



Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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**2019 Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolution Session
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Alberta
January 22, 2019**

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, South Representative
Wayne Nixon, Central Representative
Dale Kluin, Alternate, Northwest 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 3:42 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Beck presented the agenda for the resolution session.

Dan Boisvert, County of Northern Sunrise moved the agenda be adopted as presented.

James Nibourg, County of Stettler seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Glen Belozer, Leduc County, moved that the Minutes for the 2018 Resolution Session be adopted as presented.

Kelly Vandenberghe, Leduc County, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of the 2018 Report Card on the Resolutions

Soren Odegard, County of Two Hills, moved that the 2018 Report Card on the Resolutions be adopted as presented.

Kevin Smook, Beaver County, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

5. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

Chairman Beck reminded ASBs of the significant changes that were proposed at the 2018 Provincial Conference regarding the Provincial Rules of Procedure.

Steve Upham, County of St. Paul, moved that the amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure be adopted as presented.

James Nibourg, County of Stettler, seconded the motion.

Motion carried (90%).

Chairman Beck reminded ASBs that the changes would come into effect for 2020.

6. Review of the Rules of Procedure

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

7. Emergent Resolutions

Chairman Beck reviewed two emergent resolutions that came forward to the Provincial ASB Committee and recommended that the two emergent resolutions be accepted by the Assembly.

The Committee recommended the following resolutions be accepted as emergent:

1. Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources
2. No Royalties on Farm Saved Seed

Ross Bohnet, Lac Ste. Anne County, moved that Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources be accepted as an emergent resolution.

Robert Esau, M.D. of Lesser Slave River, seconded the motion.

Motion carried (86%). Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources was added to the order of resolutions as Resolution E1.

Neal Roes, Special Area 2, moved that No Royalties on Farm Saved Seed be accepted as an emergent resolution.

Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights, seconded the motion.

Motion carried (89%). No Royalties on Farm Saved Seed was added to the order of resolutions as Resolution E2.

8. Proposed Order of Resolutions

Chairman Beck reviewed the proposed order of resolutions.

Terry Carbone, Birch Hills County, moved to accept the order of the resolutions as presented.

Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

9. Resolution Debate

Resolution 1-19: Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency reconsider their decision and leave 2% Liquid Strychnine on the market available on a permanent basis to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels.

Moved by: Dustin Vossler, Cypress County

Seconded by: Jason Wilson, Wheatland County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion Carried: 94%

Resolution 2-19: 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 the GPS location and date time features and photo capabilities of smart phone technology to provide photographic or video evidence to assist in the confirmation of livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner, and reduce the number of physical site investigations Fish and Wildlife officers must conduct.

Moved by: Brian Harcourt, Clear Hills County

Seconded by: Baldur Ruecker, Clear Hills County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion Carried: 93%

Resolution 3-19: Deadstock Removal

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Provincial Government compensates producers fifty percent (50%) of the deadstock pick up fees with producers bearing the remainder of costs.

Moved by: Mike Schmidt, County of Wetaskiwin

Seconded by: Rick Smith, Leduc County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 57%

Resolution 4-19: Carbon Credits for Permanent Pasture and Forested Lands

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry develop a process to allow farmers and landowners to access carbon credits for land used for permanent pasture or land that is left forested.

Moved by: Doug Hunter, Clearwater County

Seconded by: Brian Rodger, Mountain View County

The resolution was debated and an amendment was suggested to add "perennial forage crops" to the Therefore Be It Resolved after permanent pasture.

Amendment Moved by:

Amendment Seconded by:

The amendment was debated and Chairman Beck called for a vote.

Amendment carried: 91%

The amended resolution was then presented to the floor for debate. The amended resolution read:

AGRICULTURAL THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry develop a process to allow farmers and landowners to access carbon credits for land used for permanent pasture, perennial forage crops or land that is left forested.

The amended resolution was then voted on.

Motion carried: 96%

Resolution 5-19: Multi-stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee request the Government of Alberta to immediately strike a multi-stakeholder committee to work at reducing the use of fresh water by the oil and gas industry in Alberta

Moved by: Bart Guyon, Brazeau County

Seconded by: Kevin Grumetza, Thorhild County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 67%

Resolution 6-19: STEP Program Agricultural Eligibility

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Government of Alberta review its Summer Temporary Employment Program to include farms and small businesses that are not incorporated.

Moved by: Conny Kappler, Cypress County

Seconded by: Jason Wilson, Wheatland County

The resolution was debated. Chairman Beck called for the debate to close and for the motion to be voted on.

Motion carried: 69%

Resolution E1-19:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Provincial Government of Alberta facilitates the formation of a free, year-round, all hours, mental health crisis hotline, dedicated to the agriculture industry, providing farmers with direct access to uniquely qualified professionals and resources, whom have both an understanding of mental health issues and agriculture-specific stresses.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Provincial Government of Alberta secure long term, sustainable funding for the operation and maintenance of this mental health crisis hotline.

Moved by: Ross Bohnet, Lac Ste. Anne County

Seconded by: Robert Esau, M.D. of Lesser Slave River

The resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 78%

Resolution E2-19:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency abandon the proposal to implement the adoption of End Point Royalties (EPRs) or farm saved seed "trailing royalty contracts".

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that existing funds which are already farmer funded and in the hands of farmer directed organizations be utilized to fund variety development programs.

Moved by: Neal Roes, Special Area 2

Seconded by: Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights

Chairman Beck called for opposition to the motion and Barry Bruce suggested that the Further Be It Resolved contradicted the Therefore Be it Resolved. Chairman Beck asked if he would like to amend the resolution and Mr. Bruce recommended the following amendment:

Strike Further Therefore Be It Resolved That Alberta's Agricultural Service Request that existing funds which are already farmer funded and in the hands of farmer directed organizations be utilized to fund variety development programs.

Amendment moved by: Barry Bruce, Beaver County

Amendment seconded by: Mike Schmidt, County of Wetaskiwin

There was debate on the amendment. Chairman Beck called for a vote on the amendment.

Amendment carried: 74%

The amended resolution was presented as follows:

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Chairman Beck called for debate on the amended resolution. The amended resolution was voted on as presented.

Motion carried: 94%

Matt Sawyer, Kneehill County, moved to adjourn the 2019 Resolution Session.

Motion carried (90%).