



ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - VIRTUAL
November 14, 2024 10:00am – 2:30pm

Present:

Brodie Haugan	-Chair, SE
Doug Roxburgh	-Vice Chair, CT
Kent Holowath	-Finance Chair, SE
Bernie Doerksen	- @ NW
Colin Rice	- @ Large
Brad Mappin	- @ Large
Brenda Rosadiuk	- @ Large
Fred Lozeman	- @ Large
Sheila Hillmer	- @ Large
Lee Irvine	- @ SW

Regrets: Aydon Almberg (@Large) Mile Wowk (@NE)

Guests: Kristine Chant, Graham Overguard, Assar Grinde, Mark Olsen, Erin Collier, Jason Lenz, Lori Oatway

Staff:	Brad Dubeau	<i>General Manager</i>
	Dana Boyle	<i>Executive Assn</i>
	Don Poitras	<i>Controller</i>
	Karin Schmid	<i>Beef Production & Extension</i>

Guests:

- (a) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association Update - Adams
- (b) Western Stock Grower's Association - Wilson
- (c) Feeders Association of Alberta - Bowhay
- (d) Alberta Auction Markets Association – Cassidy
- (e) Grazing Leaseholders Committee – Forbes
- (f) Feeders Association of Alberta – Bowhay
- (g) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association-Dr. Kutryk
- (h) Alberta Purebred Industry - Wilson
- (i) CCA - Representatives
- (j) Research Committee & BCRC – Lozeman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Holowath/Rosadiuk:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried

- (a) Conflict of Interest

- Lozeman declared a conflict relative to item 7 (a) WCI Business Plan

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- (a) Minutes of the September 16, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Lozeman/Irvine

“That the minutes from the September 16, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting be approved as amended.”

Amendment: Research/BCRC Update: 141 letters of intent were received.

AIF

Carried

- (b) Issues arising from the minutes.

- No issues declared.

3. Financial Report

- (a) Auditors Report – Chant

- a. Chant reported on the audit findings as presented.

Motion by Holowath/Lozeman

“That the ABP Audit Findings be approved as presented.”

AIF

Carried

(b&c) Financial Reporting ending September 30th, 2024, and October 31, 2024

- Managing funds well, and in a strong cash position
- Overall expenses at 46.9% of 58.3% budget to date.
- Events are coming up and it is expected that number will rise significantly.

Motion by Holowath/Mappin

“That the ABP September 30, 2024 and October 31, 2024 financial statements be approved as presented.”

AIF

Carried

4. Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

Staff reports for September and October in reading material.

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association Update

- In collaboration with ABP, sent a letter to Minister Jones re: bill c282.
- Collaborated on changes to tier protocol.
- Special meeting in August to move forward on insurance for members.
- ABIC prep well underway for 2025.

(b) Western Stock Growers Association

- Trying to encourage membership

(c) Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association

- May be some new standards for structures on trap lines
- Minister Loewen advised all lease inspectors in Alberta to immediately inspect all grazing leases in the province- looking for signs of overuse, over grazing or non-use.
- Ministers advisory committee on rec access was finalized - still reviewing
- Regional meeting in Bergen November 27

(d) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

- Government relations advocate is leaving the organization
- U of C survey on attraction to rural vet practices – results to come
- Has seen an increase of vet technologists.

(e) Alberta Auction Markets

- Record dollars for calves.
- Lower cattle numbers reflected at market.
- Have not seen more heifer retention than normal years – consistent with other years.

(f) Alberta Purebred Industry

- Welcomed Dawn Wilson to the meeting.
- Farmfair saw record numbers this year.
- Lots of opportunities to export genetics from Canada in particular

Sheila Hillmer and Graham Overguard joined the meeting at 10:33am

(g) CCA Update:

- Domestic AG Committee meeting on Nov 12th with time spent reviewing critical bills c282 and c293.
- Amendments to c282 may push it back and be defeated.
- Bill c355 in the second reading at the Senate

(h) Research Committee & BCRC

- Will meet Dec 5th to review fourteen proposals
- BCRC Council looking for representatives.

6. Decision Items

6 (a) (I) RDAR and Farm Implementation Board Motion by Doerksen/Irvine

“That Mr. Fred Lozeman was successful in his run for election for the RDAR Board (Results Driven Agriculture Research Board of Directors,) and that Mr. Jay Hager be confirmed to the Farm Implement Board of Directors.

Motion Amended – December 18, 2024:

“That Mr. Fred Lozeman was approved by the ABP Board of Directors to stand for election for the RDAR Board (Results Driven Agriculture Research Board of Directors) and that Mr. Jay Hager be confirmed to the Farm Implement Board of Directors.”

Motion Amended – December 18, 2024:

Mr. Jay Hager declined the opportunity to be nominated for the Farm Implement Board of Directors. In his place, Mr. Reg Schmidt was confirmed by the ABP Board of Directors, by email, to be the nominee for the Farm Implement Board of Directors.

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CARRIED

6 (b) (II) Alberta Youth Alumni

- After discussion with the Board, the motion was withdrawn.
- Dubeau and Murphy will revise the proposal including removing the age limit, extending it to emerging producers.

7. Discussions Items

(a) CCA Legislative Priorities

- CCA seems to be on the defence when it comes to government legislation.
- We need a strong voice at the CCA table.
- The Board agreed that the Governance Committee can review this and develop a strategic plan to bring people forward to CCA for 2025.

Motion by Irvine/Lozeman:

“The Board of Directors recommends the Governance Committee of Alberta Beef Producers develop a structural change to bylaws and make recommendations on improvements to the CCA Election process and governance structure.”

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CARRIED

(b) WCI Business Plan

- Mark Olsen presented the WCI Business plan to the board as circulated.
- Board discussion followed.

(c) AG Plastics

- Assar Grinde presented the Great Twine Event to the board as circulated.
- Going to ask at Producer Meetings for ABP to consider a letter of support..

(d) ABP/Agency Contract Position

- Dubueau presented on a pilot program between ABP and the Agency, focusing on education, purebred producers on the value of check off.
- Dubeau will ask Melinda to attend the next board meeting to provide further information on this initiative.

Motion by Hillmer/Rosadiuk

“That the Board of Directors will move in-Camera at 1:43pm.”

The Board of Directors meeting resumed at 1:58pm

(e) Simpson Centre Request

- This is a project that ABP - BCRC, Canfax does not have the capacity to support.
- Dubeau advised the Simpson Centre they are unable to be support at this time.

(f) UCVI Request

- Vet school is finalizing new curriculum, preparing for double the students to enter the faculty in 2025.
- They have requested that the first year of our \$50,000 gift from ABP be put towards teaching simulators. The Board agreed.
- They will advise on the need for the remainder of the gift after year one.

(g) ABP Plan and Regulations

- Adrienne provided her suggested edits as circulated in the board material.
- The responsibilities for zone directors also needed greater clarification and will be amended as circulated.
- The board indicated they are fine to proceed with the changes.

(h) Rural Taxation Pathway

- Presented as circulated. This is the start of negotiations.

- Send comments to either Rice, Dubeau or Lyseng and they can be incorporated into the ILWG meetings.

(i) AG Stability Pilot

- They have asked ABP not to share this pilot at this time.

(j) Dubeau also provided an update to the board on the deposit of \$40,000 from the previous building. When we inquired on the status, we were informed the deposit had been paid back in year 3 of our 11-year lease. This will not affect our current operating budget.

8. Zone reports

- Due to timing, Zone reports were not provided.

10. Reading Material

The reading material is included in the Board package and was reviewed as part of the Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Holowath at 2:25pm.