



Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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2017 ASB Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution Session Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta January 25, 2017

Pat introduced the members of the ASB Provincial Resolutions Committee.

Chair, Patrick Gordeyko, Northeast Representative
Vice-Chair, Lloyd Gievelhaus, Northwest Representative
Secretary, Elden Kozak, Association of Alberta Agriculture Fieldmen (AAAF) Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Doug Macaulay, Agriculture and Forestry Representative
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee

Randy Taylor, Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Representative was excused due to prior commitments.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gordeyko called the resolution session to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda for the resolution session was presented by Chairman Gordeyko.
Ron Bobocel, Smoky Lake County, moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Soren Odegard, County of Two Hills, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

Don Dumont, M.D. of Smoky River, moved that the Minutes for the 2016 Resolution Session be adopted as presented.
Darrell Hollands, Parkland County, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

4. Adoption of 2016 Report Card on the Resolutions

Phillip Massier, Red Deer County, moved that the 2016 Report Card on the Resolutions be accepted as presented.

Garry Lentz, Cypress County seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

5. Review of the Rules of Procedure

Chairman Gordeyko reviewed the Rules of Procedure for the Resolutions Session.

6. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

There were several amendments proposed for the rules of procedure for clarification and changes made to the Regional and Provincial Rules of Procedure.

The following amendment was presented to the Assembly for information.

Regional Rules of Procedure, Section 1 (ii)

Add in the full name of the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen and then abbreviate it to AAAF throughout the rest of the document.

Proposed changes are highlighted below:

1. Regional Resolution Committee
 - ii. The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate who must be an **Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF)** member from the hosting Agricultural Service Board as Secretary.
 - iii. The Regional Director of **AAAF**.

Regional Rules of Procedure, Section 1 (c)

The Committee is changing this section from “at each annual ASB Regional Conference” to “in alternate years at each ASB Regional Conference” to better reflect that change that was made to elect ASB Provincial Committee Representatives to a two year term in 2015.

Proposed changes are highlighted below:

1. Regional Resolution Committee
 - c. Election of the representative and alternate shall take place at the beginning of the Resolution Session **in alternate years** at each ASB Regional Conference, term of office to be two years. The representative (or alternate) shall assume the chair immediately following the conclusion of the resolutions session.

Regional Rules of Procedure Section 3

The Peace Region passed a motion at the 2016 Peace Regional Conference to propose the following amendment be made to the Regional Rules of Procedure.

3. Resolutions

- c. Late resolutions must be either
 - i. Submitted to the Regional Conference with sufficient copies for all voting delegates and attendants (approximately 125); or
 - ii. Be displayed in a manner that all persons are able to review the resolutions, for example, projected on a screen for all to read.
- d. Late resolutions must be accepted by a simple majority of the assembly.

Robert Brochu, M.D. of Smoky River, moved that the proposed change to the Regional Rules of Procedure be accepted as presented.

Don Dumont, M.D. of Smoky River, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Regional Rules of Procedure Section 5(a)(ii)

The following amendment was presented for information to the Assembly. The Peace Region passed a motion to add the following amendment to section 5 of the Regional Rules of Procedure.

5. Voting and Speaking

- ii. **In the Peace Region, each ASB shall select two voting delegates to the Regional Conference who shall display voting credentials and be recognized voters on any resolution (ratified by the ASB Provincial Committee November 2016)**

This change in the Regional Rules of Procedure only had to be ratified by the Provincial ASB Committee as it only affects the Peace Region and was passed by a valid motion at their Regional Conference.

Regional Rules of Procedure Section 6(b)

The Committee proposes the following amendment to the rules of procedure. Proposed amendment is highlighted below.

6. Procedures for Approved Resolutions

- b. Submit Provincial Resolutions to the Provincial ASB Committee Secretary **within five working days** of the Regional Conference.

Jim Duncan, Central Region Representative, moved that the proposed change to section 6(b) be accepted as presented.

Steve Wikkerink, South Region Representative, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Provincial Rules of Procedure

The Committee is updating the Provincial Rules of Procedure to correctly abbreviate AAMDC. AAMD&C will change to AAMDC. This change was presented for information only to the assembly.

Provincial Rules of Procedure Section 1(b)

The Committee recommends the following change to Section 1(b) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure to align it with changes that were made to the Regional Rules of Procedure. The proposed amendment is highlighted below.

1. Provincial ASB Committee
 - b. The five Regional ASB representatives must be made up of locally appointed and/or elected Agricultural Service Board members. One representative and one alternate shall be elected at each Regional ASB Conference in **alternate years. Representatives serve a two year term.**

Steve Wikkerink, South Region Representative, moved that the proposed changes to Section 1(b) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure be accepted as presented.

Jim Duncan, Central Region Representative, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Provincial Rules of Procedure Section 4(a)

The Committee recommends the following change to section 4(a) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure to align it with changes made to the Regional Rules of Procedure. The proposed amendment is highlighted below.

4. Resolutions
 - a. Resolutions Provincial in scope, and having been passed by simple majority at a Regional Conference shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Provincial ASB Committee **within five days of each Regional Meeting.** Each Resolution submitted for consideration must be accompanied by background information consisting of the history of the issue and potential impacts for the sponsoring municipality and the province wide impacts for municipalities.

Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Region Representative, moved that the proposed amendment to Section 4(a) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure be accepted as presented.

Jim Duncan, Central Region Representative, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Provincial Rules of Procedure Section 4(d)

The Committee recommends the following change to section 4(d) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure to allow ASBs additional time to review the resolutions that will be presented at the Provincial Conference. The Committee was previously required to send the resolutions out to all ASBs by December 20th of each year and is proposing that all ASBs receive the resolutions by December 1st of each year. The proposed amendment is highlighted below.

4. Resolutions
 - d. The Provincial ASB Committee shall forward resolutions to each ASB by **December 1** each year. Each ASB shall provide sufficient copies for their delegates and staff. Hard

copies of Provincial Resolutions will be included in the Provincial Conference Package available at registration.

Corey Beck, Peace Region Representative, moved that the amendment to section 4(d) of the Provincial Rules of Procedure be accepted as presented.

Steve Wikkerink, South Region Representative, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

7. Emergent Resolutions

There were three resolutions that were recommended to be brought forward as emergent by the Committee.

Emergent Resolution: Carbon Levy Exemption on Natural Gas and Propane for Grain Drying

Walter Weber, County of Paintearth, moved that the resolution “Carbon Levy Exemption on Natural Gas and Propane for Grain Drying” be accepted as emergent.

Arnold Hanson, Beaver County, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

This resolution was added to the resolution order paper as Emergent Resolution 1.

Emergent Resolution: Agricultural Disaster Policy

Bart Guyon, Brazeau County, moved that the resolution “Agricultural Disaster Policy” be accepted as emergent.

Gerald Soroka, Yellowhead County, seconded the resolution.

Motion Carried

This resolution was added to the resolution order paper as Emergent Resolution 2.

Emergent Resolution: Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison Within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park

Eric Jorgensen, Mackenzie County, moved that the resolution “Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison Within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park” be accepted as emergent.

Brad Osadczuk, Special Area 2, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

This resolution was added to the resolution order paper as Emergent Resolution 3.

8. Proposed Order of Resolutions

Chairman Gordeyko reviewed the proposed order of the resolutions.

Ron Bobocel, Smoky Lake County, moved to accept the order of resolutions as presented.
Gerald Kuefler, Flagstaff County, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

9. Resolution Debate

Resolution 1: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST the Government of Alberta delivers a more effective maintenance program for vegetation management (weed control and mowing) along the primary and secondary highways in the province.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST the Government of Alberta deliver a more effective vegetation management plan on all primary and secondary highways to control noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds and any unsafe vegetation on the full right of way. This plan should include but not be limited to a herbicide application in order to control all legislated weeds and mowing of the full right of way.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Transportation gives the option in all districts of the province to enter into Service Agreements with municipalities for weed control.

Moved by: Joe Gendre, Stettler County

Seconded by: David Fox, M.D. of Bonnyville

Sandra Melzer, M.D. of Lesser Slave River, moved to amend the first FTBIR to read: "an appropriately timed herbicide application in order to control all legislated weeds and mowing of the full right of way at a time that limits the spread of weed seeds."

Glen Bateman, County of Vulcan, seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

Motion Carried: 93%

Amended Resolution now reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST the Government of Alberta delivers a more effective maintenance program for vegetation management (weed control and mowing) along the primary and secondary highways in the province.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST the Government of Alberta deliver a more effective vegetation management plan on all primary and secondary highways to control noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds and any unsafe vegetation on the full right of way. This plan should include but not be limited to an

appropriately timed herbicide application in order to control all legislated weeds and mowing of the full right of way at a time that limits the spread of weed seeds.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Transportation gives the option in all districts of the province to enter into Service Agreements with municipalities for weed control.

The amended motion was voted on.

Motion Carried: 96%

Resolution 2: Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada work cooperatively to ensure a merger between Bayer and Monsanto is either prevented, or allowed only in a manner which assures competition of agricultural seeds and crop protection products remains.

Moved by: Robert Brochu, M.D. of Smoky River

Seconded by: Don Dumont, M.D. of Smoky River

Bart Guyon, Brazeau County, moved that the resolution be amended by removing the word "either" and "or allowed only in a manner which assures competition of agricultural seeds and crop protection products remains."

Rick Ennis, Brazeau County, seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

Motion Carried: 55%

The amended resolution now reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada work cooperatively to ensure a merger between Bayer and Monsanto is prevented.

The amended motion was voted on.

Motion Carried: 68%

Resolution 3: Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Education and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry increase the amount of time spent in the school curriculum to discuss food and agriculture.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Education and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry create a panel of Agricultural and Nutrition experts to create the curriculum that will be taught in Alberta classrooms.

Moved by: Garry Lentz, Cypress County
Seconded by: Brian Gacek, Northern Sunrise County

The resolution as presented was voted on.

Motion Carried: 95%

Emergent Resolution 1: Carbon Levy Exemption on Natural Gas and Propane for Grain Drying

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta provide farmers and grain elevators with a carbon levy exemption certificate on natural gas and propane for grain drying.

Moved by: Walter Weber, County of Paintearth
Seconded by: Arnold Hanson, Beaver County

Ken Sauve, Wheatland County, moved to amend the resolution by adding the statement "and all recognized agricultural production" to the end of the TBIR statement.

Ian Sundquist, M.D. of Willow Creek, seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

The amended motion was debated further and Chairman Gordeyko called for a vote on the amendment to the resolution.

Motion Carried: 81%

The amended resolution now reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta provide farmers and grain elevators with a carbon levy exemption certificate on natural gas and propane for grain drying and all recognized agricultural production.

Debate proceeded on the resolution and Mike Schmidt, County of Wetaskiwin, moved to amend the motion by removing "for grain drying and".

Dustin Vossler, Cypress County, seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

There was further debate on the second amendment to the resolution and Chairman Gordeyko called for a vote on the amendment.

Motion Carried: 67%

The amended resolution now reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta provide farmers and grain elevators with a carbon levy exemption certificate on natural gas and propane for all recognized agricultural production

Debate continued for the resolution and Chairman Gordeyko called for a vote on the amended resolution.

Motion Carried: 86%

The resolution session was adjourned for the day and scheduled to be continued on January 26.

Chairman Gordeyko called the resolution session back to order on January 26 at 3:45 p.m.

Emergent Resolution 2: Agricultural Disaster Policy

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry create an Agricultural Disaster Policy that will allocate funding from provincial and federal governments to be accessed in addition to the existing programs by producers in the event of an agricultural disaster.

Moved by: Bart Guyon, Brazeau County

Seconded by: Gerald Soroka, Yellowhead County

The resolution was debated and voted on as presented.

Motion Defeated: 57%

Emergent Resolution 3: Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison Within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park

Moved by: Eric Jorgensen, Mackenzie County

Seconded by: Brad Ozadchuk, Special Area 2

The resolution was debated and voted on as presented.

Motion Carried: 94%

Joe Gendre, County of Stettler, moved to adjourn the 2017 ASB Resolution Session.