

Minutes for the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolution Session

*The Tara Center, Grande Prairie, AB
January 18 & 19, 2023*

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

Sebastien Dutrisac, Chair, Northeast Region Representative
Brenda Knight, Vice Chair, Central Region Representative
John Van Driesten, South Region Representative alternate
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 11:00 am.

Chairman Dutrisac informed the assembly that there was a lack of voting clickers due to technical difficulties. Because of this, the resolution session would require several municipalities to vote either by the raising of hands or by ballot.

MOVED: Randy Taylor, County of Warner moved to have one clicker per municipality for the voting process.

SECONDED: Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County

Motion Carried (one vote opposed)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Dutrisac presented the agenda for the resolution session.

MOVED: Don Gulayec, County of Two Hills Moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED: Darrell Younghans, County of St Paul moved to adopt the Minutes for the 2022 Resolution Session as presented.

SECONDED: Dana Kreil, Lacombe County seconded

By unanimous consent, the Minutes for the 2022 Resolution Session were adopted as presented.

4. Review of the 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions

Chairman Dutrisac presented the highlights from the 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions.

MOVED: Corinna Williams, Northern Sunrise County moved to accept the 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions as information.

SECONDED: Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills

By unanimous consent, the 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions was received as information.

5. Call for Amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

a. Call for Amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

Chairman Dutrisac outlined the proposed amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure submitted by the ASB Provincial Committee. Chairman Dutrisac then made a call for any additional amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure.

MOVED: Terry Ungarian Name, County of Northern Lights, moved that Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards approve the amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

SECONDED: Brian Rodgers, Mountain View County.

MOVED: Corey Rasmussen, Wetaskiwn moved to amend point 4b) from "These resolutions may" to "These resolutions will"

SECONDED: Tyler Airth, County of Big Lakes

MOTION CARRIED: 56-3 (95%)

MOVED: Josh Crick, MD of Bonnyville moved to remove 4b entirely from the Provincial Rules of Procedure.

SECONDED: Robert Brochu, MD of Smoky River

MOTION DEFEATED: 15-46 (25%)

MOVED: Robert Parks, Strathcona County moved that Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards approve the Provincial Rules of Procedure as amended.

SECONDED: Jim Duncan, Clearwater County

MOTION CARRIED: 51-8 (85%)

b. Call for Amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure

Chairman Dutrisac outlined the proposed amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure submitted by the ASB Provincial Committee. Chairman Dutrisac then made a call for any amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure. No further amendments were received.

MOVED: John DeGroot, MD of Taber, moved that Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards approve the amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure.

SECONDED: Shannon Laprise, Wheatland County, seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 54-2, (92%)

6. Review of Provincial Rules of Procedure

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

7. Adoption of Emergent Resolutions

Chairman Dutrisac presented three emergent resolutions that have come forward to the ASB Provincial Committee. By unanimous consent

MOVED: Randy Taylor, County of Warner moved that Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards accept E1-23 Stable Regional Agricultural Extension Funding, E2-23 Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health, and E3-23 Supporting a Vibrant Cervid Industry as emergent resolutions.

SECONDED: Kelly Chamzuk, Athabasca County

MOTION CARRIED 57-4 (93%)

8. 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.

9. 2023 Resolution Debate

1-23 Creation of a Mid-Level Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AbVMA)

Professional Designation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST The Alberta Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development work with the ABVMA to create a Mid- Level Veterinary Professional designation within the Veterinary Profession Act to address the rural veterinary shortage and provide mid-level supportive care to Alberta livestock producers, including but not limited to:

1. Pregnancy Checking
2. Vaccination
3. Semen Testing
4. Blood draws
5. Injections
6. Catheterization
7. Wellness checks
8. Renewing prescriptions
9. Establishing required relationship for producers to purchase prescribed medicines.

MOVED: Warren Wohlgemuth, Municipal District of Greenview #16

SECONDED: Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County

MOVED: Jim Duncan, Clearwater County moved to amend the resolution to add "with veterinary oversight" after "Alberta livestock producers"

SECONDED: Brian Roger, Mountain View County

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT CARRIED: 45-13 (76%)

The resolution was voted on as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: 50-1 (98%)

2-23 Rural Veterinary Students

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST That the Government of Alberta aid the crisis of rural veterinary shortage by directing the University of Calgary to adjust admissions to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for students from rural areas applying by providing credit for rural acuity and prioritize accepting students who intend to specialize in large animal practice and return to work in rural areas following completion of their program.

MOVED: Brian Rogers, Mountain View

SECONDED: Adam Fitzpatrick, Saddle Hills County

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.

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 57-3 (95%)

3-23 Applied Research Associations Funding

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provide sustainable operational funding to Applied Research Associations to maintain local, unbiased research and extension services that keep Alberta agriculture innovative and competitive.

MOVED: Simon Lavoie, Northern Sunrise County

SECONDED: Alain Blanchette, MD of Smoky River

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.

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 54-5 (92%)

RECESS AND RECONVENE:

RECESSED AT 12:07 PM ON JANUARY 18, 2023

RECONVENED AT 10:47 AM ON JANUARY 19, 2023

4-23 Grizzly Bear Population Impact on Agricultural Production

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST The Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to have BMA 2 population and density of Grizzly Bears assessed and develop a suite of programs for Agricultural Producers, like those available to agricultural producers in BMA 5, including a Provincial Grizzly Impact Mitigation Plan.

MOVED: Bill Smith, MD of Greenview

SECONDED: Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County

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.

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 58-3 (95%)

5-23 Landowner Special License

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.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas allow Landowner Special Licenses to be valid for the entirety of the season in all Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in which the applicant has deeded land.

MOVED: Adam Fitzpatrick, Saddle Hills County

SECONDED: Warren Wohlgemuth, MD of Greenview

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the resolution.

MOVED: LeGrande Bevans, moved to add “for ungulates” after “to receive tags”

SECONDED: Lorrie Jespersion, County of Barrhead

The amendment was voted on.

MOTION DEFEATED: 17-44 (28%)

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 50-5 (91%)

6-23 Enforcement of Water Management

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas provide adequate resources to support the Alberta Water Act, to ensure these contraventions are being dealt with.

MOVED: Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills

SECONDED: Gene Hrabec, Beaver County

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the resolution.

The resolution was voted on as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 37-20 (65%)

7-23 Campaign to Raise Awareness on the Disparity Between Consumer Pricing & Producer Revenue

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation develop a communication plan to promote awareness for Albertans regarding the disparity between the prices that agricultural producers receive for their products and the prices consumers pay.

MOVED: Glenn Belozar, Leduc County

SECONDED: Kathy Rooyakers, County of Wetaskiwin

The Mover asked the assembly to ask if the Leduc County fieldman could speak to the resolution. By unanimous consent, the fieldman was permitted to speak to the resolution.

MOTION DEFEATED: 23-38 (62%)

8-23 Consideration of Municipal Environmental & Agricultural Policies for Large Scale Solar & Related Energy Developments on Agricultural Lands

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That when Federal and Provincial governments approve large scale energy developments that they consider local environmental conditions and the policies that the local municipality has in place on the development through their permitting process.

MOVED: Shawn Rodgers, County of Warner

SECONDED: Brian Hildebrand, MD of Taber

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the resolution.

MOVED: Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County, moved to remove "Solar & Related" from the title of the Resolution.

SECONDED: Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills

The amendment was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED: 34-16 (68%)

MOVED: Glen Alm, MD of Willow Creek moved to add ", through quasi-judicial boards," after "large scale energy developments."

SECONDED: Harry Streeter, MD of Ranchland

The amendment was voted on

MOTION CARRIED 41-17 (71%)

MOVED: John DeGroot, MD of Taber moved to add "Renewable" after large scale in both the title and the resolution.

SECONDED: Corinna Williams, Northern Sunrise County

The amendment was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED: 56-6 (90%)

The amended resolution was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED: 56-4 (93%)

9-23 Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That the Federal Government of Canada adopt the 4R Climate-Smart Protocol approach developed by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) of Fertilizer Canada and provide sustainable funding into research and development regarding fertilizer use efficiency.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change suspend the 30% synthetic fertilizer emission reduction targets until the proper tools to measure emissions for producers are available.

MOVED: Clynton Butz, Northern Sunrise County

SECONDED: Robert Brochu, MD of Smoky River

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: 59-2 (97%)

10-23 Organic Production Certification Standards and Provincially Regulated Weeds

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Canada Food Inspection Agency add a requirement to the Canadian Organic Standards that requires the organic grower be compliant with any provincial legislation invasive species in order to achieve and maintain organic certification.

MOVED: Karen Rosvold, County of Grande Prairie

SECONDED: Dan Boisvert, Northern Sunrise County

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: 54-2 (95%)

11-23 Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency make 2% Liquid Strychnine available to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson`s Ground Squirrels through an emergency registration for the 2023 season.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA`S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation petition and study avenues to convince Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to leave 2% Liquid Strychnine on the market on a permanent basis to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson`s Ground Squirrels.

MOVED: Darrell Younghans, County of St Paul

SECONDED: Murray Phillips, County of Two Hills

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the resolution.

MOVED: Dustin Vossler, Cypress County amendment by substitution

SECONDED: Craig Widmer, County of 40 Mile

The amendment was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED 45-10 (80%)

Chairman Dutrisac called for opposition to the amended resolution.

MOTION: Glen Ockerman, County of St. Paul to add “and until an alternative single feed product is available.” To the first Therefore.

SECONDED: Dustin Vossler, Cypress County

The amendment was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED: 57-1 (97%)

The amended resolution was voted on.

MOTION CARRIED: 55-4 (93%)

RECESS AND RECONVENE:

RECESSED AT 12:11 PM ON JANUARY 19, 2023

RECONVENED AT 3:12 PM ON JANUARY 19, 2023

12-23 Review of the Land & Property Rights Tribunal

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Municipal Affairs establish a task force comprised of Agricultural Service Board Members, agricultural producers, experts in agricultural science, agronomy and business, as well as representatives from the oil and gas industry associations, to conduct a full review into the function and mandate of the Surface Rights components of the LPRT as directed by related legislation, with a focus on matters of, related to:

- Contractual negotiations being fully paid by energy operators,
- Implementation of mandatory mediation prior to LPRT application
- Improved timeliness of applications, and
- Clarity of terms used in the Surface Rights Act.

MOVED: Shannon Laprise, Wheatland County

SECONDED: Holly Johnson, County of Newell

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: 59-2 (97 %)

E1-23 Stable Regional Agricultural Extension Funding

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation make available five year stable regional funding for ASBs

and their agriculture not for profit partners to hire and maintain the staff and operational costs associated with maintaining regional agricultural extension networks.

MOVED: Sandra Eastman, MD of Peace

SECONDED: Phil Kolodychuk , MD of Fairview

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: 58-2 (95%)

E2-23 Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation provides stable 5 year funding support to the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to hire and maintain staff and cover operational costs to continue the support and services offered through AgKnow.ca.

MOVED: Sandra Eastman, MD of Peace

SECONDED: Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights

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: 57-3 (93%)

E3-23 Supporting a Vibrant Cervid Industry in Alberta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation support the requests of the Alberta Elk Commission to reduce regulatory processes inline with other livestock.

MOVED: Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights

SECONDED: Sandra Eastman, MD of Peace

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: 45-11 (80%)

10.Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Dutrisac adjourned the 2023 resolution session at 3:29 p.m.