

Minutes for the 2022 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolution Session

The Westin Edmonton, 10135 100 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 0N7
January 26 & 27, 2022

Sebastien Dutrisac introduced the members of the ASB Provincial Resolutions Committee:

Sebastien Dutrisac, Chair, Northeast Region Representative
Brenda Knight, Vice Chair, Central Region Representative
Morgan Rockenbach, South Region Representative
Walter Preugschas, Northwest Region Representative
Christi Friesen, Peace Region Representative
Jason Schneider, Rural Municipalities of Alberta Representative
Doug Macaulay, Agriculture and Forestry Representative
Linda Hunt, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dutrisac called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Dutrisac presented the agenda for the resolution session.

By unanimous consent, adopted the agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes

By unanimous consent, adopted the Minutes for the 2021 Resolution Session as presented.

4. Review of the 2021 Report Card on the Resolutions

Chairman Dutrisac presented the highlights from the 2021 Report Card on the Resolutions.

5. ASB Provincial Committee Financial Support

Chairman Dutrisac discussed the proposal for fees to support ASB Provincial Committee.

Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights, moved to that Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards approve the collection of an ASB Provincial Committee Support fee of up to \$500 from each ASB, if needed, to support the activities of the ASB Provincial Committee.

Rick Laursen, Wheatland County, seconded the motion.

Motion carried (74%). 81-29

6. Call for Amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

Chairman Dutrisac made a call for any amendments to the Provincial or Regional Rules of Procedure. No amendments were received.

7. Review of Provincial Rules of Procedure

Chairman Dutrisac reviewed the Provincial Rules of Procedure for the Resolution Session.

8. Adoption of Emergent Resolutions

Chairman Dutrisac presented one emergent resolution has come forward to the ASB Provincial Committee. By unanimous consent E1-22 Prohibit Hunting of Wild Boar at Large in Alberta is added as an emergent resolution.

MOVED: Megan Evans, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

SECONDED: John Van Driesten, MD of Willow Creek

By unanimous consent, E1-22 is added as an emergent resolution

9. Proposed Order of Resolutions

By unanimous consent the proposed order of resolutions with the emergent resolutions added to the end of the order is accepted.

10. 2022 Resolution Debate

1-22 Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation increase funding for summer maintenance programs for its vegetation management (weed control and mowing) along provincial highways;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation enhances their current vegetation management strategy at a minimum

to the level of the 2017 Provincial Integrated Vegetation Management Plan to manage noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds, and any unsafe vegetation on the full rights of way of all primary and secondary provincial highways;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation continue to allow the option to enter into service agreements with municipalities for the purposes of vegetation management and/or weed control within their respective municipalities.

MOVED: Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills

SECONDED: Darrell Younghans, County of St. Paul

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the resolution. There was no opposition to the resolution, so Chairman Dutrisac called for debate to close and for a vote on the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 97% (113-4)

2-22 Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta's Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development support and encourage regionally based, Provincial Government staff or contractors, with extensive experience in their chosen agricultural field, to be consistently available to meet with ASBs as an expert source of the timely, detailed, and unbiased information that ASBs are now expected to deliver.

James Nibourg, Stettler County requested to allow Shane Poulsen to speak.

MOVED: Shane Poulsen, (Fieldman), Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

SECONDED: Klaas VanderVeen, Lethbridge County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 63% (69-41)

3-22 Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (Feb 22, 2022)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Minister of Education, direct all schools to celebrate Canada Agriculture Day at the elementary, junior high and high school levels.

MOVED: Conny Kappler, Cypress County

SECONDED: Brad Osadchuck, Special Areas

The amendment was debated and Dutrisac called for a vote.

AMENDMENT CARRIED:

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

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Chairman Dutrisac called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED: 94% (103-6)

4-22 Properly Manage Ungulate Populations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Environment and Parks address the issue of outdated population data in areas which have high rates of wildlife damage insurance claims and restructure ungulate population survey frequency to accurately understand population densities in relevant Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Environment and Parks use the precise population data to manage ungulate populations through increased numbers of hunting tags.

MOVED: Bruce Thomi, Saddle Hills County

SECONDED: Tyler Airth Big Lakes County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 97% (112-3)

RECESS AND RECONVENE:

Recessed at 11:48 a.m. on January 26, 2022

Reconvened at 11:00 a.m. on January 27, 2022.

5-22 Exemption of Natural Gas Propane for Agriculture Under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Canada Minister of Finance, with support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act to include natural gas and propane as exempted fuels for agriculture production.

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOVED: Chett Wild, Parkland County

SECONDED: Rick Laursen, Wheatland County

MOTION CARRIED: 99% (116-1)

6-22 Amendments to the ASB Conference Resolution Rules of Procedure

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee bring forward amendments to the Regional and Provincial ASB Conference Rules of Procedure for consistent ASB member representation, and to facilitate greater oversight of the review of resolutions, with the objectives to clarify the content within resolutions and reduce resolution duplication in consultation with the sponsoring municipality.

MOVED: Sean LaBrie, Mountain View County

SECONDED: Stan Bell, Red Deer County

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 93% (110-7)

Resolution E1-22: Prohibit Hunting of Wild Boar at Large in Alberta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture Forestry & Rural Economic Development prohibit the recreational hunting of wild boar at large and require that populations be reported and professionally controlled through the removal of entire sounders.

MOVED: Megan Evans, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

SECONDED: Neil Woitas, Lamont County

AMENDED: Kelly Vandenburghe, Leduc County moved to amend the resolution to include the word "Recreational" to in front of Hunting.

SECONDED: James Nibourg, County of Stettler

CARRIED: 81% (91-21)

The resolution was voted on as amended.

MOTION DEFEATED: 60% OPPOSED (43-68)

11. Motion to Adjourn

Fay McLaughlin, Woodlands County, moved to adjourn the 2022 resolution session at