

2024 Provincial Resolution Session Meeting Minutes

Location: Lethbridge Agri-Food & Trade Hub, 3401 Parkside Dr S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4R3

Dates: Tuesday January 23 & Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Provincial Committee Members in Attendance

Brenda Knight introduced the members of the ASB Provincial Resolutions Committee:

Brenda Knight, Chair, Central
Dustin Vossler, Vice Chair, South Region
Stephan Bevans, Secretary, Central
Linda Hunt, Executive Assistant, Alberta
Walter Preugschas, Representative, Northwest
Tietsia Huyzer, Alternate Representative Central
Ross Bohnet, Alternate Representative, South
Sebastian Dutrisac, Representative, Northeast
Corinna Williams, Alternate Representative, Peace
Gene Hrabec, Alternate Representative, Northeast
John Van Driesten, Alternate Representative, South
Aaron Van Beers, AAAF President, Central
Jason Schneider, RMA Representative, South

Regrets

Bob Chrenek, Representative, Peace

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Knight called the meeting to order at enter time 2:58 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairperson Knight presented the agenda for the resolution session.

By unanimous consent, adopted the agenda as presented [enter *presented* or *amended*].

3. Adoption of Minutes

By unanimous consent, adopted the Minutes for the 2024 Resolution Session as presented.

**If any change, take note of name, county/municipality, and any amendments to the minutes in*

Approved

the space provided.

4. Review of the 2023 Report Card on the Resolutions

Chairperson Knight presented the highlights from the 2023 Report Card on the Resolutions.

5. Call for Amendments to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

Chairperson Knight made a call for any amendments to the Provincial or Regional Rules of Procedure. [**Use the space below to enter any relevant information including name, county/municipality, and details of amendments.**]

No amendments presented; provincial rules of procedure adopted.

6. Review of Provincial Rules of Procedure

Chairperson Knight reviewed the Provincial Rules of Procedure for the Resolution Session.

7. Adoption of Emergent Resolutions [**Use the space below or strike through if not used.**]

Chairperson Knight presented E1-24, E2-24 emergent resolution(s).

By unanimous consent **E1-24**, Financial Sustainability for FCDC is added as an emergent resolution.

MOVED: Sebastian Dutrisac, ASBPc

SECONDED: Gene Rabin, BEAVER COUNTY

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED) 93% 111:8

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED) by unanimous consent, (E1-24) is added as an emergent resolution.

E1-24 opposed by:

Janine Paly (Thorhild County)

Klaas Vanderbeen (Lethbridge County)

Vote to add E1-24 to order of resolutions: 93.8% favor; 23% opposed

Carried to add to resolutions

By unanimous consent **E2-24**, Federal Bills S-270 Health of Animals Act (Horse Protection Act) and C-355 Prohibition of the Export of Horses By Air For Slaughter Act is added as an emergent resolution.

MOVED: Kathy Rooyakers, COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN

SECONDED: John Ireland, LACOMBE COUNTY

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED) by unanimous consent, (E2-24) is added as an emergent resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED) 97% 114:2



7. 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. (**This is changed only if there is someone opposed.*)

**If Chair Knight calls for a motion, enter the following statement, otherwise strike through:*
Motion to approve as presented or as amended.

8. 2024 Resolution Debate

Resolution 1-24 Agricultural Equipment Highway Signs

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

Alberta Transportation provide each Agricultural Service Board with six signs that state "Slow Down Around Agricultural Equipment" to be installed on highways, at locations determined by the individual municipality.

MOVED: Dallas Extrom, BRAZEAU COUNTY

SECONDED: Bryce Liddle, PONOKA COUNTY

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): ___% (____-____)

or

AMENDED: Klaus Van der Beem, FOOTHILLS COUNTY, moved to amend the resolution to: remove number 6

D. McHugh Foothills – needs to be amended to be acceptable to Transportation
Glen Gunderson - Brazeau – it was written to make it simple for ministry to respond to
Klaus Van der Beem – remove # as number may not reflect needs of county/municipality
... provide each ASB with signs ...

Dallas Extrom – Brazeau, opposed to the amendment
52% in favor of amendment – amendment carried

Clarification on motion:

The announcement of the vote result for Resolution 1-24, titled Agricultural Equipment Highway Signs, was incorrect. It was announced that the vote was 50% to 50% and when the actual vote numbers were rounded this was accurate. This apparent tie was called a defeated motion.

However, in fact, there were 58 members who voted in favor and only 57 members who voted in opposition. The majority of voting members voted in favor of the resolution.

Therefore, after consulting with the parliamentarian, we have agreed that Resolution 1-24 was, in fact, carried and will be added to the list of adopted resolutions. We apologize for the confusion on this item.



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SECONDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality]

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (52) % (59-54)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (50)% (58 - 57)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]

Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

Resolution 2-24 COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the Federal and Provincial governments develop and implement immediately a "good actor" compensation mechanism for producers performing ecosystem services beneficial for society.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the Federal and Provincial governments investigate creating an exchange to trade Carbon and other ecological services for compensation at the minimum rate already determined by the Federal Government.

MOVED: Terry Ungarian, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

SECONDED: Robert Brochu , MD SMOKY RIVER

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 52% (52 - 48)

or

AMENDED: Brian Roger, MOUNTAINVIEW COUNTY, moved to amend the resolution to: ?

SECONDED: Jim Duncan, CLEARWATER COUNTY

Mel Duvall – Birch Hills County opposed the amendment.

Concerns over the appearance of accepting the carbon tax and should focus on getting the carbon tax scrapped. Reality is we have the carbon tax, and this is a pushback – flags politicians this is an issue and needs to be addressed.

Companies tasked with tracking the value of inputs, practices for potential sale of carbon credits.

Whole system is in play not just crops and inputs.

Only exception for credits is if you improve every year – not just continue good practices.

Covers all forms of sequestering carbon throughout agriculture and getting credit for it. Brings funds back to ag industry.



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AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (48) % (56 - 58)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): _____% (____-____)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

~~Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]~~

~~Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]~~

Resolution 3-24 Creation of Livestock Production Insurance

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation work with AFSC and consult stakeholder groups in the livestock sector to develop a new Livestock Production Insurance Program or other suitable program.

MOVED: Gary These, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

SECONDED: Philip Kolodychuk, MD FAIRVIEW

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 73% (93 - 25)

or

AMENDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality],

moved to amend the resolution to:

SECONDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality]

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (____) % (____-____)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): _____% (____-____)



~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]

Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

Resolution 4-24 Supporting a Compensation Multiplier

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and Environment and Protected Areas work with the Alberta Beef Producers to adopt their proposed compensation multiplier to address direct and indirect losses from predation.

MOVED: Gary These, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS [county/municipality]

SECONDED: Tyler Airth, BIG LAKES COUNTY

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 83% (96 - 11 OR 17 _____)

or

AMENDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality],
moved to amend the resolution to:

Titzia Hauser, Mountainview County – should other livestock be included beyond beef?
Open to expanding to livestock, beef producer model was used; no amendment requested.
Kathy Rooyakers, County of Wetaskiwin – can we enhance livestock - wildlife predation program;
Not intended to replace – it's to add a multiplier to reflect increased stressors to remaining livestock
Lori Witz, MD Spirit River – difficult to prove predation to get paid resulting in greater losses

SECONDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality]

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (____) % (____ - ____)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): _____% (____ - ____)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]



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Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

Resolution 5-24 WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST

That the Government of Alberta amend the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act to require Minimum Containment Standards for Alberta Wild Boar Farms, with penalties to enforce noncompliance.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST:

That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation invoke a moratorium on expansions of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta, until the province makes a decision on the future of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta.

MOVED: Les Stulberg COUNTY OF STETTLER #6

SECONDED: Jackie Watts, STARLAND COUNTY

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 97% (115 - 3)

or

AMENDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality],
moved to amend the resolution to:

Tyler Airth, Big Lakes County – would this address provincial fencing standards for wild boar farms; yes, it should include wild boar farms in the review (Stettler)

SECONDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality]

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): () % (-)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): % (-)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]

Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

Resolution 6-24 IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS AND THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) permit Honeybee shipments from the United States for the purpose of hive repopulation, to combat the depopulation of Canada's Honey Beehives.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the CFIA and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) conduct further research on Varroa Miticide controls and approve a new Varroa Mite miticide to address the lack of control options available to honey producers.

MOVED: Gene Hrabec, BEAVER COUNTY

SECONDED: Corinna Williams, NORTHERN SUNRISE

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): _____% (____ - ____)

or

AMENDED: Holly Johnson, COUNTY OF NEWELL, moved to amend the resolution to: separate and debate as 2 separate resolutions

Holly Johnson, County of Newell amend to divide 6-24 into separate resolutions
Josh Crick, MD of Bonnyville - seconded

SECONDED: Josh Crick, MD BONNYVILLE

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (52) % (62 - 57)

1st therefore, 6-24a

The resolution was voted on (as amended).



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MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 70% (82 - 35)

2nd therefore, 6-24b

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 91%(105 - 10)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE (strike through if not used).~~

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]

Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

Resolution 7-24: RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation propose to Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to allow Strychnine to be used exclusively by certified applicators.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST:

That the existing strychnine label be subject to meticulous review and amendment, with a specific focus on reducing the potential for off-target exposure and implementing enhanced control measures to mitigate any adverse environmental impact.

MOVED: Howard Shield, Flagstaff COUNTY

SECONDED: Dale Pederson, BEAVER COUNTY

Chairman Knight called for (vote/opposition) to the resolution.

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): 71% (90 - 26)

or

AMENDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality],

moved to amend the resolution to:

Philip Massier - Red Deer County – clarification on full certification, is this the intent of the motion
- Yes



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SECONDED: _____ [enter name], _____ [enter county/municipality]

AMENDMENT (CARRIED/DEFEATED): (____) % (____-____)

The resolution was voted on (as amended).

MOTION (CARRIED/DEFEATED): _____% (____-____)

~~RECESS AND RECONVENE~~ (strike through if not used).

Recessed at _____ [enter time and date]

Reconvened at _____ [enter time and date]

10. Motion to Adjourn

Brenda Knight , LACOMBE moved to adjourn the 2024 resolution session at 4:39 PM.

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