

Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Friday October 14, 2022
VIDO – Saskatoon, SK – 8am

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A)
Rick Toney (Past Chair)
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Keith Day (Director 3B)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA) call in

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)- call in
Glenn LaPointe (Communications)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Garner Deobald (Director, SSGA)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:10 am
Welcome from Ryan Thompson

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2022-089: Rosengren / Hebert

“To accept the agenda as presented”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

September 22, 2022, Minutes

MOTION 2022-090: Lueke / Meyers

“To accept the September 22, 2022, minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Attended the Vet Enhancement program at the WCVM as announced by Minister Marit & Minister Wyant on Sept 29
- Oct 6 – attended a discussion on research at LFCE
- Announcement of Harold Martens resignation from LSS & CRSB
- Received many calls looking for government financial help in filling dugouts & other matters related to the drought in specific areas.

MOTION 2022-091: Balicki / Hebert

‘To accept the Chair Report as presented.’

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Sept 27 met with Buffalo Plains Cattle Co and provincial officials on efforts to modernize standards for boilers
- Sept 29 Attended the JGL Forum – had presentations and dialogue from speakers Ted Bilyea (former Maple Leaf foods executive), Josh Linville (VP of Fertilizer for StoneX Financial), & Dr. Sylvain Charlebois (professor of food distribution, Dalhousie)
- Interview w/ CTV regarding drought in Saskatchewan and its effects on Saskatchewan Producers
- Attended the Carbon Summit put by Carbon RX
- Attended – Beyond the Harvest Summit put on by SIIT and Nutrien – interesting livestock sector was lacking in representation
- Have had multiple meetings with Canadian forage and Grasslands Assoc. regarding the On Farm Climate Action Fund
 - Concessions made by federal government to shorten the length of time before producers are credited for offsets
 - The program will happen with or without SCA participation, but it may limit how many dollars get into the producers’ hands, and we will have less influence on the potential projects and mentors that are considered.
 - Pros and Cons to be considered. Have discussed somewhat with Scott Wright (LFCE), he believes the program could be useful, but shares our same concerns.
- Chair and CEO have both been in contact with Ag Minister’s office on interim support program for producers still struggling with drought, particularly the high costs of transportation for feed. Had a discussion with the FI Minister’s office. HOC program not likely
- AG MO is supportive of lobbying the federal government to expand LPI as a national program and provide cost – shared premiums on par with Crop Insurance: it was a policy program they put forward while previously negotiating the new CAP agreement. We have submitted a policy position on this to the federal government as well for their budget submission requests and have been working closely with CCA on additional communications with the federal government.
 - Action item – Government/Policy Committee to convene a meeting to discuss.
- Update on the boards request for insight into Quebec and Ontario LPI programs – unsuccessful attempts to get a hold of experts in Quebec, but Ontario programs provide a cost shared program with the province paying 40%. It can be stacked with AgriStability, but there is a limit to the provincial dollars that can be earned from both.
- Crop insurance provided statistics on predation insurance coverage: since 2017 – SCIC has received 290 claims and denied 7, paid out \$400k on the claims. 240 were paid out at 100%, 43 at 50%. Open to suggestions for improvement an also looking to hear if there are producers who aren’t calling or are being told before they can make a claim that they will be ineligible.

- Additional discussions ongoing with changes to monitoring and declarations made under the Livestock Tax Deferral. Proposed self-declaration and improvement rainfall and weather data collection. Have sent our suggested changes to federal officials and are also working with CCA. Will likely require amendments to the *Income Tax Act*, which means major changes will not be on the immediate horizon.

MOTION 2022-092: Hebert / Dean

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss.
 - Action Item – Finance Committee to review strat plan

MOTION 2022-093: Stokke / Shea

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

- Discussion on herd reduction / When does it get even?

New Business

On Farm Climate Action Fund – Mentorship & Grazing Plan

- Discussion
- Some uneasiness of the board.

MOTION 2022-094: Corey / Stokke

“That SCA not move forward with CFGA in the handling of the Mentorship & Grazing Plan programs in Saskatchewan.”

Motion Carried

LSS - \$.50/ per increase proposal

- Information for board attention.
- Discussed what this means for the producers.
- Harold Martens has resigned as SCA rep to the board.
- Rick has been appointed to take Harold’s place on the LSS board

SSGA Resolutions

- Information for the board.
- Work together for the beef industry, not apart.
- Board to look over the resolutions and see where they overlap SCA’s in the upcoming District Meetings

MOTION 2022-095: Rick

“To table the review of the SSGA Resolutions and to bring back notes for the next meeting for discussion.”

Letter of Support request from BCRC

- They have asked SCA to write a letter of support for the next science cluster.
- Important for the industry.

MOTION 2022-096: Ross / Rosengren

“That SCA provide BCRC a letter of support for the next Beef Science Cluster IV funding application as requested.”

Carried

Hay West

- Some Saskatchewan producers are disappointed, and the program may not have worked well.
- An informal survey? Does this kind of program work? What can be done better? Or different
- Can have a discussion at your district meeting.

Old Business

Drought help filling the dugouts

Guests

Brian

- Drought area Saskatoon – Beechy to Southwest corner of the Province.
- No soil moisture
- Cattle being dispersed
- Freight expensive and adds to cost of feed – feed high people are just selling out.
- Producers need to call into the MLAs / Ministry need the numbers so we can ask for programs.

Brent

- Rain fall insurance not working out the station says they got enough rain, his land paints a different story
- Community pastures can tell the story to the government as they monitor these areas.
- There has to be a different program for severe drought-stricken areas.
- If we sell off our herds how can we support a slaughter plant?
- Would like the cattle groups together to approach the government.

Discussion on the state of drought in Saskatchewan

- There is a need for producers to call the MLAs, it's the government measure for funds
- RM needs to make the initial declaration
- Prices are just too high for some to move forward.
- Do the programs work?
- Looking at the rain stations what can be done to make them work for the producer?
- Make a new ask and include the grassers – it worked previously and now need more for the next drought bout.

- Direction to work with CCA, SSGA, and looping in with small businesses, chamber of commerce to talk about the impact of what the future of the sector is. Stating the positive impact of the \$200 and we should continue to use it in the areas of the province requested.

Packing Industry Competitiveness – Whistleblower protection

- The US has a whistler bower protection, would like to see Canada have the same
- Anti trust in government doesn't have enough tools to go after someone.
- A producer can report up.
- Farm Fairness in Livestock

MOTION 2022-097: Balicki / Stokke

“That SCA direct CCA to pursue a whistleblower protection policy for Canada equivalent to the United States.”

Carried

District Meetings

- Went through the deck

Letters

- Went through the letter from CCIA regarding SCA membership.
- They offered and associate membership in which we must apply for.
- We will be putting through a letter of response
- Can StockGrowers put in a joint letter with SCA to support 2 voting seats at the table.

RoundTable

- ESGs? Backlash from the grassroots -CDN Banks don't want to do it (today)
- Article in Beef Business
- Start using it against us for loans – too much carbon from beef therefore no loan? When does this become a problem? Now!
- What is CCA doing on this front?
- CRSB says no thank you
- US and Europe saying no
- Discuss with provincial government.
- Work with StockGrowers on getting behind this
- Attending a Carbon tree planting meeting – does anybody else know about this? Is it legit? 25year program
- Manure as a Carbon credit – Rim Rock Feeders – S Calgary – using a program
- Living Labs hopefully will help answer the questions to counter Carbon costs on livestock.

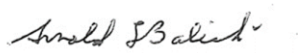
Calendar Overview

In Camera

Adjourn 4:21pm

**MOTION 2022-098 Rosengren
"To adjourn."**

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

____ Leann Clifford ____ - Recording Secretary

Date approved