

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Fred Lozeman - *Chair, Zone 2*
Graeme Finn - *Zone 3*
Ralph Buhler - *Zone 6*
Martin Clausen - *Zone 7*
Rod Carlyon - *Zone 7*
Jodi Flaig - *Zone 8*
Craig Lehr - *CFC representative*

Staff: Karin Schmid - *Beef Production*

Absent: Jesse Williams - *Zone 4*
Stuart Somerville - *Zone 5*
Kevin Stopanski - *CCC representative*
Mike Nadeau - *Zone 9*

Guest: Andrea Brocklebank - *BCRC*
Reynold Bergen - *BCRC*

This project was originally ranked medium by the committee but was moved to low during the committee meeting discussion on Jan. 10.

- After further discussion, which included a requirement to ensure that the FRG.09.19 project team was working with producers familiar with corn intercropping strategies to ensure the project captured practical on-farm considerations, there was general support for this approach.

Motion by Lehr/Buhler:

“That the Research Committee support the funding of projects FDE.06.19; FRG.16.19; FRG.09.19; ANH.17.19; FRG.12.19; FDE.03.19; and ANH.14.19 up to \$1.5 million combined.”

Carried

It was noted that this motion replaces the one made at the committee meeting on January 10, 2020.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1. Project Allocation – AF Funding

Schmid outlined the key points of the background document sent to the committee.

- Given the longer time frame of FDE.01.19, and the relatively small amount of non-AAFC funding requested that can be allocated before the deadline of Jan. 1, 2023, this project is going to be difficult for us to support. The committee also supported looking into ways to moving this project ahead on a quicker timeline, which Schmid is currently exploring.
- Schmid had recommended to BCRC that ABP could fund the first two years of FDE.03.19, with BCRC picking up the last year of funding so as to not encroach on the hard spending deadline for these funds. There was general support for this approach.
- Schmid noted that there are still some outstanding budget questions for FDE.06.19 that need to be answered before the budget for this project is confirmed. This is in progress.
- ABP has agreed to contract directly with ANH.14.19, ANH.17.19, FRG.12.19 and FRG.16.19. This saves BCRC from paying overhead on these projects as overhead is ineligible for the AF funds. FRG.12 and FRG.16 will have to shorten their timelines slightly to meet the spending deadline.
- With the current project portfolio, BCRC was overspent by \$307,275, while the ABP-AF allocation was underspent by \$347,490. To ensure that both BCRC and ABP were able to support the projects chosen by their respective representatives as being worthwhile, Schmid and BCRC staff suggested that the committee consider allocating two years of funding in the amount of \$277,437 to FRG.09.19.

2. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Carlyon at 9:07 a.m.