

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday November 15, 2016
Ramada Inn, Saskatoon, SK – 8am**

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director, District 1)
Philip Lynn (Director, District 2)
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Lloyd Thompson (Director, SSGA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair (Director, SCFA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Chad Ross (SCFA)
Scott Sakatch – (Communications)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:10am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016-177 Martens/Larson
“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*
October 18,, 2016.
Lee reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2016-178: Hill/Disney
“To accept the October 18, 2016 minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Attended the district meeting in Canora. Had a great crowd, great discussion, pricing of cattle a concern. No resolutions
- Whitewood district meeting had a great turn out. 3 resolutions (paid on carbon sequestered, increasing our national checkoff on April 1, 2017 and biological control of weeds)
- Met with Johnathan Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal environment minister.
- Talked about the carbon tax and what other provinces are doing.
- Some key points are
 - BC & AB are exempting Ag.
 - can exempt industries that are trade exposed
 - Canada will only recognize carbon sinks if the international community does.
 - they are not pushing to have grazing land recognized as a carbon sink.
 - provinces will be allowed to set up the tax the way they want but the federal government will still have to agree/approve it
 - They want to build an industry around clean tech.
- Attended the Premiers Reception in Regina. Good chance to talk to government. Still pushing hard for Saskatchewan not to have a carbon tax. Talked about laying the groundwork for grazing land to be recognized for sequestering carbon in case we do end up with the tax.

MOTION 2016-179: Beierbach/Martens

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Fall meeting successes, and areas of improvements.
- TB calls have taken up the bulk of time. Discussion on quarantined areas , compensation payments.
- Agribition in the next few weeks
- SCAIDF intake and AGM becomes the next focus.

CEO Report added to minutes by consent

9am – Tim Oleksyn, Ryan Thompson, Reg Schellenberg, Mark Elford, Pat Hayes, Duane Thompson

Pat Hayes:

- Traceability file update
- Meeting with Rick Wright, Steve Primrose, Mark Elford and others to discuss how to move ahead.
- Feeling is CFIA is marching forward without industry buy in.
- Pat has voiced concerns that meetings with CFIA have been a waste of time.
- Idea is a meeting with Ag Canada, CFIA and industry in Ottawa. Give the opportunity for CFIA to say this is what they want and then chance to tell Minister MacAulay what it will cost.
- Minister MacAulay’s office has no problem with this meeting. CFIA will not commit.
- Pat has been in on the TB issue calls

Reg Schellenberg:

- CCA board is aware the federal government has allowed ATQ to be recognized as a national coordinator for traceability. This has been a turf war over years between ATQ and CCIA. They probably will have potential to gain support of Dairy Farmers of Canada.

- Animal Care- joint committee call with Heinz Reimer from Manitoba shared some pitfalls and experience with elk and national parks.
- Groups trying to protect wildlife need to work with industry.
- In MB there was work to try and get a mustering fee. Something to compensate for the inconvenience. Challenge for MB was to get environment side to test and control elk.
- The source is the issue and it has to be found. If samples from hunters are not being collected there is no way of knowing if this is the source of the problems.
- Tax concessions have been made on the past related to anthrax or other events. Need the same here for forcing sales into timeframes and forcing different restock times.

Duane Thompson:

- Foreign Trade committee met regarding CETA. Voicing support for implementing if government will resolve technical issues, any imports comply with Canada's import requirements and that beef sector receives same consideration as other sectors in complying with CETA.
- That third point may mean segregation needed or other capital improvements.
- Very impressed with Canora district meeting.
- A major issue into Europe is carcass washing. Those have to be handled.

Mark Elford:

- As to sharing of costs, the last number of years, five or so, where CCIA has been examining who pays what. Board asked staff to find out exactly what CCIA does for each species. Those numbers came out early summer. They were questioned, figure a different way and ended up the same.
- Cattle paying .60 cents, sheep .04 cents and bison about .20 cents. Put into perspective cattle industry is 87% of CCIA business. 13% is split between bison and sheep. Goats are just brought on at .40 cents.
- Last board meeting a 3 year plan was brought forward. Housing for CCIA and IT adjustment
- Now they are in a competitive marketplace too so it has to be carefully handled.
- There was a motion that was passed. The decision was to bring the database up to spec (mostly for dairy and sheep) they would pay their current rate for the next year or so and at that point they would pay the rate calculated.
- The Traceability Symposium presentations from around the world were all answering that the government paid for everything to get it going.
- The Cattle Implementation Plan is kind of kept at CCIA. There had been talk of examining the epidemiological study done by CFIA. Did not take into consideration that all the cattle going through auction marts were read going into their next stop.
- Rick Wright, Mark Elford and Ann Brunet Burgess met with Leigh Rosengren to engage her to do a critique of that study.
- The CCIA board decided to put money toward that study as CFIA acts only on science with no regard to money.
- They request funds from each provincial organization and from CCA. The commitment was up to \$15,000.00. Aim is to share equally among the organizations from LMAC, NCFA, and SCA's like organizations. If funds are not used, the balance would be returned. Total budget could be \$100,000.
- Australian presentation indicated the cost of tags for ranchers is 0.77/tag. If they lose sheep and dairy and bison, would it cost beef cattle more or less?

Tim Oleksyn:

- BCRC is sorting out involvement in Science Clusters process in the next policy framework's five year period.
- There are other commodities saying that they should get more of the \$20-25 million cluster fund.
- Abdul Jalil is moving on, time to remind government to look at filling that spot with a star. Who?
- Linda Allison struck a committee to hire a new CEO.
- Aim for agreements is to get draft done by end of October. Challenge is coming from Ontario.
- Next board meeting is in November in Calgary.

Guest – Dorothy Murell

- Gave a presentation on LFCE. She answered questions about budgets and timelines.

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2016-180: Balicki/Disney

" To accept the financial report as presented."

Motion Carried

MOTION 2016-181: Hill/Jameson

" That SCA support the Regina Catholic Schools cooking contest for \$3000."

Motion Carried

Communications Report

- Talked about getting people to meetings, Mail was not delivered everywhere at the same times
- Remember to focus our message on urban people
- SSGA's food bank undertaking was noted.
- How about a donation for STARS option at fall meetings in return for the free meal?

Communications Report Accepted into Minutes by consent

Beef Production Specialist Report

- Opportunities exists to add provincial funds to the national science cluster. Leverage would be there. Some say on projects would be available for the board.
- ABP would like to have a joint call for proposals this coming spring.
- Greenhouse gas Forum in Dec 15/16 in Regina
- ADOPT ideas for board's consideration:
 - Measuring carbon sequestration – Go head
 - Tail twisting, not likely to get much uptake or support .
 - Proper use of a Bud Box. Quite a few videos are out there of that.
 - Bull willingness to breed. Use a GPS tracker to determine how much a bull wants to be with cattle. How do you demonstrate a young bull's willingness? Not at the ADOPT stage, still at the research stage.

Beef Production Report added to Minutes by consent

3.0 Old Business

- a) Cooking contest – ready go.
- b) BSE Testing
 - Testing update was given. Some more numbers are being added through pet food processing plant.
 - Forage Testing scheme, Saskatchewan Forage Council is submitting an IDF application
- c) LSS Project Update
 - Some components moving forward.
 - Office has moved
 - Sasktel has changed some aspects with the move from government offices to their new office.
 - In Swift Current they moved beyond the broadband border in what Sasktel delivers.
 - CHIPs is not rolling out e-manifests by fall run. That is not close. It is about 80% of operational. Difficulty in Sasktel being able to deliver so it is not working.
 - Brand inspection today is same as what was provided yesterday.

LUNCH BREAK 12-1pm

- External policies. Follow up from last month. Christina is the keeper of the policy book.

4.0 New Business

National Check Off Agreements

- The board was updated on the situation on updating the agreements and what is in the way.

Traceability Summit

- Waldron community pasture put 750 tags in ears that could be GPS'd.
- Funding for CCIA Epidemiological study.
- Discussion was had over the value of a report that could be ignored by CFIA along with the Cattle Implementation Plan.

MOTION 2016-182: Jameson/ Thompson

“ That SCA support the CCIA project to critically evaluate the CFIA traceability epidemiological report to a maximum of \$15,000.00”

Motion Carried

Ministry Meeting

- The board was updated on the upcoming meeting and subjects to be discussed.

National Cattle Feeders Input

- Support for the Canadian Beef Industry Conference? Why have two big conferences? The August one got some producers to meetings they do not usually get to.

Animal care project alignment

- That the animal care programs be linked. One administration.

Fall Meeting Debrief

- People who did not “ have a membership” did not figure they could attend.
- Premise ID needs work. Can do this quickly by requiring one to get coloured fuel rebate or liquamycin.
- Get movers/ seconders to AGM to speak to their resolutions.

Agribition

- schedule to come out shortly

Strategic Plan Update

- the board reviewed and updated the Strategic plan document.

Ottawa

- get recognized for what grazing lands provide for carbon sequestration. If we do not get recognized in that agreement we are lost. SK has almost half of the arable land in Canada. IPCC is starting a new assessment in the new year. That needs to be a focal point.
- Traceability – CIP is our plan.
- Research in GF3 and WLPIP continues
- Trade – need alternatives to US TPP to pressure US plan B. CETA work to be done.

Calendar Review

Add Joe and Keith to upcoming governance sessions

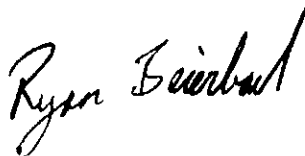
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Meeting adjourned 3:03pm

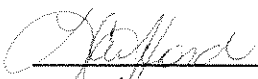
MOTION 2016-183: Beierbach/Hill

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach



Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford



Date approved