

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Board Meeting - Research
Thursday July 11, 2019
Travelodge, Regina, SK 8am**

Rick Toney, Chair (District 4)
Kyle Hebert (District 1)
Roger Meyers (District 3A)
Keith Day (District 3B)
Michael Spratt (District 8)
Arnold Balicki (District 9A)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)
Ryan Beierbach, Past Chair

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)
Tom Jordens (Communications)

Regrets:

Scott Greiner (District 2)
Levi Hull (District 5)
Brent Griffin (District 6)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Leann Clifford (Executive Administrator)
Paula Larson (District 7)
Dean Moore (District 9B)

Rick Toney called the meeting to order at 8:09 am.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2019-076: Welter / Martens

"To accept the Agenda as amended"

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

June 13, 2019

MOTION 2019-077: Day / Hebert

"To accept the June 13, 2019 minutes as presented."

Motion Carried

Discussion on the follow up with Conrad Olson around SWF lands goals of grazing. SWF aims to get into long term agreements on the lands they manage just not formal leases that would cede access control. Will buy improvements, work on water improvements, etc.

1.02 Chair Report

- Attended LFCE field day. Liked that the message was that industry should all come together and speak with one voice.
- BRM review with gov't. Discussion was Agri Invest, Agri Stability and Crop Ins. Discussed changes that could be made to make things better. Agreed that Agri Invest is a nice program but did not build enough equity to save a person in a disaster. Agri Stability does not work for everyone and works at the wrong time in certain cases, also costly. Crop ins ok, but still has glitches and needs to work for the whole country.
- Attended a meeting with Minister Freeland and discussed CUSMA. And the China ban of Can. It was stressed the importance beef plays in the Canadian economy, environment and sustainability.

MOTION 2019-078: Toney / Herbert

‘To accept the Chair Report as presented.’

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Attended NFACC meetings in Ottawa. On the final term as chair. Things have gone smoothly in the four and half years as chair and some new snags are providing some challenges. Steps taken to create solid financial footing have potentially been confounded.
- Participated in a couple of water sessions since the last meeting. The first hosted by the Global Institute for Water Security at the U of S. This was not a positive talk, doomsday talk.
- The second was hosted by Western Economic Diversification. Minister Goodale asked for some studies to be done on expanding irrigation in Saskatchewan. The report is due later this year.
- Attended the Farm and Food Care Influencer tour. Shawn Colborn was a great host
- AG West Bio hosted a panel on protein called “More Beans Please” Deb Wilson from TrustBIX gave the beef position and she did a great job.
- Attended Internet of Things discussion hosted by the U of S Engineering collage.
- The future is bright and full of events.

MOTION 2019-079: Martens / Spratt

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

Reviewed the 2019/2020 Budget

MOTION 2019-080: Balicki / Spratt

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

Importance of attendance and engagement as directors.

Advocacy Report

- MLA and MP meetings, a good response. Minister Marit with Executive on Aug 6, Minister Beaudry-Mellor on the 20th.
- Animal Health Act regulations survey to committee.

- Working with Shea Ferster at MNP on capital gains tax scenarios to bring back to the committee.
- Irrigation ally seeking beyond agriculture- Heavy Construction for example.
- Meeting with SARM and SSGA to talk income tax deferral.
- What does SCA want in meetings with Minister of Education? Admissions process picks interviewees based on academics. Tilts their process towards the small animal side. If it were a bit more open on the who gets interviewed, they might get more large/mixed animal candidates, (Something to pass on to WCVM, not the Minister). WCVM does not want to let anyone “fail out” once they have been accepted.
- Next step: Review admissions practices Review of allowable vet tech activities
- For meeting with the Minister we have a vet shortage. This is a provincial animal- health, animal welfare issue, agriculture issue. More focus could be on funding at WCVM and working with them to fix the rural and mixed animal supply issue. Ask province to fund some of these seats left by Alberta and ensure WCVM is on sound footing.
- Income deferral – ask for the same tool as crop producers on getting to defer income. You can carry losses forward, but you cannot smooth the income.
- We do have optional inventory adjustments that allow for moving some revenue from next year into this and counting as expense then. Need to explore this with Finance and Revenue.

ADOPT Projects

AD-2019-001 – Double Cropping Irrigated Winter Cereal for Silage. -\$1859.00

MOTION 2019-081: Balicki / Beierbach

“That SCA fund ADOPT Project - Double Cropping Irrigation Winter Cereal for Silage in the amount of \$1859.00.”

Motion Carried

AD-2019-002 – Irrigated and Dryland Fababean / Corn Intercrop for Silage. -\$ 2794.00

MOTION 2019-082: Spratt / Beierbach

“That SCA fund ADOPT project – Irrigated and Dryland Fababean / Corn Intercrop for Silage in the amount of \$2794.00.”

Motion Carried

AD-2019-006 – Effect of Nitrogen Fertilizer applications on Double Cropped Fall Rye and Spring Barley – \$1911.00.

MOTION 2019-083: Day / Martens

“That SCA fund ADOPT project – Effect of Nitrogen Fertilizer applications on Double Cropped Fall Rye and Spring Barley in the amount of \$1911.00.”

Motion Carried

Order for Names Collection

- Walk it over to LMS. Every other commission gets this information without paying for it.

Barley Council of Canada

- Brent Johnson asked if a feed rep on the barley council would be of interest to the cattle industry. Rich Smith figures informal input already provides value where formal membership would not provide more.

- SK producers can push concerns up through SK barley. They are doing a good job already and need to pick their reps accordingly.
- They are working on increasing feed barley acres and feed barley acres are up this year.

NCOA

MOTION 2019-084: Welter / Day

“That SCA support NCOA education and audit program.”

Motion Carried

Sludge Patties

- A lot more dieticians are coming out and talking about the pros and cons of processed foods.
- Cost of things is not competitive.
- Canadian laws are clear on labelling already. The lack is in enforcement which we have seen in the past. Canadian Cattlemen’s Assoc. is on it already.
- Need to push CFIA to enforce the labelling law. The way you do it is quietly do whatever you can competitively, you do it. Correcting misinformation is important. Cracking on things that don’t follow the law. Push CFIA silently.

SODCAP – Tom Harrison

Updated on where funding has gone over last couple of years.

About \$10,000.00 per year for three- year period and we are entering the third year. Used the money to leverage federal money out of Habitant Stewardship Program. \$10,000 = \$58,000 /year.

Two major projects:

One with El Watten Grazing Co-op. Approx. 11,000 acres home to 6 SAR. A lot of work is stocking rate and rotations. Moved to modified switch back grazing. This meant more tracking in those years where they start in a different spot each year. Also have stocking rates lower than Min. of Ag recommendations and range assessment after a couple of years. A lot of new members of the Co-op looking to see what is what and what the future looks like.

Krista Konnick-Todd does the leg work at EL Watten

Second Claydon Grazing Co-op – Approx. 27,000 acres and 8 SAR and emergency protection order for the Greater Sage Grouse.

The EPO is very restrictive around noise, footprint, height of structures.

Water development on sage grouse EPO Lands. No fencing, no footprint bigger than 30 meters square, no noise greater than 40db approx. and height restrictions of buildings

Ministry turned then down for water project because in EPO land, so SODCAP stepped in.

Talked about the new funding proposal for the next term

MOTION 2019-085: Balicki / Day

“That SCA sponsor SODCAO in the amount of \$25,000/year over 4 years as proposed for 2020-2023.”

Motion Carried

External Call In

Pat Hayes

- Attended the executive meeting in Calgary. Talked China
- Public and Stakeholder engagement is some CCA and some Canada Beef, hired on two people. One has a lot of media experience. This helps build out the skillset of that team.
- YCC – still at a crossroads there. Thought it was mainly younger producers that went through CYL. Certain functions they are very visible, thought they would develop into provincial board members. Not always working that way.
- Manitoba has been getting overcharged on check off. Any cattle going out of MB with no livestock inspection, the levy was gathered at other province ends and those funds were sent back to MB. Those numbers were doubled up. There was a motion to refund their 17/18 and reduce their 18/19, both sides spoke up and the vote was for the action. Looking back to 2009-2017, but at a cursory level.
- Going to keep legal reserve at \$500,000 and moving to quarterly billing instead of how it is now.
- EU market and CFIA being a hold up to getting mature cows to market is a potential for GEP free.
- May miss the deadline for applying to go to negligible risk in BSE. In 2015 industry talked to CFIA about this deadline. Six months ago, raised it again and it was seen as “news”. They talk about not wanting to send in a partial application and do not respond well to pressure.

Reg Schellenberg

- Shared his report with Minister Bibeau and transport regulations.

Will Lowe – NCFA

- Transport regulations as above, signed onto that same letter. Touched on China issue.
- Some ramblings in U.S. from rookie Democrat reps. Floating NFU and RCALF support for COOL.
- Want USMCA done
- MRLs on drugs discussed last time. Sounds like these limits being floated are more related to their own industry, not related to imports. Chlotetracycline and Oxytetracycline, not gone but not red alert either.

BCRC

- NSERC chair application by U of S being reviewed by industry people on same day as LFCE field day. Ryan was part of the process.

Farm & Food Care

- Continue to do similar activity to last year.
- Talked to approx. 28,000 people last year.

Ag in Classroom

- With 4-4 selling 50/50 tickets at Ag in Motion.
- Amalgamations of companies has shrunken the donor pool so looking at other ways to fund the program.

VBP+

- 28 applications received for coordinator's job. Management meeting coming up on Aug 12.
- Hope to have someone in place by then.

CRSB

- Next meeting in CBIC

SSGA update

- Convention in June. Great lineup of speakers.
- Exec unchanged.

SCFA

- Brad attended the Planet Health and the Beef Industry supper hosted by Dr. Stephen Jones from U of S Health Sciences office. Lots of conversation regarding the cow and the environment. If so good then prove it, if so good then why eat it?

LSS

- Positive year – higher volume in Yorkton and Lloyd.
- Made a trip to MB. They market about 470k , Lss inspects 160K and approx. 22K are SK cattle. Talked about rate for inspections and they seem fairly open. They are talking about a role not in manifests, but movement of cattle for health and federal traceability regulations coming in. Would look to SK for help on this.
- Using federal regulations as an impetus. Tom T is done in February, need to get CHIPS up to be able to handle adding in MB. Feeling optimistic about moving there.
- Regional managers are feeling positive about brand inspection since it moved out of the province's hands.
- Put together a great, comprehensive safety program. Was done by the staff that are there. People on the ground and their admin people. Top notch program that could be sold.

Scott Greiner

- Resigning from the SCA board
- Bring names forward to the next meeting.

ADOPT project 002

- was not the right amount. It was put forth times two as two organizations are requesting the funding. Earlier approved 20% of the funding.
- One of the cooperators is Wheatland Conservation near Swift Current and that was not seen as a good area.

MOTION 2019-086: Martens / Beierbach

“That SCA support the Wheatland Conservation part of the project.”

Motion Carried

So 2 x the original funding amount.

Communications

- Media training wrapped up
- Beef month wrapped up
- Working with CJME to have women's voice on ads.
- Updating creative and backdrop pieces with other groups.

OH&S Concerns on the Colony

- Accident where child dies and Star city colony and OH&S are in conflict.

- OH&S saying he was not wearing proper safety equipment and that they are a commercial feedlot, not a farm. Farm is supposed to be exempt.
- So Bethren want to create their own standards across the prairie provinces that recognize their beliefs.
- Want to see if commodity groups would be ok with this.
- No difference between feedlot and farm. If you have over so many employees then you fall under OH&S. Need to have safety meetings, safety committee, documentation and reports. If nobody is on the payroll then it gets grey. Isn't a wedge to get on the farm. They are already there if you are over certain number of employees.

AB is going to reboot Bill 6 – something to watch.

AITC now has enough teachers for a tour. So late in asking for funding.

MOTION 2019-087: Spratt / Welter

"That SCA funding AITC teachers tour in the amount of \$2,500.00."

Motion Carried

In Camera

Adjourn 2:45pm

MOTION 2019-088: Toney

"To adjourn."

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Rick Toney

Leann Clifford
Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

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