

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE CATTLE FEEDER COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017, 8:00 P.M.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA

Present: Jimmy Nelson - *Zone 2*
Colin McNiven - *Zone 4*
Cam McLerie - *Zone 5*
Cecil Andersen - *Zone 6*
Ken Stanley - *Zone 7*
George L'Heureux - *Zone 8*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Tim Sekura - *Board Rep*
Jeff Havens - *Zone 3 At Large*
Sheila Hillmer - *Zone 2 At Large*
Garth Porteous - *Zone 1 At Large*
Glen Kummer - *Zone 7 At Large*

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

Absent:

Guests: Howard Bekkering - *Zone 1*
Bryan Thiessen - *Zone 3*
Danny Hozack - *Zone 8*

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 had no formal additions to the agenda.

2. Decision Items

(a) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Chair:

Smith called for nominations for Cattle Feeder Council Chair.

Ken Stanley was nominated by Garth Porteous and the nomination was seconded by Cam McLerie.

Smith called three times for further nominations.

Stanley was acclaimed as Cattle Feeder Council Chair and took the chair of the meeting.

(b) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Representatives:

i. Research Committee:

The council selected Jeff Havens as the representative on the Research Committee.

ii. Governance Committee:

The council selected Garth Porteous as the representative to the Governance Committee.

iii. Audit Committee:

The council selected Glen Kummer as the representative to the Audit Committee.

(c) Selection of next council meeting date:

The council decided to hold a meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the ABP Boardroom.

3. Discussion Items:

(a) Manure Spreading on Frozen or Snow-Covered Land:

Stanley report that the two-year project with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry has ended. We need to pursue a policy change at the NRCB.

(b) Concordia College:

Hozack reported on an artificial intelligence initiative that is being undertaken at Concordia College. He has the contact information for the project leaders.

(c) 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. Thiessen is chairing an ABP working group that will be preparing our recommendations for the Alberta government on dispensing options and he has been joined on the group by Hillmer and Melanie Wowk.

4. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

(a) CFC Meeting – February 5, 2018, ABP Boardroom, Calgary, AB

5. Adjournment

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