



Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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**2018 Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution Session
Entrec Center, Grande Prairie, Alberta
January 17, 2018**

Corey Beck introduced the members of the ASB Provincial Resolutions Committee.

Corey Beck, Chair, Peace Representative
Steve Upham, Vice-Chair, Northeast Representative
Sebastien Dutrisac, Secretary, Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) Representative
Morgan Rockenbach, Alternate, South Representative
Wayne Nixon, Central Representative
Dale Kluin, Alternate, Northwest Representative
Randy Taylor, Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Representative
Doug Macaulay, Agriculture and Forestry Representative
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Beck presented the agenda for the resolution session.

Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights, moved to accept the agenda for the resolution session.

Doug Meneice, Big Lakes County, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Dan Warawa, Lamont County, moved that the Minutes for the 2017 Resolution Session be adopted as presented.

Jim Duncan, Clearwater County, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of the 2017 Report Card on the Resolutions

Soren Odegard, County of Two Hills, moved that the 2017 Report Card on the Resolutions be adopted as presented.

Bill Lane, County of Barrhead, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

5. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

Chairman Beck introduced that significant changes are being proposed for the Provincial Rules of Procedure. The Committee is proposing removing all references to the Provincial ASB Committee's role from the current Provincial Rules of Procedure into the Committee's Terms of Reference. The purpose of doing this is to simplify the rules of procedure and provide clarity on the Committee's roles.

The Committee will circulate a document to all ASBs to review with the proposed changes. ASBs are requested to provide input back through their regional representative. ASB members will vote on the proposed changes at the 2019 ASB Provincial Conference.

6. Review of the Rules of Procedure

Chairman Beck reviewed the Rules of Procedure for the resolution session.

7. Emergent Resolutions

There were no emergent resolutions brought forward for the 2018 ASB Provincial Conference.

8. Proposed Order of Resolutions

Chairman Beck reviewed the proposed order of resolutions.

Leanne Beaupre, County of Grande Prairie, moved to accept the order of the resolutions as presented.

Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

9. Resolution Debate

Resolution 1-18: Environmental Stream Funding of the Agricultural Service Board Grant

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the funding provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry align with the Provincial Government's fiscal year of April 1 until March 31 to ensure that Rural Municipalities are able to maintain their Extension and Education Programs while retaining professional staff.

Moved by: Terry Van de Kraats, County of Wetaskiwin

Seconded by: Glen Belozer, Leduc County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion Carried: 97%

Resolution 2-18: Appeals to the Minister Under the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act* and applicable Regulations to give the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry 30 days to hear and determine appeals.

Moved by: Simon Lavoie, Northern Sunrise County

Seconded by: Conrad Dolen, Saddle Hills County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion Carried: 99%

Resolution 3-18: Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the Agricultural Pests Act and applicable regulations to require all persons to report any instances of Norway rat, Wild boar when at large as well as clubroot to the local authority.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the Agricultural Pests Act and applicable Regulations making it an offence to not report the aforementioned specific pests to the local authority.

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

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

The motion was debated and Ernie Gendre, County of Stettler, proposed to amend the FTBIR to read: "making it an offence to intentionally not report the aforementioned specific pests to the local authority."

Robert Brochu, M.D. of Smoky River, seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

Delegates debated the amendment and Chairman Beck called the question for the amendment to the resolution.

Motion defeated

Chairman Beck asked for additional debate on the original resolution. There was no further debate on the resolution so Chairman Beck called the question on the resolution.

Motion defeated: 56%

Resolution 4-18: Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands Within Green Areas

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST Alberta Environment and Parks immediately implement a permanent program, with adequate allocation of staff and funds for weed control on vacant public lands within green areas as part of a comprehensive framework to address invasive species in Alberta.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell, Yellowhead County

Seconded by: Jody Wilson, M.D. of Ranchland

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 97%

Resolution 5-18: Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Ministers of Environment and Parks, Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement an enhanced Predator Compensation Program that could utilize trained Municipal Problem Wildlife staff to assist in the confirmation of livestock loss, both livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner.

Moved by: Bill Smith, M.D. of Greenview

Seconded by: Conrad Dolen, Saddle Hills County

The resolution was debated. Chairman Beck called for an end to the debate and called the question.

Motion carried: 84%

Resolution 6-18: Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) and AFSC work collaboratively to review and revamp AFSC's Annual Crop Production Insurance products and processes.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that AF and AFSC review procedures for conducting assessments for severe weather events to expedite claims processing.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that AF and AFSC annually review production costs and unseeded acreage benefits to align with current production costs.

Moved by: Lonnie Wolgien, County of Vermilion River

Seconded by: Maxine Fodness, County of St. Paul

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 88%

Resolution 7-18: Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) review its AgriInsurance Products list and consider providing crop insurance coverage for fruit producers in Alberta including saskatoons, haskap, strawberries, raspberries, sour cherries, currants and other fruit and change their AgriInsurance Products listing to include multi-year or long-term crops.

Moved by: Connie Kappler, Cypress County

Seconded by: Kyle Knodel, Cypress County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 88%

The resolution session was adjourned for the day and scheduled to be continued on January 17.

Chairman Beck called the resolution back to order on January 17 at 3:44 pm.

Resolution 8-18: Increasing Limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for All Farm Direct Producers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Alberta Chicken Producers allow non-communal groups to produce, market and consume up to 6,000 chickens in a calendar year.

Moved by: Connie Kappler, Cypress County

Seconded by: Michael Monner, Vulcan County

The resolution was debated and voted on as presented.

Motion defeated: 53%

Resolution 9-19: Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products Using Eggs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Egg Farmers of Alberta review its' Poultry and Poultry Products Regulations to allow farm direct marketers to use their own uninspected eggs in their processed products provided these products are sold direct to the end consumer and that the farm direct marketer follow standard food safety handling procedures.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Egg Farmers of Alberta review its' Poultry and Poultry Products Regulations to allow farm direct marketers to increase the ownership from 300 hens to 600 hens.

Moved by: Connie Kappler, Cypress County

Seconded by: Michael Monner, Vulcan County

The resolution was debated and voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 59%

Resolution 10-18: Proposed Federal Tax Changes

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Premier of Alberta advocate for the Family Farm and small businesses of Alberta to revoke the proposed tax changes in the "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations" document released by Department of Finance Canada on July 18, 2017.

Moved by: Warren Griffin, Athabasca County

Seconded by: Bill Lane, County of Barrhead

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 98%

Resolution 11-18: Organic Food Testing and Labeling

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry advocate for clear and concise labeling and testing of products claiming organic authenticity.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that testing by CFIA is increased to assure all products sold in Canada with organic claims are relevant.

Moved by: Warren Griffin, Athabasca County

Seconded by: Darrell Troock, County of Barrhead

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 94%

Resolution 12-18: Chemical Control of Wireworms

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the previously registered pesticide known as LINDANE be again allowed for controlled treatment by certified Seed Cleaning Plants regarding seed which they have actually cleaned for specified cereal grains and which may only be planted for the restricted use of livestock feed, with sufficient oversight and accountability of the grower to prevent any crops produced from such LINDANE treated seed to be directly consumed by humans or be sown year after year on the same field.

Moved by: Roger Houghton, Cardston County

Seconded by: Phil Jensen, County of Warner

The resolution was debated and voted on as presented.

Motion defeated: 89%

Daryl Beeston, County of Grande Prairie, moved to adjourn the 2018 Resolution Session.