

# Meeting of the Board of Directors

# 250 – 32160 South Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5

Strategic: Identify key opportunities and systemic challenges and plan for actions to effectively manage risks and take advantage of future opportunities.

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Effective: A clearly defined outcome with appropriate processed and measures.

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Inclusive: Ensure that appropriate interests, including the public interest, are considered.

# MINUTES of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 13, 2018

Location: BCEMB Boardroom

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:	Gunta Vitins, Chair Walter Siemens, Board Member Amyn Alibhai, Board Member Matt Vane, Board Member Jon Krahn, Board Member
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	Katie Lowe, Executive Director Joey Aebig, Manager, Operations & Logistics Nicole Thompson, Executive Assistant

# CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 2:57pm.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Sto:lo, and Lummi First Nations.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

# 1.0 DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS

1.1 Golden Valley & Vanderpol Meeting

The Golden Valley & Vanderpol Meeting agenda was presented for discussions.

The Board reviewed the EIAC Production Sleeve recommendations and discussed concerns with allocating production based on changing market needs.

1.1a Buyback Items

The Specialty Buyback Program has been in existence since 2005. Since then, the program has been reviewed and modified as required. A historical summary of the

program was presented for discussion along with the draft model of the Specialty IP program.

The Board discussed the draft Specialty IP program and the IP program currently in place.

#### 1.1b Post Farm Gate Costs

The Post Farm Gate Program has been ongoing for many years with reviews every five years. The next review should take place with the BCEPC in June 2022 unless an exceptional circumstance arises beforehand. A historical summary of the program was presented for discussion.

#### 1.2 BC & EFO Meeting

The BC & EFO Meeting agenda was presented for discussion.

The Board reviewed the agenda and confirmed the attendee list.

# 2.0 PRODUCER LETTERS

## 2.1 NPP Production Change Request

A producer is requesting a production type change for quota obtained through the New Producer Program. Part IV 6 (2) of the Consolidated Order states that "An entrant issued Layer Quota under the New Producer Program may only change production type or region upon Board approval." At previous Board meetings, Staff was directed to receive legal advice regarding the situation and to draft a letter to the producer. The draft letter was presented for discussion.

The Board reviewed the timeline and provided amendments to the letter.

## **R18-116** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors agree that the request presented by Bren-Den Ventures to change from the 2011 New Producer Program draw restrictions and related business plan does not meet the requirements of an exceptional circumstance and therefore the request for a change of production type based on Part IV 6 of the Consolidated Orders is declined. *"(1) Layer Quota issued under the New Producer Program may be held for production by the entrant only for so long as the entrant: (e) continues to be actively engaged in the production type and region as outlined in their original application".* 

## CARRIED

Action: Staff was directed to provide BC FIRB with an update on the situation.

## 2.2 Producer Lease Request

A producer is requesting a lease approval to house 10% of his flock at a second location starting in August 2019. The producer is planning to take over barn 1 at the location starting July 2019. The facility is currently being used by a different producer who is in the process of building an organic facility at a separate location with expectations to have all quota at the new location by the end of August 2019. The producer has a verbal agreement to take over ownership and management of the current producer's final flock at the location. At previous Board meetings, Staff was directed to receive legal advice regarding the situation and to draft a letter to the producer. The draft letter was presented for discussion.

The Board agreed with the direction and provided additional amendments to the letter.

Action: Staff was directed to provide the amended letter to the Board on December 14.

# 2.3 Consolidated Orders Question

A producer has requested clarification regarding the restrictions that are placed on changing the configuration of his conventional cages. At previous Board meetings, Staff was directed to receive legal advice regarding the situation and to draft a letter to the producer. The draft letter was presented for discussion.

The Board agreed with the direction and provided additional amendments to the letter.

# R18-117 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors decline the request as repositioning conventional cages does not comply with Part IX 6(2)(d) of the Consolidated Order which states, "As of July 1, 2016 no new construction, retro-fits, renovations or add-ons of conventional cages will be approved by the Board."

#### CARRIED

Action: Staff was directed to send the amended letter to the producer.

#### 3.0 PRODUCTION SLEEVE

Due to time considerations, this item was put forward to the December 14 Board meeting.

#### 4.0 2019 MEETINGS UPCOMING APPENDIX B

The 2019 Meetings Upcoming Appendix B was presented for discussion.

The Board reviewed the meetings and discussed member attendance.

4.1 <u>2019 EFC Board Meeting Schedule</u>

The 2019 EFC Board Meeting Schedule was presented for information.

### 4.2 <u>2019 EFC and Provincial Boards AGM Schedule</u>

The 2019 EFC and Provincial Boards AGM Schedule was presented for information.

4.3 <u>2018-2019 COGA Session</u>

The 2018-2019 COGA Session was presented for information.

4.4 <u>EFC Orientation Session</u>

The EFC Orientation Session was presented for information.

4.5 <u>CCFI Food Fear Factor</u>

The CCFI Food Fear Factor was presented for information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary