

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
IN THE ABP BOARD ROOM, CALGARY, AB**

Present: Darren Bevans - *Chair (Zone 2)*
 Jimmy Nelson - *Zone 2*
 Tim Smith - *Zone 4*
 Nanita Blomquist - *Zone 5 (via phone)*
 Ralph Buhler - *Zone 6*
 Mike Lutzak - *Zone 8*
 Lyndon Mansell - *Zone 8*
 Larry Delver - *CIC*

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

Carried

Staff: Karin Schmid - *Beef Prod Specialist*
 Rosanne Allen - *Executive Assistant*

Absent: Howard Bekkering - *Zone 1*
 Brian Edge - *Zone 3*
 Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*
 Charlie Christie - *CFC*

Guests: Graeme Finn - *Producer*
 Doug Wray - *Producer/CFGA*
 Shaun Dergousoff - *AAFC*
 Brianna Anderson - *CYL*
 Clint Dobson - *ALMA (via phone)*

4. Decision Items

(a) Confidentiality Agreement:

Schmid asked the participants to sign the confidentiality agreement and give it back to her before the end of the meeting.

(b) Alberta Agriculture Grant Application:

We are being asked to front this because government cannot apply to GF2 for funding. ABP would make the submission on behalf of Alberta Agriculture. The funding would come to Schmid and dispersed by her and she would also compile all of the reporting and submit the findings. After some discussion the committee agreed to decline the request.

DIRECTION for Schmid to contact the researchers and decline submitting the project on their behalf and suggest that they approach Alberta Milk.

(c) Full Proposal Decisions:

The group discussed the pros and cons of each proposal and Schmid summarized the peer reviews before the each member rated the proposal. The proposals were scored out of a possible 55 points.

<i>FRG.07.15: 50</i>	<i>FRG.13.15: 46</i>
<i>FRG.11.15: 44</i>	<i>FRG.22.15: 43</i>
<i>FRG.19.15: 42</i>	<i>FRG.02.15: 41</i>
<i>FRG.14.15: 41</i>	<i>FRG.21.15: 26</i>
<i>FRG.15.15: 17</i>	<i>FRG.06.15: 16</i>
<i>FRG.20.15: 16</i>	<i>FRG.23.15: 12</i>

Once the scoring was determined the group discussed which proposals they wanted to support. Bevans asked if there was consensus among the group to fund the top seven proposals at the requested ask, and the Committee agreed. The group also suggested that Schmid contact Dianne Westerlund about reducing the ask for the proposal she submitted.

Once Schmid gets the revised numbers back from Dianne, the members suggested leaving the decision about which site to cut to Schmid and Dianne and to approve any other decisions via conference call.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Mansell/Delver:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting:

Motion by Buhler/Smith:

That the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Research Committee meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Statement ending October 31, 2015:

There is nothing of significance to report. Procnier has moved out the \$50,000 from the budget. We have spent close to 78% of the budget.

Motion by Mansell/Smith:

(d) Funding Strategy/Priorities for the 2016/2017 year:

Schmid asked the members for any ideas they had for research for the next fiscal year. ABP is working with the Alberta government to go back to a non-refundable check-off. If this becomes a reality it will not affect our funding until the following fiscal year. If it does come into effect it will likely increase the budget for research.

Communications: What we do here has value to the entire industry and we need to get that information out to the producers.

Animal Welfare: This is something that is becoming more and more important.

Antimicrobial use and resistance and animal welfare are big issues and areas we should look at in the future. Pain mitigation is a huge change for the industry and is money well spent. BCRC has a project on pain mitigation during castrating and de-horning that ABP has also provided funding for. Schmid will go through the priority areas that are currently underfunded and will use that as a starting point for priority development for 2016/2017.

5. In Camera

6. Discussion Items

(a) Alberta Forage Beef Centre Update:

Schmid updated the Committee on the progress of the centre in Lacombe. The management committee has met; Schmid is a project team lead and will be attending a meeting tomorrow to work on terms of reference for the Centre. ABP has money set aside for it. Team leads come from AAFC, AF, ABP and ARECA at this point.

(b) Other:

7. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

- (a) ABP AGM – December 7-9, 2015
- (b) BCRC Meeting & Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference – January 19-22, 2016
- (c) Alberta Beef Industry Conference – February 17-19, 2016
- (d) Next meeting - TBD

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Delver at 2:35 p.m.