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ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
TUESDAY JULY 4, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Darren Bevans - *Chair, Zone 2*
Fred Lozeman - *Zone 2*
Dick Wymenga - *Zone 5*
Danny Hozack - *Zone 8*
Howard Bekkering - *CFC*

Staff: Karin Schmid - *Beef Prod Specialist*

Absent: Kevin Stopanski - *CCC*
Rick Friesen - *Zone 1*
Heinz Lemmer - *Zone 3*
Stuart Somerville - *Zone 5*
Ralph Buhler - *Zone 6*

- FRG.21.17 (Peace Country Beef and Forage): general comments were that the proposal was scattered with too many treatments and too regional in nature. Score: 30
- FRG.22.17 (Western Beef Development Centre): general comments were that this project was big and impressive if it could fulfill the objectives. Need more detail on grazing plan, and need to determine how this project moves forward without being approved by the Cluster – is there a smaller piece we could fund? Score: 40
DIRECTION: Schmid to follow up with Bart Lardner to determine what this project might look like without the Cluster funding
- ANH.31.17 (Feedlot Health Management Services): general comments were questions about study design, specifically milling process, top-dressing the grain screenings, cost for access to animal inventory, source of animals, etc. Score: 30

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Wymenga/Hozack:

“That the agenda be approved.”

Carried

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Schmid summarized the minutes from the last meeting

(a) Minutes of the March 14, 2017 conference call:

Motion by Hozack/Lozeman:

“That the minutes of the March 14, 2017 conference call be approved as presented”

Carried

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Statement report:

Motion by Bekkering/Wymenga:

“That the financial statement be accepted for information purposes only.”

Carried

DIRECTION: Schmid to circulate the detailed budget breakdown for the research committee

4. Decision Items

(a) LOI decisions:

DIRECTION: Schmid to coordinate with SCA to determine which projects their research committee would like to see full proposals from.

The committee discussed whether to solicit further proposals at this time and decided to wait until these full proposals are reviewed and discussed by the committee.

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES: After consultation with SCA, and incorporating their project rankings, two requests for full proposals were solicited from projects FRG.22.17 and ANH.31.17.

5. In Camera

No In Camera as this was a conference call

6. Discussion Items

(a) BCRC Update:

Bevans briefed the committee on the status of the Cluster. Approximately 55 full proposals were reviewed by the Council and Scientific Advisory Body, as well as peer-reviewed. The final Cluster will contain approximately 20-25 projects, contingent upon the amount granted by AAFC and the leverage required.

(b) Elastator Project Update:

Schmid informed the committee that the proposal to CAAP was very close to being ready to submit, so if there were any major changes the committee would like to see to let her know as soon as possible.

(c) Forage Call Update:

The contract for FRG.14.15 (Penner, University of Saskatchewan) is completed, as is the sub-contract with Alberta Milk.

7. General Reading Material

8. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

- a) Calgary Stampede – July 7-16
- b) FCDC Tour, Lacombe – July 26
- c) Canadian Beef Industry Conference – Aug 15-17
- d) ABFGC/Gentec Field Day, Lacombe – Aug 22
- e) Livestock Gentec Conference, Edmonton – Oct 17-18
- f) Next meeting - TBD

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hozack at 4:20 p.m.