1. WHEREAS Regulation 4(1)A. of the Warble Fly Regulations Agricultural Pest Act reads:

4(1) An officer shall ensure that infested animals offered for sale at any market in Alberta are treated with a systemic insecticide with the following exceptions.

A. Animals destined for slaughter within seven days of the date of sale,

WHEREAS it is impossible in many instances to determine what animals are slated for slaughter before and after they are sold,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the slaughter clause 4(1)A. be removed from the regulation and all warble infested animals be treated and identified with a dated Warble Treated Tag and announcing they cannot be slaughtered for seven days.

County of Parkland #31
Region No. 6

2. WHEREAS incidence of Brucellosis detection are increasing in Alberta and,

WHEREAS there are increasing number of herds under quarantine in Alberta,

BE IT RESOLVED that increased testing programs be undertaken on cattle herds in Alberta and that all cattle coming into Alberta be tested and declared free before being admitted.

County of Forty Mile # 8
Region No. 1

3. WHEREAS farmers in parts of Athabasca County and I.D. # 18 have in the past suffered financial losses due to black fly attacks on livestock and have asked for research, and

WHEREAS research has been conducted the past three years and farmers in the above areas have noticed a reduced number of black flies in the past two years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and Environment continue with the planned research.

Improvement District # 18
(Lac La Biche)
Region No. 5
4. WHEREAS at the present time it is almost impossible to get persons to volunteer as poundkeepers and,

WHEREAS the requirements of facilities for poundkeepers and returns for same which are as follows:

Pound Fees: Stallion $3.00 each
Bull $2.00 each
Cattle, ram, boar $1.00 each

Care of the above animals per day:
Stallion $2.00
Bull or boar $1.50
Sheep, goats $0.50
Other animals $1.00

Damage limits $100.00 per claim
These being set a number of years ago, and are not in line with cost of services today,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta enact legislation to have the pound fees and animal care prices upgraded to the following:

Pound Fees - all animals $5.00 per head
Care of the above animals $5.00 each per day
Damage limits $500.00 per claim

Improvement District # 14
Region No. 6

5. WHEREAS the regulations concerning the operation of pounds in Alberta are obsolete,

WHEREAS the operation of pounds in some areas of Alberta is non-existant because of this lack of up to date regulations and guidelines,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture produce their new Act concerning the operation of pounds forthwith so that local authorities can proceed to administer the Act in accordance with local needs.

Improvement District # 15
Region No. 6

6. WHEREAS there has been and is a continuing demand on the part of the farmers for a meat cutting course,
WHEREAS the cutting of meat is a skill long to be practiced by farmers and in increased demand as meat must be cut and wrapped and labelled properly for home storage,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Department of Agriculture continue to sponsor meat cutting courses for farmers.

Improvement District # 15
Region No. 6

7. WHEREAS a sheep processing plant has been established in the Province dependent on a strong sheep industry,

WHEREAS the sheep organizations and agriculture departments are promoting and encouraging expansion of the sheep industry to provide a constant supply of lamb for the plant to maintain existing and increasing markets for mutton,

WHEREAS due to predation by coyotes many sheep farmers have to sell their complete flock or restrict their operations resulting in an economic loss to themselves and a decline in sheep production,

WHEREAS the establishment of the predator specialist has helped many sheepmen cope with a difficult problem, but in order for him to maintain confidence in sheep production,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Department of Agriculture maintain control over the predator control problem and when predators show signs of over abundance in sheep producing areas, judicious use of control methods be employed to reduce the predator population.

County of Parkland #31
Region No. 6

8. WHEREAS numerous farmers along the little Beaver River have cultivated and hay land flooded due to beavers;

WHEREAS a trapper is hired in the spring only and by mid-summer beavers move in from other areas to again flood this hayland,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Predator and Rodent Control Officer be stationed in Lac La Biche to patrol and
check these problems, with power at the local level to hire men and equipment to carry out this work.

Improvement District #18
(Lac La Biche)
Region No.5

9. WHEREAS the Pest Control Officers of Eastern Alberta have been without a Co-ordinator for a considerable length of time,

WHEREAS it is considered essential that a Co-ordinator be located in Eastern Alberta to supervise the work of Pest Control Officers; to assist with the training of new Pest Control Officers and to co-ordinate Pest Control Programs along the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pest Control Branch of Alberta Agriculture shall be requested to establish the position of a Pest Control Co-ordinator, to be located in Eastern Alberta, and that this position be occupied as soon as possible.

Special Area No. 4
Region No. 3

10. WHEREAS the Wild Oat Program has been operative for 2 years and the results are to be reviewed yearly,

WHEREAS advance notice of funding is required for program planning,

WHEREAS limited funds allocated to Service Boards create difficulties in developing a comprehensive program,

WHEREAS the application of funds is not flexible to allow Boards to apply grants to other areas of weed control i.e. Canada and Sow Thistle, Mayweed, Tansy, etc., of more concern than Wild Oats,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1976 Wild Oat Program be flexible to the extent that each Board be allowed the responsibility for the allocation of the Wild Oat Fund.

County of Parkland #31
Region No. 6
11. WHEREAS an inspector under the Weed Control Act can issue a notice to destroy noxious weeds, and

WHEREAS an inspector may incur expenses in the destruction of noxious weeds and a demand for payment must be served on the owner or occupant of the land (Section 37 (1)), and,

WHEREAS where a person to whom a statement and demand for payment is served, files with the municipal secretary within the 30-day period referred to in Section 37, Sub-section (3) a notice of objection denying his liability for the expenses of disputing the amount owing, the council may thereafter proceed against the person only by action for the amount owing,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Weed Control Act, Section 37, be amended to allow a Municipal Council to cause the amount paid pursuant to Section 19 to be placed on the tax roll as an additional tax against the land concerned and collected in the same manner as taxes, following a hearing of the case by the Council.

BACKGROUND where a notice to destroy has been issued and subsequently the inspector incurs expenses to have the weeds destroyed, and a statement of expenses is issued according to Section 37, the person to whom the statement is issued can effectively force the municipality to enter into a lawsuit as the only means of collecting these expenses.

County of Camrose #22
Region No. 4

12. WHEREAS the Plant Industry Division, Alberta Department of Agriculture contributes 1/3 of Seed Plant replacements to a maximum $15,000 under present policy,

WHEREAS Seed Plant replacement is beyond resources of some Seed Plants due to high cost of construction ($400,000) despite excellent management creating cash reserves over more than 20 years,

WHEREAS the grants for capital improvements to existing plants from Provincial Government amount to only $15,000 on specified shareable items while modernization costs run between $70,000 to $80,000,
WHEREAS these renovations would reduce plant operating costs and provide greater capacity to clean grain in addition to safety and convenience features added,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that such renovations be on a 1/3 cost sharing basis -- 1/3 by Provincial Government, 1/3 by County and 1/3 by the local Seed Cleaning Plant.

County of Parkland #31
Region No. 6

13. WHEREAS seed borne diseases are causing considerable economic loss in Alberta,

WHEREAS seed treatment has declined to less than 1% of grain cleaned at some plants,

WHEREAS benefits of seed treatment have been demonstrated,

WHEREAS Seed Plants need provincial support for their efforts in encouraging a greater volume of grain to be treated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province adopt a province wide campaign to encourage seed treatment.

County of Parkland #31
Region No. 6

14. WHEREAS green foxtail and toad flax are extremely troublesome weeds that are very difficult to control in many areas, and,

WHEREAS the seeds of green foxtail and toad flax have usually been introduced to an area through their presence in grass and legume seed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the count per pound of green foxtail and toad flax seeds be declared on the labels of pedigreed grass and legume seed.

County of Lacombe No. 14
Region No. 4
15. WHEREAS there is lack of uniformity in describing chemical content of pesticides in either net total contents or active ingredients,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that chemical labels give recommendations for mixing in terms of net contents, and an additional label be added to describe content and name of active ingredients.

Improvement District #22
Region No. 7

16. WHEREAS the Province receives application for trees through orders placed with the District Agriculturist's office before November 1st; and

WHEREAS at the present time there are no existing limits on the number of trees which may be ordered by any individual; and

WHEREAS the number of trees ordered and the number of trees which survive indicates that proper preparation is not being carried out; and

WHEREAS the nursery is limiting or rationing the type of trees which will be available to an individual.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following table should apply to tree orders which are placed with the Provincial nursery.

Suggested Tree Rationing 1976/77

Apply Following Limits:

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(b) Farm roadside shelterbelts
-- no limits on caragana
-- poplar limited to 500

(c) General

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County of Wheatland #16
Region No. 2

17. WHEREAS some Counties, M.D.'s and I.D.'s of the North East and East Central Alberta met with the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. E. Whalen on May 9, 1975 at Vegreville, Alberta and presented briefs expressing an urgent need for more research work on the solonetzic soils and other soils and crop production problems in this area; and

WHEREAS the briefs recommended that the Vegreville Soil Research Sub-Station be developed into an Autonomous Research Unit to do the required research work for this region; and

WHEREAS Mr. Whalen responded by promising that serious consideration will be given to these briefs; and

WHEREAS the Minister's subsequent reply indicated that the Federal Government is not prepared to support the recommendations of the briefs, without giving adequate explanation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1975 Northeast Regional A.S.B. Conference request that the Federal Government reconsider the recommendations and facts presented in the briefs to Mr. Whalen.

THAT consideration be given by Federal Authorities to expand research work in Northeast and East Central Alberta as requested by these briefs.

THAT the Vegreville Soil Research Sub-Station be developed to become a full fledged research unit to become the vehicle to do the research work for this region; and
FURTHERMORE that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Mr. E. Whalen - the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Marvin Moore - and the Provincial A.S.B. Conference.

Improvement District # 18
(Lac La Biche)
Region No. 5

18. WHEREAS we have had many complaints from different groups about beeyards set on, or too close to farm roads, buildings, and highways,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all beeyards be set back 200 yards from roads and/or other adjoining properties, and also that beekeepers obtain written permission from the owner and also owner of adjoining property before the beeyards are established.

Improvement District #16
Region No. 7

19. WHEREAS under the present program, Wildlife damage is subject to a limit in the damages paid, and

WHEREAS the Wildlife is considered as belonging to the people of Canada as a whole and for the enjoyment and use of all the people of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any damages caused by wildlife should be borne by the Provincial and Federal Governments of Canada without a limit of payment to full value being set; such restrictions being very unfair to the people suffering this type of damage.

County of Beaver #9
Region No. 5

20. WHEREAS the Agriculture related programs of the 4-H Clubs have been taken out of the control of the Department of Agriculture and the District Agriculturist's Offices, the 4-H programs related to Agriculture have lost the leadership and guidance of the very people most qualified and interested people in the District Agriculturist's Office;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agriculture related programs of the 4-H be returned to the control of the Department of Agriculture and the District Agriculturists.

County of Beaver #9
Region No. 5

WHEREAS throughout this Province total quarter and full sections of land are being cleared,

WHEREAS if some trees were left on each quarter of land, it would help control snow drifting, wind erosion and water erosion,

WHEREAS it would also help improve the wildlife habitat and the aesthetic appearance of the land,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend the necessary Acts to provide the local municipalities with the authority, if they wish, to control the amount of clearing on land.

County of Barrhead #11
Region No. 6

WHEREAS there is an extreme Agricultural Officer turnover in the Improvement Districts of the Peace River region, causing problems in the carrying out of the Agricultural Service Board programs and regulatory duties,

WHEREAS salaries paid to the Agricultural Officers by Municipal Affairs, as compared to Municipal Districts and Counties, are insufficient to entice men to stay with the employment, after obtaining experience they fail to make their permanent homes in the area,

WHEREAS there is a shortage of applicants who are qualified to fill these positions and, therefore, these positions are used only as a training field for Municipal Districts, Counties and other agencies such as Agro Business,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that steps be taken to have salaries of Agricultural Officers from Improvement Districts brought into line with those presently paid in Municipal Districts and Counties.

Improvement District #17
(High Prairie)
Region No. 7
WHEREAS the Agricultural Service Boards in the province of Alberta have in the past proven capable of establishing programs to meet the direct needs of the agricultural community in their areas; and

WHEREAS the Department of Agriculture recognizes the benefits achieved in having a ground roots feedback from the Agricultural Service Boards in establishing agricultural programs; and

WHEREAS these people meet to discuss, evaluate, and establish programs directly responsible to the needs of their Service Board district; and

WHEREAS new developments and/or problems develop which require changes in the Agricultural Service Board expenditures; and

WHEREAS the present process of refunding Service Board grants is subject to a one-to-three month delay, after the quarterly claims are approved, which could accumulate up to a five to six month period after the initial expenditures are paid by the local government; and

WHEREAS the Service Board budget is approved in total by the Plant Industry Division, of the Department of Agriculture, for the sum of $13,000.00 per year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Plant Industry Division of the Department of Agriculture advance to the Municipality, L.I.D., or County the total sum allocated as per their approved budget, at the beginning of each calendar year; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the other Divisions, namely the Family Farm Division, the Animal Industry Division and the Extension Division adopt the same method of refunding the Agricultural Service Boards the total sum allocated per their approved yearly budgets; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the Service Boards in turn substantiate by quarterly report their program of expenditures as approved by the Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Service Boards, and their respective local governing Councils.

M.D. of Fairview #136
Region No. 7
24. WHEREAS many members of Municipal and County Councils are also members of Agricultural Service Boards; and

WHEREAS all members of the Agricultural Service Boards wish to attend the Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS the Regional Conference on a number of occasions has been held on conflicting dates where members of County Councils and Municipal Councillors are committed to attend (e.g. Hospital Convention);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that care be exercised as to the choosing of the date for the Regional Conference so that it does not conflict with other major conventions, conferences, etc.

County of Two Hills # 21
Region No. 5

25. WHEREAS the M.D. of Starland is in Region II and,

WHEREAS Starland is serviced by the Region II Plant Industry Supervisor, Larry Welsh, and

WHEREAS at present Starland attends the Stettler, Sedgewick, Provost and Castor Regional A.S.B. Meeting in Region IV,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting invite the M.D. of Starland to join our Region II A.S.B. meetings and take their turn in hosting Regional A.S.B. meetings.

County of Wheatland #16
Region No. 2

26. THAT we accept Sherman Yelland's recommendations in principle and that the resolutions committee draft an appropriate resolution for presentation to the Plant Products Division and the Provincial A.S.B. Conference.

M.D. of Kneehill #48
Region No. 2

27. WHEREAS saline soil conditions are a growing problem in Southern Alberta,

WHEREAS surface and subsurface drainage has been demonstrated to be beneficial in controlling salinity,
WHEREAS increased land values justify the reclamation of sloughs, wet areas and saline areas through drainage and,

WHEREAS the complexity of Government Bodies involved in drainage such as Environment impedes the processing designing and construction of drainage projects,

WHEREAS the lack of information relative to obtaining permits, sources of funding and general directions for individuals and Local Authorities makes it extremely difficult to communicate and assist farmers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Environment reorganize and co-ordinate within itself, and with the Department of Agriculture and Local Governments and that a program be set up to readily facilitate all aspects pertaining to drainage and flood control.

County of Vulcan #2
Region No. 1

28. WHEREAS existing drainage channels in the Peace River area are inadequate and hence are rapidly deteriorating as a result of extensive development, both agricultural and industrial,

AND WHEREAS the tax base is limited and therefore funds available to municipal governments are inadequate to permit proper maintenance of these channels,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to declare the Peace River region unique in the respect of drainage,

AND ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Alberta be requested to provide total funding for erosion controls, maintenance and extension of these existing channels.

Improvement District #17
Region No. 7

29. WHEREAS there is considerable concern regarding erosion problems in the Peace River region, and

WHEREAS these problems stem mainly from a lack of long term planning and action by different sectors of the community, and
WHEREAS programs to rectify these problems are very costly and hard to administer on tilled land after the problem has occurred,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all crown lands being opened up for future agricultural production be previously planned out with good systems of roadways, ditches and shelter-belts provided beforehand and that Agricultural Service Boards in the Peace Region support the Alberta Institute of Agrologists brief in this regard.

Improvement District #16
Region No. 7

January 20, 1976