

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday September 21, 2016  
Conference Call**

**Attendance:**

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

**SCA Staff:**

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

**Regrets:**

Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)  
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)  
Philip Lynn (Director, District 2)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:05am

**1.00 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2016-141: Larson/Ross**

**"To accept the agenda as amended"**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes\***

August 23, 2016.

Lee reviewed the minutes.

**MOTION 2016-142: Jameson/Toney**

**"To accept the August 23, 2016 minutes as presented."**

**Motion Carried**

## 1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Participated in a consultation for the Regulations that will apply to the new Provincial Lands Act.
- Government talked about categorizing land and having different rules for different categories. Use the categories to decide land that they will try to sell or not, allow multiple uses on, decide on the length of term leases, etc.
- Government also plans to allow the use of licences to facilitate certain activities to occur simultaneously, like mineral exploration, recreation uses, etc.
- Land use consult – potential input for SCA : Lease land as collateral – need to make sure that is done right and is as useful as it is in Alberta. To be able to access money and to be able to depreciate what you pay for lease land.
- Grazing leases need to stay long enough to be useful.
- Should they have to give a five year notice to cancel a lease instead of two? Is there provision for father – son lease? Can an estate transfer in family? Need to make sure a death does not put back into the mix.
- Issue was raised regarding private leases not being given first right of refusal on land that could have or may have been expropriated. Needs to be investigated.

### MOTION 2016-143: Balicki/Toney

**“That landowners displaced by eminent domain be given first right of refusal on those lands when they come back up for sale or lease.”**

**Motion Carried**

### MOTION 2016-144: Balicki/Martens

**“That in addition to leaseholders controlling access to lease lands that the Lands Act regulations maintain lease lengths at least 33 years duration, that lease land can be used as security and depreciate as a capital cost when purchased, that cancellation without cause must give five years notice, and that leases be eligible to be passed along by an estate. “**

**Motion Carried**

### MOTION 2016-145: Toney/Moore

**“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

## 1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Fall meeting preparations continue.
- Looking at SCA needs for the future – good to set up a schedule of recurring events such as policy review, strategic plan update and governance review. These are the things that keep the organization looking forward at the big picture and running smoothly.
- Forage insurance working group met this past month to discuss a model that allows producers to cover their feed needs through insurance.
- The Lands Act regulations consultations took place over the last month. Overall the proposed changes look positive or neutral depending on the part you are looking at.
- Chad and Ryder had a conference call with Adrienne and Melinda about the Agency and Services agreements with Canada Beef. We are moving toward a better reconciliation process with Alberta on interprovincial marketings of Saskatchewan and Alberta cattle.
- Had the opportunity to present to Sask Ag policy branch. It was a good tour through what SCA is and some of what we work on.

**MOTION 2016-146: Welter/Hull**  
"To accept the CEO report as presented."

**Motion Carried**

**1.05 Audit and Finance**

- Leann presented the Audit and Finance Committee report.

**MOTION 2016-147: Larson/Balicki**  
"To accept the Financial Report as presented."

**Motion Carried**

**2.0**

**Communications Report**

- Radio campaigns held back in August and returning for the fall district meeting announcements. More spots mean we will be heavy on advertising the meetings and pointing the people to the website for more details.
- The social media presence continues to grow
- The district meetings will be advertised through a mailer combining consumer information with producer information, meetings.
- Will have posters made up as well.
- Virtual Reality video filming at Garret's ranch. Plan to be completed end of September. Would like to have it out for Ag awareness month.
- Career fair in Swift Current – Harold to attend
- Career fair in Maple Creek – Katherine Bonnet will help.
- Producer handbook continue to be worked on
- Cattle buyers guide – get comments back to Scott ASAP.
- Positive comments coming in around the social media posts.
- Our minutes and reports are on the website.

**MOTION 2016-148: Balicki/Ross**  
"To accept the communications report as presented."

**Motion Carried**

**9am – Les Johnson, Reg Schellenberg, Mark Elford, Pat Hayes**  
**Regrets – Tim Oleksyn, Ryan Thompson**

**Reg Schellenberg:**

- Pat & Reg are going to Ottawa for CCA Exec meeting . One key issue needing voice is Agri Invest, as it is under scrutiny. Reg will put a strong support for Agri Invest forward.
- Some concern is alternate uses for land permits. (snowmobile usage/gravel). Positive was Ministry of Ag is in support of producers and would be in full consult with producers if alternate use is accepted.
- Perhaps SCA should put something in the handbook that takes a look at lease holders rights and responsibilities.

**Pat Hayes:**

- Not a lot of CCA activity going on.
- David Haywood called Pat stating that a new CFIA contact is trying to talk to him about traceability. Looks like they are trying to build understanding.
- Sticking to the Cattle Implementation Plan, anything else will be very costly and costs may fall to the producers.
- Question about next policy framework. WLPIP is missing a category of cattle. There are feeders and calves, but grass cattle selling say 650lbs weight in spring, there is a big spread from 8wts. Could you take calf insurance for April/May sales?
- There is a growing liability at WLPIP for calf insurance.
- Do they move together? Different between 600 – 800 lb in fall or spring. In fall, both going to feedlots. In May one is going to grass and one is going to feed. There are a lot of grass cattle that move March/April/May so there is enough volume there.
- Question – How would they do it? All premiums and payouts are set off the CBOT. There is no grass calf formula.

**Chad Ross**

- President of Marketing, Rob Meijer, tendered his resignation with Canada Beef last week.
- The team worked together to create a smooth transition.
- Melinda German and Linda Allison met with Dennis Laycraft in regards to the Issues Management department. A MOU has been drafted and the process will continue.
- Chef Marty of the Centre of Excellence has decided to retire due to some health issues. Chef Marty did an excellent job for CB and will be missed.
- Had a conference meeting with Ryder and Melinda German regarding the Federal Levy Collection Agreement and the Agency Management Services Agreements. The changes suggested by the provinces will be implemented and the next draft will be ready for review.
- The scheduled meeting with Sask Government, and Rob Meijer was cancelled due to Rob's resignation. A new meeting will be rescheduled once a CB representative has been selected. There is an emphasis that Saskatchewan needs to continue to support and push the Canada Beef Brand.

**Mark Elford:**

- Previously had been talking about tags cut out of stolen cattle. Had a lengthy conversation with Mark Burgham in Ottawa then was steered to another person.
- There was conversation as to why they did not pursue prosecution. Elford was frustrated with the responses.
- Will be in Ottawa tomorrow to discuss more on this issue.
- LSS will be doing more communication on theft with government.

**Les Johnson:**

- The rep on the CRSB Verification Committee. It is a very complex program to initiate and the tight time structure does not help.
- Need to thank McDonalds for their trial.
- One issue to look at is education.
- Does it look like VBP+ will be an acceptable form of verification? That is what they are working on.

- Had conversation with a Loblaw rep who stated 80% of people wanted to know where their beef comes from. Is this a true statement – who is putting this notion forward the consumer or the vendor
- Les thanked the board for the opportunity to represent.

**External Rep call ended 10:04am**

## **2.0 ...continued**

### **Beef Production Specialist Report**

- Meeting with the Ministry of AG regarding greenhouse gas emissions from cattle, as well as sequestration possibilities from our grasslands. Those present including livestock and forage extension specialists, environmental engineers, and managers from the livestock branch, concluded that we agreed on the science available. This included the work done by Tim McAllister regarding the significant decrease in emissions since 1981.
- Working on connecting with several organizations to consider opportunities to work together to provide producers with more information.
- Met with Alan Iwaasa and Mike Schellenberg in Swift Current and had a tour of the AAFC facility and their research.
- Participated in the Farm to Fork tour.
- Looking to make a presentation to the Agriculture Economics department at the end of the month.
- Plan to complete the comparison between the BCRC's research priorities with our research priorities in the next week.
- Intend on reviewing the full ADF proposals regarding beef and forage, as the Ministry of Agriculture will hold its final meeting on these proposals at the end of the month.

### **MOTION 2016 – 149: Balicki/Martens**

**“ To accept the Beef Production Specialist Report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

## **3.0 Old Business**

- a) Theft Case
  - Reviewed findings from Kowal case.
  - Not satisfied.

## **4.0 New Business**

### **Fall Meetings**

- Want producer delivery. Will post PDF of power point after on our website too.
- Have Anne and Joe speaking on marketing.
- Cyril Lafarge is speaking at Shellbrook
- Cabella's gift card one per district
- Posters are done and can be printed out on demand.

#### **Lands Act Consult**

- Have dealt with previously.

#### **Ottawa Fly in**

- Picking Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **YCC Election**

- Do we want one - **Yes** - election in January, let the whole group vote. Promote at the fall meetings moving towards January.

#### **Renaming SBIDF to SCAIDF**

- To decrease confusion of where the funds are coming from.

#### **MOTION 2016-150: Disney / Welter**

**“That SBIDF be changed to Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association Industry Development Fund.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **VBP+**

- Balicki presented report
- Had two meetings in August.
- First was to go through the proposed Amendments of Articles and Bylaws with Kevin Hoy (legal counsel) and to vote on resolutions for final draft version.
- The second for the purpose of making the motion to amend current bylaws and articles and forward to the members.
- Final versions of the Articles of Amendment and the Bylaws will be sent out shortly.

#### **MOTION 2016-151: Balicki/ Disney**

**“ To accept the VBP+ report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Canada Beef Report**

- Covered under external call

#### **SCIC and WLPIP**

- If you look at WLPIP settlements - yesterday it came out at 3:28. You should have a window of 1:30 until 5:00pm. Coming out at 1:30pm only leaves 1.5 hours to trigger. You can do it on computer until 7pm but want someone there.

#### **MOTION 2016-152: Balicki /Toney**

**“That SCIC keep adequate WLPIP staff available until the WLPIP settlement window closes on Mondays.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Meat Inspection**

- Provincially inspected facilities used to have CFIA inspectors. That is not the case anymore. Now supplied by the province through Livestock branch. These inspectors have been causing discontent.

- NO training, qualifications or experience. Do not seem to have the background needed. It has almost ended the beef kill at one facility.
- One facility is processing cattle that cannot travel any distance, short distance one at a time. It is called "with special provisions".
- Have received nothing but threats of fines or worse.
- The inspector is not familiar with part XII of the Health of Animals Act our board members have supplied them!
- Will investigate this with Jodi Banks, Ed of Livestock branch. Also reach out to abattoirs.
- Ryder will take a look and report back.

**4.0 Letters In**

- Mr. Novak – Premise Identification (PID) Number Requirement

**Letters Out**

- Dr. Douglas Freeman – RE: Professor of Applied Ethology at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Calendar of Events**

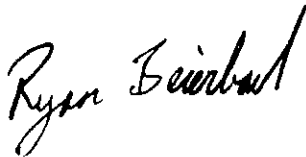
- CCA Ottawa BBQ – Ryan plans to go
- Plan a fall fly in day

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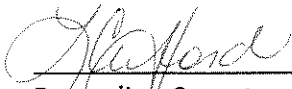
**Meeting adjourned 11:19AM**

**MOTION 2016-153: Beierbach/Larson  
"To adjourn."**

**Motion Carried**



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Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach



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Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

Oct 18, 2016

Date approved

