claim Tribunal:

The nomination committee nominated Brian Chomlak, Ernie Israelson and Rob Somerville.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Maser/Thiessen:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Rob Somerville was elected as ABP’s representative.

(j) International Livestock Congress (ILC):

The nomination committee nominated Greg Bowie, Darcy Eddleston

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by MacLean/Murphy:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Greg Bowie was elected to represent ABP.

(k) Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC):

The nomination committee nominated Brian Edge, Charlie Christie, Rob Somerville and Murray Kerik.

The Board decided to defer the selection of this committee until the January Board meeting.

(l) National VBP QSH Management Group:

The nomination committee nominated Pat Rutledge and Cecilie Fleming,

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Carey/Eckert:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Pat Rutledge was elected to represent ABP.

(m) Cattle Feeder Council Chair (CFC):

The nomination committee nominated Dave Solverson, Stuart Thiessen and Chuck MacLean.

Dave Solverson declined the nomination.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Eckert/Delver:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Chuck MacLean was elected as CFC Chair.

(n) Cattle Industry Council Chair (CIC):

The nomination committee nominated Darryl Carlson.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Murphy/Somerville:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Darryl Carlson is declared CIC Chair by acclamation.

B. Banking Resolution:

Motion by Carey/Edge:

“That the signing officers for the Alberta Beef Producers bank account at the Royal Bank of Canada be:

Chairman	-	Rick Burton
Vice Chairman	-	Kevin Boon
Finance Chairman	-	Doug Sawyer
General Manager	-	Rich Smith
Controller	-	Laura Procnier
Legal Counsel	-	Adrienne Waller

All cheques require two signatures. For cheques of \$20,000 or more, one signature must be the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Finance Chairman.

Carried

C. Regulations Amendment Ratification:

(a) Agricultural Products Act:

Motion by Thiessen/Sawyer:

“It is hereby resolved that, pursuant to Section 26 of the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act* the Alberta Beef Producers requests Marketing Council to amend the Alberta Beef Producers Authorization Regulation as follows:

1. In section 3, by repealing section 3 and replacing it with the following:

3 The authority of the Commission to make regulations under section 26(1)(a) of the Act is hereby limited in its application to the extent that the Commission is only empowered to require producers to register their names and addresses with the Commission in order to enable the Commission

- (a) to determine whether a producer is an eligible producer and to assess, charge and collect service charges, and

- (b) to have the contact information for persons nominated to hold office, persons holding office and those appointed or elected by the Commission to represent the Commission on any task force, committee, group or organization of which the Commission is a member or to which the Commission elects or appoints individuals.

2. In section 6, by deleting March 31, 2009 and replacing it with March 31, 2014.”

Carried by unanimous vote

(b) Authorization Amendment Regulation:

Motion by Thiessen/Carey:

“Alberta Beef Producers, pursuant to Section 26 of the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act*, hereby amends the Cattle Marketing Amendment Regulation as follows:

1. Section 1(f) is repealed and replaced with the following:

(f) "dealer" means a person who is in the business of buying and selling the regulated product as an agent or on the person's own behalf;

2. Section 1(e) is repealed and replaced with the following:

(g.1) "Marketing Council" means the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council;

3. Section 10 is replaced and replaced with the following:

10. Any person who

(a) is a dealer, or

(b) is a supervisor of a feeder association operating under the *Feeder Association Guarantee Act,*

shall, within the reporting period set by the Commission, complete to the satisfaction of the Commission the forms prescribed by the Commission for the reporting of the particulars of sales, whether or not those persons have marketed cattle during the reporting period.

4. By adding the following as section 10.1:

10.1 Persons nominated to hold office, persons holding office and those appointed or elected by the Commission to represent the Commission on any task force, committee, group or organization of which the Commission is a member or to which the Commission elects or appoints individuals shall to register their names and addresses with the Commission.

2. In section 13, by deleting March 31, 2009 and replacing it with March 31, 2014.

Carried by unanimous vote

D. Research and Committee Structure:

The Board agreed that Brian Edge should meet with Doug Sawyer, Chuck MacLean and Frank Murphy to discuss the research direction for 2009. Doug Sawyer asked if it would be okay to assign new delegates to a committee as long as they understood that the committees may no longer be in existence. Committee structure and type will be discussed at the January Board meeting and directors were asked to give it some serious thought between now and then.

Chairman

General Manager

4. In Camera

5. Discussion Items

(a) NCBA Conference:

The next conference will be in Phoenix from January 29th to 31st. In the past we have taken the Executive, the CFC and CIC chairs and the GM. Delegates expressed an interest in inviting our American counterparts to the AGM in the future. Eckert suggested we repeat the invitation to the ILC in July.

(b) 2008 Board meetings:

Everyone was comfortable with having Board meetings continue on the third Thursday of the month with an 8:30 start.

6. General Information

7. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

- (a) Board of Directors Orientation – Wednesday, January 14, 2009, ABP Board Room
- (b) Board Meeting – Thursday, January 15, 2009, ABP Board Room
- (c) Board Meeting – Wednesday February 18, 2009 Capri Hotel, Red Deer
- (d) Board Meeting – Thursday March 19, 2009, ABP Board Room
- (e) Red Meat Reception – April/May, 2009
- (f) Board Meeting – April/May 2009
- (g) Semi-Annual Meeting – June 8 – 10, 2009, Delta Edmonton South

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Maser at 1:45.