

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday May 18, 2017  
Conference Call 8am**

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director 1)  
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)  
Keith Day (Director, District 3B)  
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)  
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)  
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)  
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)  
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)  
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)  
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)  
Bill Huber (Director, SSGA)  
Bill Jameson, Past Chair

**SCA Staff:**

Ryder Lee (CEO)  
Leann Clifford – (Executive Administrator)  
Marianne Possberg – (Production)  
Christina Patterson – (Policy)  
Tom Jordens – (Communications)

**Regrets:**

Garret Hill (Director, District 6)  
Joe Jackson (Director, District 2)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:03am

**1.00 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2017-062: Spratt/Larson**

**“To accept the agenda as presented”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes\***

April 27, 2017

Lee reviewed the minutes.

**MOTION 2017-063: Spratt/Hull**

**“ To accept the April 27, 2017 minutes as read .”**

**Motion Carried**

## **1.02 Chair Report**

- Beierbach read his report.
- Attended the Ottawa fly in with Garret Hill and Christina Betker.
- Spoke before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food on the subject of debt in the agricultural sector. The group also met with a number of MPs and Ministers' staff, including Saskatchewan MPs Gerry Ritz, Erin Weir, Robert Kitchen and David Anderson. They also met with staff from the offices of the Agricultural Minister, Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan's lone Liberal MP, Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.
- The meeting provided the SCA an opportunity to highlight the challenges the beef industry faces and the impact some of the issues may have on Saskatchewan's beef industry. The topics included trade (NAFTA, CETA, TPP and a possible bilateral agreement with Japan), the proposed transportation regulations, the carbon tax and the importance of recognizing pastures and grasslands as carbon sinks. We spoke about the importance of maintaining research funding through the beef science cluster under the Next Policy framework, while reminding them of the labour challenges faced by the agricultural industry.
- Attended the Funder's Meeting in Toronto. Ontario is not sounding like they are moving forward on the increase. They are not giving a real timeline.
- Some provinces would like to see a clearer separation between Canada Beef and Check off Administration.
- Farm Products Council said they will watch closely that the money for issues management is marketing and not lobbying. Some provinces are hesitant on funding that.

### **MOTION 2017-064: Beierbach/ Hull**

**"To accept the Chair report as presented."**

**Motion Carried**

## **1.03 CEO Report**

- Lee presented the written report.
- Comments on the SaskParty Event held on April 27, 2017 and the protesters outside of the event. Some were caught up in that mess.
- Met with Shea Ferster and Roxanne Olynyk for MNP as per board request. Shea believes that AgriStability is doing well for cattle producers that use it well. This includes knowing their operations well. Details like how many bales you have at year end, how many calves sold, what weight, how many cows do you own are all details that his interactions have shown are not always well known by producers. If you come through a bad year and say you have the same numbers of bales as in a great year, the program will not work for you.
- Shea is seeing the program respond big time after 2016's down turn. Not just feeders, cow-calf too. The result is he does not see a lot of "recommendations for change" that he would give to the board.
- Christine Taylor is the regional director and regional chief inspector for the CFIA in Saskatchewan and Alberta north. We have met a couple of times now and I am glad CFIA has her in this position.
- Christine oversees the operations people. We have been talking about handling the next phase of the TB testing well so nobody is hearing the wrong or bad information. Her operations people whether they are plant or transport or something else for CFIA may get asked questions once the investigation widens. Christine wants to make sure everyone facing producers for CFIA has the right messages and steps to take. CFIA will have dedicated case workers for the areas of

Saskatchewan and Alberta and those phone numbers will be where we direct people. Any information reported from other sources should be taken with caution. This is like last winter where the only official reporting was from the CFIA website.

- The traceability fallout from this case is going to result in pressure to improve. Have been talking to the provincial staff working on PID to see if there are any barriers. I have also been talking to Rick Burton about what they can do to move it along. A debrief from the TB trace out is a good topic for the traceability working group to discuss with CFIA. Depending on their availability something should come together soon.
- Summer is coming and with it an opportunity to reach out to elected officials. A plan has been discussed for each of you to meet with your MPs and MLAs in the summer. Christina will help in arranging and planning and developing speaking notes. You just have to do it. This is about building relations. Another aspect of this is succession. It would be good to invite another producer to these meetings. Someone you see as a future leader for industry.
- Fundraising meeting for the LFCE are underway and have a few meetings this week.

**MOTION 2017- 065: Disney/Jameson**

**“To accept the CEO report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.04 Financial Report**

- **Reviewed**

**MOTION 2017-066: Jackson/Moore**

**“ To accept the financial report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**3.0 New Business**

- **BSE Testing**  
BSE pilot program for testing.

**MOTION 2017-067: Welter/Martens**

**“That SCA support a BSE Testing Pilot Project at provincial abattoirs.”**

**Motion Carried**

- **Income Deferrals Consultations**  
Submit that cattle should be treated the same as grain? Is deferred cattle sales a safe thing? If they leave the grain deferral in, then engage.

**4.0 Letters In**

- Sask Power is not looking to change how they dispose of land. When they come in they get it if they want it. Then when they own it they do lease it back. When they are done with the land they are saying they will tender it openly instead of recognizing the operations that have come to rely on those lands as part of their operations. The request is the tenant to get first right of refusal and that is declined for now.
- Is there another avenue in the government to approach this? Not asking for less than market value, but the chance to buy it first. Can Minister Stewart help with this?
- Federal Pastures Patrons were given a first right on that land.
- In the Estevan area and that mine.

- Coronach is likely similar.
- Judy Harcourt is reeve of Corman Park, On SARM board and on SaskPower board of directors. She may be a good person to approach.
- Put this alongside with the things we talk to our MLAs about.

#### **LSS AGM**

- Brad suggests appointing a rep to the AGM along with his attendance as a director.
- Ryder Lee will represent SCA at the LSS AGM. Get it in writing and sent to the LSS admin.

#### **Sustainable Canada AGM**

- Rick is attending

#### **CanFax**

#### **MOTION 2017-068: Toney/Welter**

**“That SCA pay \$2500 for Canfax data shared via the website.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **9am – Tim Oleksyn, Mark Elford, Reg Schellenberg, Ryan Thompson, Chad Ross**

#### **Reg Schellenberg:**

Just returned from BVCRT in Calgary, with 58 members attending. Lots of information presented. Livestock market interruption Strategy was interesting. BVCRT sees this preparation as of paramount importance.

Cherie Copithorne- Barnes talked CRSB and the increasing engagement of retail. Lobbying for including CRSB work in GF3. This is a long term program.

Reynold talked AMR/AMU. Trials looking at residuals in soil. Pretty informative that resistance that some claim in the soil may not be persisting. Going forward the same products coming out for humans will not be looked at for animals.

CFIA is looking for cost recovery. It was lengthy. One question was regarding what admin of that is costing?

BIXSco is offering a service to lenders. That is a concern for some at CCA. What will this entail? Scan calves prior to sale?

Lenders may make a prerequisite and then you are scanning every calf.

CCA Exec meets June 27 & 28.

#### **Tim Oleksyn:**

Still challenges with moving forward on the National Strategy. ON still a challenge.

They just want to stop imports from the south.

CBIC registrations. Concern a bit the date being close to silage, etc. CIPAARS and AMU discussion is slow. Continue to have conversations that seem to be moving forward but get slow.

Regarding Issues Management Farm Products Council and saying be careful it falls in research and marketing and not lobbying. It has to fit in those two. Do the Beef Advisors look at that and make sure Tom is staying in there? Yes. Laurent (chair of Farm Products) talks to this but does understand it must flex a bit. Advisors identify that they must be diligent on this. Looked at a name change and decided to keep it there as that is what the job is. Also talking about getting it to be a team/national function.

Issues management gets their allotment of funds. Then an issue comes up, how are those funds deployed? Say it is a production issue and CCA puts a lot of resources to it, do they foot the bill? Or consumer and CB respond to it? How does the money flow? Some of the pooling happens from core funding. But what is needed beyond core? Then those resources come into play.

Tim is comfortable with where it is going, but it is not there. There is a little bit of my job vs your job attitude going on.

**Mark Elford:**

Last fall made a request from CCIA to CIP. Were very concerned that CFIA wants to read cattle at any location they can make happen. To that end they had a study done by an epidemiologist (Ms. Dube) who did not take the CIP into account where read in at feedlots individually was to happen.

CCIA requested funds and SCA supported that. They have contracted a group from the U of Calgary. Very happy with who they have. As important as work is renown of who is doing it. Will do a review of Dube's work as well as a costing study that will dovetail with that.

When CFIA did their costing piece they missed some things that affect industry. Dovetailing these was a perfect way to do this.

Had about \$55,000 committed from industry across Canada. The total work bill is north of \$80,000. They have talked to some groups who said they are supportive but have not committed. Maritimes and Ontario still not on board.

Asked LMAC last week too.

Viewtrack has committed \$2500 to this work. SCA committed up to \$15,000. No commitment from feeders yet. They are not as concerned about this as CCIA. They would like them all read anyways. CCA has committed some funds.

Met with CIP Exec group last week (Steve Primrose and Rick Wright). That is going to start with a "find the money" viewpoint. Maritimes and ON are not "No" that must become "Yes" rather they are "sounds good" that need to become "here is your funding."

Ask at LMAC may yield some more as they will be well effected by this.

**Ryan Thompson:**

Suggest having Tom Lynch-Staunton before the board to show & hear what would be best to work on. Time to look at the National Strategy again? It has been three years already. Asked the Federal Government to create the LMIS secretariat.

Looking to get ionophores reclassified. Pressure will continue and that would be useful.

CFIA cost recovery is a big concern. Say they collect \$55 million of \$800 million cost and want to get to \$500 million recovered.

Electronic service is dragging on still. – Next year?

Not getting a good signal on recourse of what if service delivery does not meet industry needs. This will be on next BVCRT agenda.

Carbon taxing is still looming

Any plans to meet with MPs and MLAs, provide as much support as possible.

**Chad Ross:**

Walmart is on board with using the Canada beef logo. Earls is headed there.

Abe and John continue to tour with cutting demos.

Good domestic movement.

**Calls ended 10am**

## **In Camera Session**

### **ILO Discussion:**

Florian Possberg & Neil Kettilson from Sask Pork , Ben Middleton from Chicken Farmers of Sask in attendance.

Letter draft had several points of agreement but board did not want to take the power from the RMs to decide. Would be good if RMs had rules to follow. Good to make local calls. There have been a number of meetings to deal with this process. This ILO legislation has been in place for some time now. Meeting with Minister Stewart for some time and he said he would review the process. Poultry, dairy and hog operations have seen the permitting process become very difficult to get over the finish line. Provincial Act dictates what an ILO is, then the municipal rules come into play in getting final approval.

Trying to address two things, one is updating the “what” should an ILO be. Units have changed since 1995. Second is how to work with municipalities.

Neil: lot in common. Intention is not to create a fight either. Lot of RMs are supportive and have good people doing good work. Trying to streamline processes in a way that is good for the RMs and industry going forward.

Why trying to encourage Minister Stewart to open up the process and have a dialogue includes:

Competitive balance with other provinces. AB has a provincial permit process. They are transparent and posted on website including comments. Local municipality and authority work together. Avoids small political body in the fight.

MB’s new government is supportive of the industry and looking to change rules. Double up some locations without going through extra permitting.

They think demand is strong and more builds are coming.

In South Dakota if you have homework done (GeoTec etc) you can have a permit in an hour and a barn built and operating in a few months.

300 animal units is the threshold for requiring an ILO permit. Scale of production has changed. Would like that increased as part of this process.

Want to keep process science based, but with discretionary use at the RM level you see things veer off science and into activism and emotion.

Recent issues include urban encroachment and issues with manure spreading .

RMs are strapped for money.

ILOs are taxed at base land value. Need to discuss a balance so things are fair to both parties. Maybe letter first drafted went too hard a little fast. Perhaps go back to opening up a dialogue as the request on how to get there.

Ben : From just outside Saskatoon, RM coming up with own rules on manure spreading. Included - that all manure had to be incorporated within 24 hours. Beef guys saying their land is pasture. That struck some fear into the poultry board, 296 different viewpoints on manure spreading. Then what next ? So getting to one set of rules is the ideal.

**Q&A:**

When urban building permits are sought do they have to sign a waiver that they cannot come back to municipality or others saying they have an odour issue? There is a “good management practices” protection but that does not stop someone from suing, just helps at the end of the cost and fight. RM of Corman Park ( Saskatoon area) came to a meeting. They have bylaws in place to allow for ILOs and they are still having challenges. When it gets to public meetings things get challenging quickly. A small group of dedicated activists show up to meetings all over to oppose developing. Calgary people showing up in Pelley, SK!

Support around the board for making sure the principles were laid out so an RM could not refuse permit based on those rules, but the challenge was more creating a body that took it out of their hands. Same page on a lot of things - that was the main sticking point. The letter basically says give all the power to the ministry .

If the provinces set out the rules and the RMs have to live by the same set of rules, is that the ask? If so, there is no argument about the rules, then the argument is – Does the RM want an ILO period and do they have the authority to just say NO. Is that the corner we are getting painted into?

Look at how cities plan for residential, commercial and industrial. Millions of acres are suitable for livestock but you cannot get a permit to build even meeting all the science. Not in the interest of the province to have no development.

If RMs want to zone for non-ILO, that is fine, but a lot of RMs that cannot have ILOs just because of local politics.

Neil: Get together to ask that this be opened up. If that is where we can get that will be positive. Some RMs would like this to be better so they don't have the decision making power. Neil will draft a letter for consideration.

**Next Meeting: June 15,2017 – Travelodge, Regina,SK 8am**

**Adjourned 11:06am**

**MOTION 2017-069: Beierbach**

**“To adjourn.”**



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Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

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Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

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