



ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – IN PERSON
April 9, 2025 8:30a.m.

Present:

Doug Roxburgh	- Chair, CT
Kent Holowath	- Vice Chair, SE
Brenda Rosadiuk	- Finance Chair @Large
Bernie Doerksen	- @ NW
Miles Wowk	- @ NE
Aydon Almberg	- @ Large
Colin Rice	- @ Large
Brad Mappin	- @ Large
Sheila Hillmer	- @ Large
Lee Irvine	- @ SW
Jay Hager	- @ NE
Karen Shaw	- @ Central

Staff:	Brad Dubeau	<i>General Manager</i>
	Dana Boyle	<i>Executive Assn</i>
	Don Poitras	<i>Controller</i>

Guest:	Megan Bergman	ABVMA
	Karin Schmid	Research & Extension

Guests:

- (a) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association Update - Adams
- (b) Western Stock Grower's Association - Wilson
- (c) Feeders Association of Alberta – Bowhay (absent)
- (d) Alberta Auction Markets Association – Cassidy
- (e) Grazing Leaseholders Committee – Forbes
- (f) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association-Dr. Viste (for Dr. Lawson)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Wowk/Mappin:

"That the agenda be approved as amended."

Changes included: the addition of PNWER Update (Wowk) PAG Update and Abandonment Policy (Rice)
Carried

- (a) Conflict of Interest
None declared

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- (a) Minutes of the March 3, 2025 and March 5, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Doerksen/Holowath

"That the minutes from the March 3, 2025 and March 5, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting be approved as amended."

Amendments: Irvine requested name to be noted as abstention on vote 5.g. of March 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

- (b) Issues arising from the minutes.
No issues declared.

3. Financial Report

- (a) February 28, 2025 Financial Report
Rosadiuk presented the financials with the following highlights:

- In a strong cash position currently
- Interest rate is 2.22
- Expenses at 91.7%

Motion by Hillmer/Holowath

"That the February 28, 2025 financial report be approved as presented."

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Carried

- (b) March 31, 2025, Preliminary Report
Controller Poitras presented a preliminary report for March to date noting that this is not a complete March financial report.

- Waiting on JBS and Cargill remittance
- Each category is underbudget however still waiting for receipts
- Reduction of marketings

Poitras exited the meeting at 9:12a.m.

(a) Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

Staff report for March in reading material, with highlights including:

- 415 in attendance at Producer Meetings
- AGM day 1 has 367 unique views and day 2 had 171 unique views. Next year we will advertise to gain a greater audience.

5. Council and Committee Reports

- (a) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association Update

- No meetings since the conference
- One new board member
- Asked the board for feedback on conference
- Launched "Feedlots Feed Lots"

(b) Western Stock Growers Association

- Congratulated new ABP Board members
- Overguard stepped down as president, Copithorne new president
- Looking forward to the Grasslands Capital X program

(c) Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association

- Minister took a hardline approach to those in non-compliance but agreed to put a pause on enforcement actions for now
- Order in Council came through for recreational access

(d) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

- Access to care is a struggle in rural areas
- Task force developed to look at how to better utilize RVTs
- ABVMA is advocating for microbials

(e) Alberta Auction Markets

- Fronted LMAC in order to get a voting seat on the CCA board
- New entry of producers required
- Looking into new software for markets.

(f) Alberta Purebred Industry – no update

(g) CCA Update:

- Detailed reports from Haugan/Overguard in meeting material
- Haugan now a director, Overguard a director Inter-provincial trade an issue as is Agri-Stability
- Levy strategy presented twice to CCA – marketings are lower – we need to get ahead of it
- Agency AGM in New Brunswick

(h) Research Committee & BCRC

- Report circulated at the board meeting
- Developing a series of biosecurity extension resources, with FMD as focus
- 5-year plan is being developed
- ABP Research will be meeting soon

6. Decision Items

6 (a) Board Resolutions

See attached

6 (b) See item 6. a.

Motion by Rice/Holowath

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve General Manager Dubeau to create a working group to address the Eastern Slopes and Grassy Mountain specifically.

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CARRIED

6 (c) Nuffield Scholarship

After discussion it was felt that a \$2,500 scholarship would be provided to Ms. Sarich, and look forward to her presentation to the Board of Directors.

Motion by Rosadiuk/Holowath

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve the Nuffield Scholarship to recipient Jenna Sarich, AAg, M. Sc. In the amount of \$2,500.00.

AIF 3 Opposed (Shaw, Hillmer, Hager)

CARRIED

6 (d) FAS/LIS

FAA/LIS would like to use an identifier digit or letter without having to register individual cattle – providing the ability to identify cattle anywhere, even if inter-mingled.

Motion by Shaw/Rice

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors support General Manager Dubeau to provide a letter of support to the Feeders Association of Alberta.

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CARRIED

6. (e) Audit Committee Approval

The Board of Directors reviewed the list of members.

Motion by Hillmer/Irvine

“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Director’s approve the Audit Committee Members, being:

Assar Grinde

Aydon Almberg

Colin Rice

Brad Mappin

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CARRIED

7. Discussions Items

(a) U.S. Tariffs

The Board of Directors held a special meeting March 13, 2025 to discuss the priorities ABP feels should be put forward to the Government of Alberta. They are provided in package.

(b) Code of Conduct and Respectful Workplace

- The Board of Directors was provided with a copy of each and asked if anyone had any suggested changes, to advise before April 20, 2025, after which time they will be circulated to the Delegate body.

(c) WCI

- Met at ABP offices on April 7
- Suggested lowering budget to \$3.2mill
- Narrowed focus to feed and forage only
- Requires more time to develop their new business plan by the end of this month

(d) PSE Election Update

- Hillmer was elected; no meetings yet

(e) Survey Results for Delegates and Directors

- This will set the benchmark for the next survey
- Some confusion as to why it was done
- Some had issues with the form itself
- Concern that 7 of 12 Directors completed, and only 18 delegates.

ACTION: ABP will work with the form and will use read receipts when sent/delivered on the next survey

(f) Governance Training Recap

- All felt the training was beneficial
ACTION: Will extend the time for next year's training; Will include the vision, mission and strategy objectives now in each board package as part of good governance

(g) ABVMA Presentation

- Bergman presented on the recruitment and retention efforts of rural veterinarians
- Task force working on the vet tech program
- UCVM is doing a lot of work on improving the program
- ABVMA will be creating a task force and reaching out to ABP for support and assistance.

(h) TB Update

- Schmid joined the meeting to provide an update on TB and FMD
- If the board has questions, reach out to Schmid directly

(i) Picture Butte Feeder Association

- Discussed at the board meeting.

(j) PAG and ILWG Update

- Rice provided his update as circulated
- Also circulated the abandonment policy

Action: Rice to bring minutes from ILWG and the abandonment policy and circulate to the Board of ABP for their thoughts

(k) AB Cattle Feeders Association Representatives

- Roxburgh, Holowath and Hillmer are representatives.

(l) PNWER

Motion by Hillmer/Mappin

"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors appoint Miles Wowk to the representative to PNWER on behalf of Alberta Beef Producers for a one-year term, at which time it will be reviewed."

8. Zone reports

- NE: 4H Stettler show – we're sponsoring Farm Fair: meeting on the 17th
Wowk is attending the Lloydminster show again; anyone interested in sponsoring a reception is welcome to attend

9. Reading Material

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

10. Next Meeting Dates

- May 23, 2025 – 10am – 2pm virtual meeting (budget is the focus)
- July 10, 2025 at Sam Centre – in person
- September's date to be determined at the May meeting

10. In Camera

The board moved in Camera at 3:43pm on a motion by Holowath

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Holowath/Wowk at 4:11pm