

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.

Accountable: Maintain legitimacy and integrity through understanding and discharging responsibilities and reporting performance.

Fair: Ensure procedural fairness in processed and decision-making

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

Transparent: Ensure that processes, practices, procedures & reporting on exercise of mandate are open, accessible and fully informed.

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

MINUTES of **Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: April 9, 2020

Location: Video Conference

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Gunta Vitins, Chair
Walter Siemens, Vice-Chair
Matt Vane, Board Member
Jon Krahn, Board Member
Jeff Regier, Board Member

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Lowe, Executive Director
Julianne Cox, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 11:44 am.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board discussed any perceived conflicts of interest with the proposed agenda items.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Matt Vane and SECONDED that the agenda be adopted as presented.

1.0 Updates from BOD Meeting

1.1 EFC Update

An EFC update from Walter Siemens was provided to the Board. The Board discussed the supply demand nationally. EFC is looking into having mediums sold at retail instead of the processing market and is determining packaging needs. An update was also provided on national egg storage volumes.

1.2 Producer Price Change- Atlantic Region

The Atlantic Egg Boards have sent a letter to provincial egg boards indicating they would like the boards to reconsider the decision to hold producer pricing at this time.

The Board of Directors of BC Egg Marketing Board

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 9, 2020

The Board reviewed the letter. More information will be made available from the Atlantic region the following week.

1.3 PFGC Discussion

BC Egg has received some concerns and questions from the graders regarding the preliminary research being conducted by JRG Consulting Group as background information for the Post Farm Gate Cost review. A drafted response letter was provided to the Board for review. The Board reviewed and supported the drafted response letter.

Action: Staff was directed to send the response letter.

1.4 Specialty Buyback

A grader has requested that the calculation for the distribution of funds for the Specialty Buyback Program be updated to reflect flocks in the current year versus using the previous year production. The Board sent a letter to BC Egg Processors Council requesting that all grading stations must agree to any changes to the program before the distribution calculation would be revised. As of this Board meeting, there was no agreement among the graders. The Specialty Buyback program calculations will continue as usual.

1.5 Corporate Quota Transfer Workshop

BCEMB seeks to have a more defined process for determining the relevant shareholder information required when evaluating quota transfers. A corporate quota transfer workshop is being planned that will include experts in their field to review the current quota assessment procedures as well as the new procedures that will come into effect January 1, 2022.

A rough draft of the consultation process was sent to the Board for review. All edits and comments are to be provided by the following Tuesday.

1.6 Food Bank Egg Donation

With a decrease of product going to the Industrial Products program (IP), the Board discussed the possibility of having the smalls donated to the food bank. Some of the grading companies can assist in the packaging of these eggs for donation. The Board discussed the delivery method to the Food Bank distribution centres in BC. If needed, the Board will discuss early fowl removal to further offset the decreased IP need.

Action: Staff was directed to finalize the cost and distribution for these egg donations.

1.7 [REDACTED]

An update on the [REDACTED] was provided to the Board. BC Egg has submitted their argument for the case and the appellant's response is due by the following Wednesday, April 15. All documents will be provided to the Board for reference.

1.8 Organic Standards Review Update

The Board reviewed proposed changes to layer standards in the Organic Production Standards document and provided feedback. The Board specifically discussed the shade requirements and sought more clarification on the issue.

The Chair and Matt Vane will work on a response from BC.

2.0 COVID-19 Update

2.1 Fowl Removal

Due to a change in market demand, the processor who removes spent hens has requested that some of the spent fowl move to rendering instead of processing. This will mean an added expense for BC's egg producers. Staff will arrange for removal of the spent hens for rendering.

The Board of Directors of BC Egg Marketing Board

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 9, 2020

2.2 EFC Early Fowl Removal Program

EFC has requested that the provinces provide them with information on flocks that could be removed early to reduce the burden on the IP program. The Board requested this issue to be communicated to producers as information only so that they are aware of possible industry changes should they arise. The Board will await further updates from EFC.

Action: Staff was directed to contact Vanderpols for further information.

3.0 Other Business

There was no other business presented.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Jon Krahn and **SECONDED** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:04 pm.



Board Chair



Certified Correct, Secretary