

# 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

Corinna Williams, Northern Sunrise County, expressed concern of switching to will

**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 12:07PM ON JANUARY 18, 2023**

**REDCONVENED 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.

LeGrande Bevans, Cardston County asked if the resolution would include deer or just for elk.

**MOVED:** LeGrande Bevans, moved to add "for ungulates" after "to receive tags"

**SECONDED:** Lorrie Jespersion, County of Barrhead

Terry Ungarian, County of Northern Lights expressed concern that the addition of ungulates is too broad and would include moose.

Dan Short, County of Newell, also opposed to this.

Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County, mentioned that Landowner special license already includes

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 Belozer, 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

Dustin Vossler, Cypress County felt a replacement of a single-feed alternate is needed to replace 2% LSC as 2% LSC has been beat to death.

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**

**REDCONVENED 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.