ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – VIRTUAL
April 1, 2026

Present:

Doug Roxburgh	- Chair, CT
Kent Holowath	- Vice Chair, SE
Brenda Rosadiuk	- Finance Chair
Miles Wowk	- @ NE
Aydon Almberg	- @ Large
Brad Mappin	- @ Large
Lee Irvine	- @ SW
Dorothy Thengs	- @SW
Jay Hager	- @ NE
Bernie Doerksen	- @NW
Phil Hamar	- @ Central

Staff:

Brad Dubeau	*General Manager*
Dana Boyle	*Executive Assn*
Mark Lyseng	*Mgr. Gov. Relations*
Karin Schmid	*Mgr. Research & Extension*

Regrets:

Karen Shaw	Central

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:32am

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Doerksen/Hager
"That the agenda be approved as presented."
AIF CARRIED

(a) Conflict of Interest
No conflicts were noted

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the March 2nd and March 3rd Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Wowk/Almberg
"That the minutes from March 2nd and March 3rd Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented."
AIF CARRIED

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Reporting ending February 28, 2026

- Strong cash position
- Interest rate at 2.47
- Total marketings show slight difference from this time last year
- Expenses at 80%

Motion by Doerksen/Almberg
"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve the February 28, 2026 financial statements as presented."
AIF CARRIED

Dubeau noted that the budgeting process is a bit delayed this year and will be ready for Board review and approval in the third week of May 2026.

4. Staff Report, Policy, and Governance

Will recommence at the May meeting.

5. Committee Reports

(a) Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association

- Auction went well
- Funding two Fellowships for Muscular Dystrophy
- Traceability still on the forefront

(b) Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

- Alberta Animal Protection Act is dominating discussions
- There is a new update to the animal welfare situation, but no expected impact to commercial agriculture

(c) CCA

- To be noted during discussion items

6. Decision Items

6 (a) TAT committee recommendations

Motion by Wowk/Hager

"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve the recommendations from the Tier Advisory Team Committee Meeting, as follows:
Dyanna Marquardt will be added to the Wildlife Working Group replacing Aydon Almberg, who is stepping down.

"Clayton Andrew will be added as an alternate to the Grazing Lease Disposition Holder Committee,; Miles Wowk will continue to shadow John Buckley and Brodie Haugan as his replacement."

Charlotte Wasylik, Layne Burton and Kirk Wildman will be added to the Research Committee. Ryan Slenders will be stepping down.

Karen Shaw will fill the role of VBP+ on this committee going forward, and if it continues, she will remain. If not, the Tier Advisory Team will find a suitable committee. Brodie Haugan will be stepping down.

6 (b)
Board Resolutions
See attached.

6 (c)
Board Meeting Dates

The following dates were selected:
May 20, 2026 (Budget Meeting) In Person
June 17, 2026 – Virtual
July 27, 2026 – In person at Summer Event with delegates
September 16, 2026 – In person

7. Discussions Items

Vision, Mission, Core Strategies, Strategic Objectives
(a) Provincial Working Group (PWG)

- The PWG met in Calgary for 2 days in mid-March
- Andrea Brocklebank and Tyler Fulton were invited to join the discussion at the end of day 2.
- The facilitator presented the report to the CCA during their AGM – documents are included in your meeting package.

(b) CCA AGM Update

- A letter was provided to ABP from CCA highlighting the changes CCA would implement;
- ABP was asked to vote whether we agree, in principle, on the changes presented.
- Of specific interest and discussion, the Board discussed an addition in the letter, that states that Alberta Beef Producers would consider rescinding its planned withdrawal upon agreeing in principle, of the planned changes.
- After a thoughtful discussion, a motion was brought forward, to accept the Provincial Working Groups concepts in principle, as presented.

Motion by Hager/Almberg
"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors accept the Provincial Working Groups concepts as presented "in principle".
AIF Two Opposed (Wowk/Mappin) CARRIED

ACTION: Dubeau to draft a letter to CCA advising them of the concerns made by the Board of Alberta Beef Producers and will circulate to the Board for their approval prior to submission to CCA.

Motion by Rosadiuk/Irvine
"That Alberta Beef Producers approve funding for six (6) months from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 but not renew its membership in the Canadian Cattle Association until implementation of changes presented are complete.

Motion by Irvine/Holowath
Motion tabled until May 20, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting.

(c) Fall 2026 Producer Meetings

- The board was asked to provide their feedback, talk to their zones, and provide any thoughts to Brad or Debra.

(d) Traceability Working Group

- Dubeau asked the board for their recommendations or suggestions on who would be a good fit to sit at the table for this group.
- Cannot have too many at the table – the leaner the better. Ideally 12 or less.
- Timeline is July.

ACTION: Once feedback is provided, Dubeau will create the group, and run it through the executive for approval before sending out to the Board as a whole.

(e) Sponsorship Requests

- The Board reviewed the two options presented.

Motion by Irvine/Almberg
"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve to sponsor Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) for $10,000 out of fiscal 2026/27."
AIF CARRIED

Motion by Irvine/Rosadiuk
"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve to sponsor the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Tradeshow 2026 for $2,500 out of fiscal 2026/27."
AIF CARRIED

(f) Next Policy Framework

- Lyseng reviewed the Next Policy Framework (NPF), which is set to replace the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (S-CAP) in April 2028.
- The Board was asked to review the priority areas to see if they are still relevant and identify any gaps.

ACTION: Lyseng will develop a summary for the Board of Directors. The Board is asked to provide their feedback to either Lyseng, Schmid or Dubeau, within the next two weeks.

(g) Agra Stability Correction

Lyseng advised that letters were sent out last week advising of an overpayment issue and recollecting overpayment for it. This impacted feeders mostly but has a meaningful financial impact on the organization itself. As it stands at this point Alberta Beef Producers will monitor the situation.

8. Zone Reports

Due to timing zone reports were not provided.

11. In Camera

The Board moved in camera with Dubeau at 4:05pm
The Board moved out of in-camera at 4:26pm

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm y a motion made by Wowk.

Alberta Beef Producers 2026 Board of Directors Resolutions		Carried	Defeated
1	**Whereas** the most difficult issues facing the cattle industry are national and international. **Be it Resolved** that ABP continue to fund CCA and enthusiastically support CCA. **Southwest**	☐	✓
2	**Whereas** the majority of refunds go to a limited number of producers. All producers should be required to fund the mission of ABP as they benefit from the lobbying efforts of the organization. **Be it Resolved** that the ABP check-off be made non-refundable. **Northeast**	☐	✓
3	**Whereas** the government is pulling funding from the Lacombe Research Facility and plant breeding. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers lobby government to support agriculture research here in Alberta to keep our industry competitive. **Northeast**	✓	☐
4	**Whereas** it is cost prohibitive for some young producers to enter the industry. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to align the costs of immediate family transfer of grazing leases/permits with the costs of transfer of deeded lands. **Northeast**	✓	☐

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5	**Whereas** rangelands are natural ecosystems in which the indigenous or naturalized vegetation is predominantly grasses, grass-like plants, forbs and shrubs and cover up to 8 billion hectares of land globally and **Whereas** rangelands are economically, socially and culturally vital to human communities through ecological services, including food and fibre production (livestock, hay and forage), water resources, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration and storage, and provide renewable and non-renewal energy resources and aesthetic and recreational opportunities and **Whereas** Alberta ranchers and farmers who own or manage livestock or other foraging animals fall into the more global definition of pastoralists and **Whereas** pastoral peoples have stewarded rangelands through deep knowledge and connections with the land **Whereas** the UN in recognition of the vital nature of Rangelands and the significance of pastoralism to the stewardship and societal benefits of rangelands, designated 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. **Be it Resolved** that the Alberta Beef Producers, do hereby dedicate their support for Rangelands and Pastoralists (2026) throughout Alberta in solidarity with the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026. **Southeast**	✓	☐

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6	**Whereas** Alberta livestock producers must obtain prescription veterinary medicines through licensed veterinarians, and **Whereas** some veterinary clinics restrict the sale of these medicines to producers who use their clinic for full-service or exclusive care and **Whereas** these restrictions can delay treatment, increase costs and negatively impact animal welfare, disease control and producer viability. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers advocate for regulatory clarity and professional practice standards ensuring veterinarians and clinics do not refuse to sell approved livestock prescription medicines to qualified producers solely because they are not full-service clients and that Alberta Beef Producers support the creation of a provincial livestock producer medicine license, allowing trained producers to purchase veterinary medicines from any licensed veterinary practice in Alberta and that this system maintain safeguards for veterinary oversight, antimicrobial stewardship, food safety and responsible use. **Northeast (2)**	☐	✓
7	**Whereas** as of 2025 there has been 233 deaths due to vCJD worldwide; and **Whereas** the number of deaths peaked in 2000; and **Whereas** the vast majority of those who died are believed to have contracted vCJD due to residing in the UK in the 1980s and 1990s; and **Whereas** our industry is being saddled with significant costs due to BSE (SRM removal in excess of $70 per head at point of slaughter). **Be it Resolved** CCA initiate an effort to delete BSE as a reportable disease in Canada and globally. **Central**	☐	✓
8	**Whereas** since 2003 the BSE-related introduction of specified risk material (SRM) removal requirements, has resulted in the increased cost at slaughter for disposal of these materials. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers recognize the significance of this cost to our industry and advocate that this regulatory burden be removed as Canada has reached BSE-free status. **Northeast**	☐	✓

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9	**Whereas** this persistent devaluation, tied to post-BSE Specified Risk Material (SRM) regulations, exemplifies how producers disproportionately bear the costs, Alberta producers $92 million in regs alone, of risk mitigation and market safeguards, without equitable sharing of offsets, contrary to principles of fair burden distribution and has been a factor in the shrinking of the Alberta cow herd by 460,000 breeding females and ~3-6000 cow-calf enterprise exists during post 2003. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers recognize and document the significant, ongoing devaluation faced by producers from OTM/SRM designation - evidenced by $500-$700+/head rail discounts on comparable high-grade animals and $800-$2,400+ / head feeder discounts on heiferettes near the Over 30 Months (OTM) cusp - as a structural cost born primarily by the cow-calf sector since 2003. **Southeast**	✓	☐
10	**Whereas** over the last eight years, Canada has seen a 39% decrease in the availability of licensed veterinary drugs, resulting in having access to fewer licensed animal medications than they did 40 years ago, as reported by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers continue to bring forward the potential animal welfare impact on disease treatment to regulatory bodies such as Canadian Food Identification Agency (CFIA) and Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) and to impress the importance of securing sufficient medications. **Northeast**	✓	☐
11	**Whereas** only animals explicitly ordered destroyed by a CFIA inspector are eligible for compensation **Be it Resolved** animals ordered destroyed as well as producer time and resources are eligible for compensation. **Southwest, Northeast**	✓	☐
12	**Whereas** proper recording and maintenance of CCIA tag numbers is necessary for compliance of current regulations as well as ensuring accountability and traceability. **Be it Resolved** Producers must provide the CCIA tag numbers to purchaser at the time of sale/transfer. Purchasers must complete recordings of these tag numbers upon receipt of cattle. **Northwest**	☐	✓

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13	**Whereas** ABP advocate to licensed sale facilities. **Be it Resolved** that licensed auction marts and other licensed sale facilities/organizations be required to provide CCIA tag numbers to buyers of animals through their facilities. **Northwest**	☐	✓
14	**Whereas** Electronic manifests are being used in industry already, PID numbers could be captured in more movements if they were linked to CCIA database. **Be it Resolved** Electronic manifests from LIS be uploaded and linked to CCIA movement database. **14 – 22 – Pushed to the Traceability Working Group Central**	☐	☐
15	**Whereas** the CFIA is currently proposing traceability regulations which mirrors traceability already occurring in Western Canada through government organizations such as LIS/LSS. **Be it Resolved** ABP lobby inter-agency cooperation, supporting the simplification of the traceability process allowing CFIA access to brand inspection data which shows the movement and tracking methods are already in place. **Southeast**	☐	☐
16	**Whereas** CFIA has an enforcement process that is unconstitutional as the accused is not the accused to be tried before a judge and jury of their peers and represented by legal counsel. **Be it Resolved** that ABP supports a proper due legal process when CFIA accuses a producer of an offence. This allows for discovery and interveners. **Northwest**	☐	☐

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17	**Whereas** proponents of enhanced federal traceability regulations (including paused CFIA amendments to Part XV of the Health of Animals Regulations claim Canada's post 2003 BSE framework (SRM removal, age restrictions, traceability) was essential for reopening export markets after the 2003 border closures and **Whereas** this overlooks the major role of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) where importing countries imposed protectionist measures under health/safety pretexts to reduce competition and support domestic prices, despite Canadian beef remaining safe and domestic demand rising during 2003 BSE border closures case and **Whereas** reopening timelines varied widely by country, showing political/economic factors trumped science-based risk assessments: • US - ~2-2.5 y ears (partial boneless beef August 2003 - fully by mid 2005) • Mexico - ~2.5-3 years (partial 2003; near full ~2006) • Japan: ~20 years (partial 2005 - bone-in <30 30 months 2013; over 30 months 2019; processed beef restrictions lifted march 2023 • South Korea: ~8-9 years (partial <30 months 2011: broader early 2010s) • China: initial partial 7 years post 2003; suspended after 2021 atypical BSE; full restoration early 2026 (23 years overall from original closure) and **Whereas** these variances plus lobbying (eg R-CALFin the U.S.) to extend bans demonstrate market access was driven more by protectionism than by Canada's regulations or quantifiable risk; of substantial benefits versus costs to producers, not justified on fear-based scenarios and unproven market protection assumptions without supporting data. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers affirm Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) and protectionist realities frequently override science in market reopenings; reject unquantified "market protection" or catastrophe-avoidance claims as sufficient justification for additional mandatory regulatory burdens on producers (including paused analysis of specific improvements in trade access and disease response from any proposed changes before proceeding, consistent with ABP policy 23 (1) on minimizing unnecessary regulatory burden). **Southeast**	☐	☐
18	**Whereas** due to poor tag retention and current costs to producers for readers etc., pausing all new regulations and enforcement until tags have developed to a cow life cycle (8 years). **Be it Resolved** all new regulations are paused until tags are made to withstand a standard breeding cow life cycle - a minimum of eight years. **Northeast**	☐	☐

Alberta Beef Producers 2026 Board of Directors Resolutions		Carried	Defeated
19	**Whereas** ABP is run by producers, dedicated to a sustainable, competitive beef industry, with a vision to be Alberta cattle producers strong, clear voice and **Whereas** our strength lies in genuine grassroots input and in our direct democracy heritage - zone meetings, producer votes and open discussion deciding our direction and **Whereas** ABP has stood firm when national bodies drifted from producer priorities and proceeded on behalf of producers without full transparency and subsequently withdrew from the CCA and **Whereas** cattle traceability efforts date back at least 10 years and the delegates and board of directors are virtually all different now, so a historical refresher on the producer-initiated progression from early grassroots calls to the 2016 Cattle Implementation Plan - is needed to demonstrate that current proposals reflect original producer intent and **Whereas** the proposed part XV amendments were paused by CFIA in January 2026 due to widespread producer concerns expressed about added paperwork, costs and limited on-farm benefit and **Whereas** whether due to a combination of producer apathy, lack of attention to ABP communications or a lack of communication from the board to producers, a significant number of producers were completely unaware of the proposed amendments and unaware of how the process has advanced to the current stage, without their awareness. **Be it Resolved** that the ABP board reiterates our commitment to the democratic producer driven spirit that defines ABP and that within 60 days of adoption, the Board will share with members: 1. any producer resolutions, zone motions or feedback specifically supporting these amendments key elements 2. a plain summary of how producer input shaped ABPs position, including a historical refresher on traceability's producer driven origins 3. a clear answer on whether board advocacy stemmed from a producer passed resolution or other sources and that if no strong grassroots mandate is found, the Board will acknowledge it openly, thank members for their attention to detail and to the core values of ABP and commit to formally withdrawing support for the paused proposed Part XV amendments to allow adequate time for more zone-level producer input and dialogue before determining whether or not proceeding with the proposed part XV amendments and any future regulatory positions are in the best interest of Alberta producers so we preserve the direct-democracy heart of ABP. **Southeast**	☐	☐

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20	**Whereas** Canada has preserved FMD free status without vaccination for over 70 years, supporting Alberta beef exports and producer viability and **Whereas** human mediated pathways (eg. fomites on travellers, contaminated clothing, gear or vehicles) represent the primary transboundary FMD introduction risk (often estimated at 50-80%+ in WOAH/FAO models) and **Whereas** Canada has admitted millions of permanent and temporary residents since 2015, including many from FMD-endemic countries (India, Philippines, China, Nigeria, Pakistan) and **Whereas** frontline prevention relies mainly on self-declaration of agricultural exposure via airport kiosks/eGates with potential compliance gaps and **Whereas** proposed amendments to Part XV (traceability) of the Health of Animals Regulations (pre-published 2023, paused January 2026) focus on domestic traceability and post entry containment, not border prevention of traveller risks while imposing significant new burdens (shortened timelines, mandatory PID, heavy penalties) on producers and **Whereas** this creates imbalance: upstream prevention depends on self-reporting amid high immigration from endemic areas, while downstream costs and penalties burden producers disproportionately contrary to ABP policy 23 (1) against unnecessary regulatory burdens that harm competitiveness. **Be it Resolved** that ABP urgently advocate to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), and federal partners for: Enhanced inter-agency collaboration to strengthen upstream prevention of human-mediated FMD risks, including better traveller education, targeted screening for arrivals from endemic countries with agricultural ties, improved kiosk verification of exposure declarations and coordinated risk assessment for immigration-related exposures and continuation of the current pause on traceability amendments with any future changes developed via meaningful producer consultation to minimize burdens and demonstrate clear, evidence-based benefits for preventing FMD introduction (beyond containment) balanced national risk management prioritizing dominant introduction pathways, which supporting farm gate biosecurity as a key producer layer that ABP communicate this resolution to CFIA, IRCC, CBSA, CCA provincial partners and stakeholders and provide regular advocacy updates to members. **Southeast**	☐	☐

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21	**Whereas** currently required to do post-mortem testing and complete culling of the entire herd (affected or not) if an animal tests positive for a disease on a farm. **Be it Resolved** that CFIA move towards live animal testing for a reasonable timeframe on livestock on farm instead of postmortem and provide full compensation for any costs incurred to the farmer/producer for said testing, vet bills etc. as well as offer alternative solutions to mass culling such as quarantine periods and continued negative test results. **Northwest**	☐	☐
22	**Whereas** the livestock division of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) currently operates under the federal Ministry of Health; and Livestock producers across Canada believe that the livestock division would be more appropriately aligned under the Ministry of Agriculture, where policy direction, expertise, and advocacy are better suited to agricultural realities; and Producers are concerned that the current structure contributes to government overreach into agricultural management and livestock production; and Alberta beef producers require clear, accessible, and non-government-filtered communication channels to ensure their voices are heard and their concerns accurately represented. **Be it Resolved** that Alberta Beef Producers advocate for the livestock division of CFIA to be removed from the Ministry of Health and placed under the Ministry of Agriculture; and That Alberta Beef Producers ensure all producer consultations include in-person meetings, direct outreach, and formal written communication that is not limited to government-aligned platforms, lobby websites, or internal publications; and That Alberta Beef Producers use widely trusted, non-partisan agricultural publications -- including but not limited to Western Producer and Canadian Cattlemen -- to reach ranchers and producers across Alberta when conducting consultations or communicating major policy issues. **Central**	☐	☐

	Alberta Beef Producers 2026 Wildlife Working Group Resolutions	Carried	Defeated
1	**Whereas** predators are continuing to increase in area, especially grizzly bears and attacking and killing cattle and we cannot defend our cattle. This is not effective. **Be it Resolved** that ABP lobby the government to allow ranchers to protect their animals from any and all predators no matter the season and report to Fish and Wildlife on land under care and control of producer. **Southwest**	✓	☐
2	**Whereas** wildlife grazing on winter grazing lands continue to plague Alberta ranches **Whereas** proposals from the Alberta government such as allowing centre fire rifles into Wildlife Management Units (WMU) zones that are traditional bow zones are likely ineffective due to lack of hunting permission **Whereas** the current system of using a priority draw system, to issue tags to random hunters, does not increase the wildlife harvest **Be it Resolved** Alberta Beef Producers lobby the departments of Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to create a deeded land owner tag program where landowners can manage and issue tags to known hunters based on a percentage of wildlife animal counts. These tags would allow for extended hunting hours. **Southwest**	✓	☐