

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday July 29, 2021
The Atlas, Regina
8am**

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A),
Rick Toney, Past Chair
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Keith Day (Director 3B)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Brent Griffin (Director 6)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Garner Deobald (Director, SSGA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Marianne Possberg (Production)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)
Glenn LaPointe (Communications)
Christina Betker (Policy)

Regrets:

Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Holly Thompson (YCC)
Brian Cole (Director 8)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION 2021-054: Rosengren / Deobald
“To accept the Agenda as amended”**

Motion Carried

**1.01 Review of Minutes
June 17,2021**

**MOTION 2021-055: Meyers / Toney
“To accept the June 17, 2021, minutes as presented.”**

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Fielded over 130 calls and counting from producers.
- Met with the RCMP and LSS – Harold Martens - yesterday. Training in development by “F” Division which is Saskatchewan focused.
- Talked rural crime and what happens with rollovers.
- Ore work to come with RCMP.
- Good outlook with current leadership

MOTION 2021-055: Balicki / Shea

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Discussion on the budget
- Nice to be able to have in person meetings as there is a desire.
- CAA returning to normal for their summer meetings in Calgary.
- Must be realistic and watch what is happening with COVID and the world. Now we are seeing a push from the Delta variant. Hoping the vaccines hold.
- Discussion on drought and the possible fed election.

MOTION 2021-056: Day / Welter

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Drought

- Call for discussion to be respectful as it is such a complex issue.
- Arnold updated the board on what has unfolded to date with national and other provincial organizations.
- Need is immediate.
- Long list of added costs from animal health measures to water and feed.
- Push has been a per head payment to allow for flexibility of individual challenges.

MOTION 2021-057: Toney / Shea

“That SCA continue to request a \$400 per head of the breeding herd initial payment for drought response to maintain the herd as much as possible.”

Motion Carried

- Still a real challenge of getting feed into Saskatchewan and the cost of gain of cattle is going to be, and stay, high for at least a year.
- Auction sales are full of cows already.
- Does this dig deeper hole and is it the only shot? Is there another, more strategic request to be found?
- Anger expressed over announcements for conservation and power plants but not for agriculture.
- There is not one thing that will “solve” this Action like this can help people through. Help is more than they have in the moment.
- Require the fastest, most flexible way to help people with their local challenges with feed, water and other challenges.
- There are real worries about what people may be pushed to do.

- **Animal welfare and human mental health problems and desperation are the driving issues for this request.**
- RMs are looking at adapting “at large” animals’ policies to allow wider grazing and capture of forage resources.
- Concern over what feed grain may even be available. Grain companies will sell feed internationally as well. \$8.65 corn delivery. \$12 wheat.
- Feeders are facing challenges accessing feed and will continue. Uncertain what an ask would be. Where are cattle that are going to town going to go?
- They need help to get grain farmers out of grain contracts without huge penalties so they can sell locally.
- **Can we build pelleting infrastructure at WIT (Richardson) or elsewhere?**
- Order buyers are gearing up for a big feeder export year. Calves go where the feed is.

1.04 Financial Report

MOTION 2021-058: Deobald / Stokke

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Budget

MOTION 2021-059: Stokke / Toney

“To approve the 2021/2022 draft budget as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

The approval of the budget is the principal financial management decision of the board in any given year, and the budget and the year – to – date revenues and expenditure figures ought to be the main focus of the executive director’s regular financial report to the board.

New Business

Adopt Projects:

- Demonstrating the advantages of feeding supplemental protein on fall pasture. Asking \$19,751 SCA to commit \$10,000.

MOTION 2021-060: Toney / Griffin

“That SCA fund the Adopt Project-Demonstrating the advantages of feeding supplemental protein in fall pasture” - in the amount of \$10,000.”

Motion Carried

- Demonstrating the advantages of feeding canola meal on fall pasture. Asking \$39,910. SCA to commit \$20,000.

MOTION 2021-061: Day / Shea

“That SCA fund the Adopt Project – Demonstrating the advantages of feeding canola meal on fall pasture – in the amount of \$20,000.”

Motion Carried

This would include bred heifers, weaned calves, dry cows while grazing mature pasture of stubble fields in fall. Several research projects have shown the benefits of added protein. Included economic analysis and Ministry specialists working with Greg Penner on design. SSGA doing this project.

- Can Winter Barley be grown in Central Saskatchewan? Asking \$9,630, SCA to commit \$5,000.

MOTION 2021-062: Stokke / Rosengren

“That SCA fund the Adopt Project – Can Winter Barley be grown in Central Saskatchewan – in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried

Through SK Barley Development Commission. Demo the risks of growing winter barley. High snow trap. Under irrigation. Doing this as it is one of the top inquiries they get. Common in EU.

- Perennial Forage Species Demonstration. Asking \$10,500. SCA to commit \$5,000.

MOTION 2021-063: Welter / Rosengren

“That SCA fund the Adopt Project – Perennial Forage Species Demonstration – in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried

Agribition Support

MOTION 2021 – 064: Shea / Meyers

“That SCA support CWA at the platinum level as proposed for \$50,000.”

Motion Carried

Anhydrous Ammonia for Feed Improvement

- Difficult to source, require a tank to transport it as well as numerous safety issues. A larger demand might help facilitate more availability. It may help with flax straw as well.
- Ministry has worked on this. Experience is important to keep the safety up front. There is limited availability also. Only 2 dealers who handle at all were even open to helping treat feed.
- Over \$31 per tonne of dry matter treated. Volume of straw and chaff is limited. Some areas of decent flax crops.
- This went away due to wrapped bales; silage increase and safety concerns. Someone inexperienced could put themselves down wind with terrible results- ill/death.
- Kevin Blair is available to the board to discuss. Knows tools needed and other concerns to manage. He is favorable to the idea of a training course.
- LFCE Alternative Feeds workshop is coming up too. That would be a spot to do a safety course.
- Rather than injecting into bales, do a pit of ground flax, wet it , cover it, seal it and treat. Need 25-40% moisture to bind the anhydrous.
- MB has a workshop about his last fall.
- Feed shortage may not be short lived, this could help in dealing.
- Would have to have a safety course before any is delivered to a farm. Chop or cut dry flax straw to something you could put in a pit and add water, Could you not just pack it like silage and ensile it? Flax straw ensiled runs the danger of prussic acid or cyanide poisoning.
- Danger of the practice is a high concern
- SCA could help with course for applications, or safety.
- Not for building it up as the big solution.

- General hesitancy about the idea. Next is to discuss with Kevin Blair, Greg Penner and the Ministry.

LMS Marketing App

- Proposal was circulated for app support development in the amount of \$100,000 over three years.
- Proposal did not move forward.

CCA & NCOA Meeting Prep

- Discussion on what is coming up in Calgary, Bylaw changes and other flows.
- What is to be expected by each of us.

Communications Update

- Updated the latest initiatives. Beef Month, high Performance Protein and film content.

Old Business

Respect in the Workplace

- Six remaining to be completed – this is the reminder.

Vet Tech Training

- Additional training, they do not have on large animal. SVMA Is supportive.
- Postmortems and biosecurity. Bovine hoof care. Semen testing and reproduction. Scouring calves.
- Request is for \$30k over two years. They are trying to develop the team approach to help vets utilize them better.
- That breaks down to a little over \$1000 per each of 24 sessions.

MOTION 2021-065: Meyers / Griffin

“That SCA fund the SAVT proposal for up to \$30,000 over two years given a request be first made of dairy and SVMA.”

Motion Carried

FRWIP Letter and Watersheds

- Website has all the information
- SODCAP is getting some requests for help. It is not “easy” for everyone.
- Some complaints have been raised over local delivery being taken away. Local people help make it work. Regina people just say “yes” or “no” instead of let’s make this work.
- The timeline to get through this process already is bad for anything that is not straight forward or on conservation land.
- We reduced the program in CAP because it was too successful. Very much reduced and it is needed now.

External Calls

Ryan Beierbach

- BCRC had meeting end of June. Decided proposal funding. Good ones recommended by committees.

- Environment initiatives – Enterprise came with logos and other solutions. Sent back to drawing board, also suggested name change – work continuing.
- Feed research Centre call scheduled August 10. First meeting in a couple of years.

Reg Schellenberg

- Cannot get detail on ask for government as it is being presented to the board. Request is for interim funding and through AgriRecovery disaster.
- Getting worse daily in each province.
- Thankful not fighting fire as they are in BC.
- Concern now political as election call looms. Not a rumor anymore. Emphasizing that something be done before writ is dropped.
- CCIA acquired a building that includes warehouse and distribution space to take tag distribution in house.
- SCA 's led on the \$400per head sk. There is support and some concern with that ask.

Duane Thompson

- LFCE field day recently passed.
- Good show with short time to plan.
- Looking forward to working with Scott the new director.

Harold Martens

- LSS looking at moving. Purchased a building that would save them around \$80,000 per year.
- Took purchase from reserves as they were not earning much interest.
- New office on Smith St not far from SCA.
- RCMP liaison making the rounds with LSS offices. Bring in prosecutor and local RCMP. Info shared as to what LSS is and how they can be supported. Yorkton is the notable exception to generally good reception. That prosecutor just views livestock as something not to be won.
- Lots of cows are moving through the system. A big problem is unfolding with liquidation in 40-50% level in much of the province.
- Farmers don't want to sell to ranchers.
- SW terminal bringing in corn already. 25 cars from Iowa. Cannot get 100 car sized loads.
- CRA may be calling on LSS as renting may challenge their "not for profit" status. (this was checked with advisors ahead of time)

Pat Hayes

- CCIA meeting with CFIA and AG Canada to begin talk on use of high frequency tag. More useful and only about 66 cents more than usual dangle tags. Want them brought up to speed and not on the way of this use. Can CCIA connect low and high for producers?
- Clarifying that request for tag deferral is to include all cattle and stretch over five years.

YCC

- Passed along Holly's report.
- Looking for a replacement.
- Passed along thank for the development of including her in the board.
- Elect her replacement at the AGM.

SODCAP

- Having AGM coming up August 9th at Frontier working with PCAP.
- Ag Climate Solutions was in on time. Waiting to hear on that.

SCFA

- All things “drought”.
- Not opposed to a per head payment request.

Board Round Table

Concerns include working together on influencing decision makers. Managing cows coming in an orderly way. Concern over animal welfare due to lack of feed. Carbon and climate change taking over the conversation that avoids on the ground challenges, or sucks resources out of helpful areas.

Why wouldn't SCA be on the R.M. of Big Stick's letter? Concern that SCA was not on that list

End of SCA fiscal year has come – All expenses and per diems need to be in by Aug 12th.

Talk to SCIC about improving forage insurance. Really not getting coverage.

Letters in Review

Calendar Synchronized

In Camera

Adjourn 3:09pm

MOTION 2021- 066: Stokke
“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

____ Leann Clifford ____ - _ Recording Secretary

Date approved