

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**  
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2020, 8:30 a.m.**

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**Present:** Fred Lozeman - *Chair, Zone 2*  
Darren Bevans - *Zone 2*  
Graeme Finn - *Zone 3*  
Martin Clausen - *Zone 7*  
Rod Carlyon - *Zone 7*  
Emil Dmytriw - *Zone 8*  
Lori Kinnee - *Zone 9*  
Craig Lehr - *CFC representative*

with approximately a month and a half before the fiscal year end.

Motion by Finn/Dmytriw:

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

Carried

**Staff:** Karin Schmid - *Beef Production*

**Absent:** Jill Burkhardt - *CCC*  
Stuart Somerville - *Zone 5*

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#### 4. Decision Items

(a) Election of Chair:

Every year the research committee elects a new chair. Lozeman turned the Chairmanship of the meeting to Schmid for this process. She outlined that if there were multiple nominees for a position that email votes would be sent to Schmid who would tabulate them, and then ask for a motion to delete the emails after the election.

Lehr nominated Lozeman, who accepted.

Two further call for nominations were made and then nominations closed.

Fred Lozeman was acclaimed Chair.

(b) 2020/2021 Budget:

Clarification was requested regarding conference expense allocations for budget. Schmid noted that expenses for certain events which may be suitable for members of the research committee to attend are presented to the committee at various times of year to determine interest. Sometimes these will be shared with the wider delegate body as well. Larger industry (e.g. CRSB, CBIC) conference attendance is generally determined by the Board (this further clarification was circulated by email after Schmid consulted with Smith).

The committee wanted to ensure that meeting costs were captured in the budget. Schmid explained that meeting costs, member expenses and honaria were included, and projected based upon the past two years of committee expenses.

Motion by Lehr/Finn:

**“That the draft budget (\$13,000 operational funding, \$75,000 in project funding) be presented to the ABP Board as a recommendation from the Research Committee.”**

Carried

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Adoption of Agenda:

Note: Committee agreed to forego the in-camera session as this was a conference call

Motion by Finn/Dmytriw:

**“That the agenda be approved as presented.”**

Carried

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#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes of the January 10, 2020 meeting:

Motion by Lehr/Carlyon:

**“That the minutes of the January 10, 2020 Research Committee meeting be approved as presented.”**

Carried

(b) Minutes of the February 10, 2020 conference call:

Motion by Clausen/Lehr:

**“That the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Research Committee conference call be approved as presented.”**

Carried

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#### 3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Statement ending January 31, 2020:

Schmid noted that the project allocations did not appear on this set of financial statements. Currently the committee operations budget is just over 85% spent, which tracks well

(c) BCRC Appointment:

ABP currently has 5 representatives to the Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC). One is appointed from the Research Committee, one from the Cattle Feeder Council, and 3 are elected at large in staggered terms, one of the three is up in June. BCRC appointments are two-year terms.

Lehr nominated Finn, who accepted.

Two further call for nominations were made and then nominations closed.

Finn was acclaimed as the research committee’s representative to BCRC.

## **5. In Camera**

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Not applicable for conference calls.

## **6. Discussion Items**

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### **(a) BCRC Award for Outstanding Research and Innovation:**

Schmid gave some background on this award, nominations close May 1, 2020. Last year the research committee nominated Dr. Surya Acharya from AAFC Lethbridge. The BCRC process allows for nominations to be carried forward from the previous year.

**DIRECTION:** the committee agreed to let Surya’s name stand for this selection cycle. Schmid will circulate the application.

### **(b) Upcoming research call plans:**

Schmid outlined the timelines for another joint call with BCRC. The call for letters of intent will be announced in early June (likely June 5), with a deadline of August 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee will likely meet the last week of August to discuss. Full proposals will be due in early November and then go out for peer review. Final decisions will be made in January.

She outlined that just under \$1.5M of the \$3M AF CAP funding was allocated to projects from last year’s joint call, which leaves just over \$1.5M remaining. These dollars must be allocated to projects focusing on feed and forage production and utilization. AF and AAFC are ineligible institutions for these funds. There is an opportunity to allocate up to \$500K to emerging initiatives, such as kickstarting the research program of the new U of A Chair in Beef Production Systems, once hired. However, if there are no suitable emerging initiatives, those dollars may be allocated to this funding cycle. All AF funds must be spent by Jan. 1, 2023.

Schmid confirmed that the research committee has the ability to directly solicit proposals on certain topics if they feel the letters of intent received did not accurately address an industry need. She also confirmed that extension projects are part of the joint call with BCRC, and also eligible for the AF dollars as long as they have a feed and forage production and utilization focus.

Schmid asked if the committee has a specific area of focus that they would like the ABP dollars (\$75K) to support. As there have been indications that BCRC may be more targeted in this upcoming call, the committee agreed to review those targets and add any additional areas of focus as appropriate.

Lozeman and Schmid encouraged everyone, but especially any new members, to reach out if they had any questions or concerns.

## **7. General Reading Materials**

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- (a) Terms of Reference
- (b) Project list from joint ABP/BCRC call in 2019

## **8. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events**

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- (a) Next meeting TBD – likely July
- (b) ABIC, Red Deer, AB – March 4-6
- (c) AFAC Livestock Care Conference, Olds, AB – March 18-19
- (d) APOS CWD Symposium, Nisku, AB – April 1-2
- (e) ABVMA One Health Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference, Edmonton, AB – May 20-21
- (f) ABP Semi AGM, Edmonton, AB – June 9
- (g) International BVD Symposium & UCVM Beef Cattle Conference, Calgary, AB – June 16-18
- (h) CBIC, Penticton, BC – August 11-13

## **9. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lehr at 9:17 a.m.