

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE CATTLE FEEDER COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2015, 8:00 P.M.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Present: Howard Bekkering - *Chair*
Jimmy Nelson - *Zone 2*
Bryan Thiessen - *Zone 3*
Charlie Christie - *Zone 5*
Cecil Anderson - *Zone 6*
Ken Stanley - *Zone 7*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Garth Porteous - *At Large*
Tim Sekura - *BOD Rep*

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

Absent: Craig Ference - *Zone 4*
Phil Amyotte - *Zone 8*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Porteous/Sekura:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried

2. Decision Items

(a) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Chair:

Christie nominated Bryan Thiessen to be Chair of the Cattle Feeder Council. With no further nominations, Bryan Thiessen was acclaimed as Chair of the Cattle Feeder Council and took the chair of the meeting.

(b) Selection of Cattle Feeder Council Representatives:

i. Research Committee:

Charlie Christie agreed to sit on the Research Committee and with no further nominations; Charlie Christie was acclaimed as the CFC representative on the Research Committee.

ii. Governance Committee:

Garth Porteous agreed to sit on the Governance Committee and with no further nominations, Garth Porteous was acclaimed as the CFC representative on the Governance Committee.

iii. Audit Committee:

Jimmy Nelson agreed to sit on the Audit Committee and with no further nominations; Jimmy Nelson was

acclaimed as the CFC representative on the Audit Committee.

(c) Selection of next council meeting date:

The members decided to hold the next meeting of the Cattle Feeder Council on January 2015.

3. Discussion Items

(a) Bill 6 and Future CFC Work:

The AGM had a full discussion of Bill 6 with all the ABP delegates on the day following the CFC meeting, but the council members discussed a Supreme Court decision regarding the regulation prohibiting farm and ranch workers in Ontario from starting a union. The council members also talked about specific provisions for the agriculture industry that would need to be in the Employment Standards.

Smith also suggested that the Cattle Feeder Council also should be involved in the work on manure spreading on frozen or snow-covered land and the upcoming AOPA review.

(b) ILWG Funding:

The council members were informed that there had been adjustments made in our payments for the funding of the ILWG Executive Director position. We had previously been invoiced twice during one fiscal year for our share of the 2012-2015 project so we had moved one of the payments to the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Now, we had received our first invoice for the new 2015-2018 project and this also will be paid out of the CFC budget for the current fiscal year. As well, there was a need for a \$4,140 payment to cover arrears at the end of the previous project. These payments will leave the CFC over budget for the current fiscal year, but Laura Procnier did not see this as a problem for the overall ABP budget.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Bekkering at 8:30 p.m.