

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Present: Chuck MacLean - *Chair*
Doug Sawyer - *Vice Chair*
Dave Solverson - *Finance Chair*
Rick Burton - *Past Chair*
Brent Carey - *Zone 2 (at large)*
Bob Lowe - *Zone 2*
John Bland - *Zone 3*
Judy Fenton - *Zone 4*
Charlie Christie - *Zone 5*
Greg Bowie - *Zone 6*
Kelly Olson - *Zone 7 (at large)*
Ben Schrader - *Zone 7*
Brian Chomlak - *Zone 8*
Roland Cailliau - *Zone 9*
Ted Ford - *CCC Chair*
Howard Bekkering - *CFC Chair*

Staff: Rich Smith - *General Manager*
Rosanne Allen - *Executive Assistant*
Laura Procnier - *Controller/CRO*
Barb Sweetland - *Promotion Mgr*

Guests: Darryl Carlson - *CIC*
Other ABP staff and delegates

Absent: Brad Calvert - *Zone 1*

Chairman MacLean called to order at 11:20 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Approval of Agenda:

Additions: 3(g) Committee and Working Group Chairs;
3(h) Cow Calf Council Resolution;

Motion by Sawyer/ Lowe:

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

Carried

2. Appointment of Ballot Counters

Motion by Carey/Fenton:

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

Carried

3. Decision Items

(a) Tier 1 Selections:

(i) CBEF Board Member:

The nomination committee nominated:

Gordon Graves
Chuck MacLean
Pat Rutledge

Nominations were called for three times.

MacLean declared nominations closed.

Chuck MacLean was elected to represent ABP.

(ii) CCIA Board Member:

The nomination committee nominated

Darcy Eddleston
Richard McKnight

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Bland/Bekkering:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Darcy Eddleston was elected to represent ABP.

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

The nomination committee nominated:

Pat Rutledge
Lyndon Mansell
Cecilie Fleming

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Sawyer/Cailliau:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Pat Rutledge was elected to represent ABP.

(iv) National VBP/QSH Management Group:

This organization has been merged into BCRC and there is no longer a management group.

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

The nomination committee nominated:

Dave Solverson

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Carey/Olson:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Dave Solverson was declared ABP member to CAFTA by acclamation.

(vi) ABP Board Member to CFC:

The Board decided to leave this position vacant for now due to the fact that CFC already had three representatives on the Board who could discharge these duties.

(vii) ABP Board Member to CIC:

The nomination committee nominated:

Brad Calvert
Brent Carey

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Fenton/Christie:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Brent Carey was elected as ABP Board representative to CIC.

(viii) ABP Board Member to CCC:

The nomination committee nominated:

Ben Schrader
Greg Bowie

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Chomlak/Bekkering:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Greg Bowie was elected as ABP Board representative to CCC.

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

The nomination committee nominated:

Bob Lowe
Brian Chomlak

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Fenton/Carey:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Brian Chomlak was elected as ABP’s representative.

(x) International Livestock Congress (ILC):

Bowie explained to the Board that the bulk of the planning for the next ILC had already been accomplished and there would be nothing for the new

representative to do until later in the year. He suggested that the Board hold off replacing him until closer to ILC.

Motion by Olson/Christie:

“That Greg Bowie continues in his position as ABP representative to ILC until the June 2010 meeting.”

Carried

(b) Nominations for Land Agent Advisory Council:

The nomination committee nominated:

Walt Suntjens

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Cailliau/Olson:

“That nominations cease.”

Carried

Walt Suntjens was declared ABP Board nominee to the Land Agent Advisory Council by acclamation

(c) Banking Resolution:

Motion by Solverson/Fenton:

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

Chair	-	Chuck MacLean
Vice Chair	-	Doug Sawyer
Finance Chair	-	Dave Solverson
General Manager	-	Rich Smith
Controller	-	Laura Procnier

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

Carried

(d) Approve ABP Commission Resolution 2009-12-09:

The Board reviewed copies of the proposed ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS COMMISSION REGULATION.

Motion by Carey/Ford:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT pursuant to sections 26 and 26.1 of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act:

The Alberta Beef Producers Commission Regulations AR 204/98 consolidated up to 278/2009 be repealed and replaced with the following Alberta Beef Producers Commission Regulation:

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS COMMISSION REGULATION

Carried

Carried

(e) Approve ABP Authorization Regulation AR 352/2003:

The Board reviewed copies of the proposed amendments to ABP Authorization Regulation AR 352/2003

Motion by Sawyer/Carey:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Commission request Marketing Council to amend the Alberta Beef Producers Authorization Regulation to read as follows:

AUTHORIZATION REGULATION AR 352/2003

Carried

(f) Approve ABP Commission Resolutions 2009-12-09 By-Law Amendments:

The Board reviewed the by-law amendments that were approved by the delegates at the AGM.

Motion by Olson/Lowe:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the six by-law amendment resolutions.”

Carried

(g) Committee and Working Group Chairs:

The Board of Directors decided to leave the current Committee and Working Group chairs in place until the January board meeting where decisions about the number, membership and chairs of committees and working groups will be made.

(h) CCC Resolution:

Ford brought forward a resolution that was carried unanimously by the Cow/Calf Council for the ABP Board to share all of the drought information, including numbers, with the Alberta government to show our willingness to assist them in their assessment.

Ford informed the board that there is a letter coming from the government Drought Committee and he is looking for approval to release the ABP information to the government upon receipt of the letter.

Smith suggested that since we have already sent a letter to the government confirming our willingness to work with them on the AgriRecovery assessment, there is no need to seek further approval from the directors.

Motion by Sawyer/Olson:

“That the Cow/Calf Council and Board of Directors proactively engage with the government on AgriRecovery and other Business Risk Management Programs.”

4. In Camera

5. Discussion Items

(a) 2009 Board meetings (confirm every 3rd Thursday of the month):

Solverson is not sure if he will be able to attend the January meeting as he has a CAFTA meeting around the same time. He will confirm the dates and get back to staff. If there is a conflict would directors be open to changing the date as Solverson would really like to attend?

6. General Information

7. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

- (a) BOD Orientation – January 20, 2010, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (b) Board Meeting – January 21, 2010, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (c) Board Meeting – February 17, 2010, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (d) Board Meeting – March 18, 2009, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (e) Red Meat Reception – April/May, Edmonton, AB TBD
- (f) Board Meeting – April/May, Calgary, AB TBD
- (g) Board Meeting – June, TBD

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sawyer at 12:45.

Chairman

General Manager