

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Bob Lowe - *Chair*
Roland Cailliau - *Vice-Chair*
Fred Lozeman - *Zone 2*
Tim Smith - *Zone 4*
Tim Sekura - *Zone 6*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Brad Osadczuk - *Director at Large*
Garth Porteous - *Director at Large*
Penny Patton - *CCC Chair*
Bryan Thiessen - *CFC Chair*

Staff: Rich Smith - *Executive Director*

Absent: Kelly Fraser - *Finance Chair, Zone 5*
Howard Bekkering - *Zone 1*
Chris Israelson - *Zone 3*
Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*
George L'Heureux - *Zone 8*
Ken Stanley - *Director at Large*

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

1. Proposed Amendments to MAPA

The purpose of the conference call was to inform the directors that Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Oneil Carlier is intending to introduce a bill in the legislature that would amend the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act* (MAPA) to allow service charges to be non-refundable based on a plebiscite of producers. We expect the amendments to be introduced late in March or early in April. Minister Carlier has asked ABP to provide a letter of support for these amendments and send producers to the legislature to appear with him on the day the amendments are tabled. ABP believes that producers should have the right to decide whether commission service charges should be non-refundable or refundable. We commend the Minister for fulfilling the commitment he made at the ABP AGM and introducing legislative amendments that would give producers back the right to make this decision. At the July Board meeting the directors agreed to have ABP apply for funding from ALMA for a BIXS consumer confidence program pending approval of the full proposal.

2. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the call at 8:30 a.m.