

Meeting of the Board of Directors

250 – 32160 South Fraser Way
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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 17, 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 9:59 am.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED that the agenda be adopted as presented.

1.0 Updates from BOD Meeting

1.1 EFC Update

EFC will be sending out Market Updates on a weekly basis to the provincial boards that will include updates on the changing market needs. An update was provided on egg storage, charitable egg donations, the IP market and the COP pricing discussion.

1.2 EFP Update

BC Egg received notice from EFC that as of week 15 the processor will no longer be accepting BC Egg's EFP production. The Board discussed finding alternative markets for the EFP production.

Action: Staff was directed to confirm with EFC the quantity of product to be shipped to alternative markets.

1.2a Charity and Food Banks

Staff provided an update to the Board that the foodbanks are willing to accept any amount of egg donations that can be given. Staff has contacted the grading stations to confirm their interest in supporting this initiative.

R20-054 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board direct staff to move 350 boxes of EFP off sizes to donation and charity programs.

CARRIED.

Action: Staff was directed to communicate BC Egg's plan with EFC.

The Board also discussed the interest expressed by producers for a charity drive. The Board will review further as more information is made available.

1.3 Atlantic Region- Letter on Pricing

The Chair sent a response to EFC on behalf of BC Egg reiterating support for the national coordination of pricing as well as the collective decision to hold pricing during the early months of COVID19 challenges.

1.4 PFGC Update

An update was provided to the Board on the status of the post farm gate cost (PFGC) analysis that is ongoing with JRG Group. JRG has indicated that interviews with provinces and graders were going well but that some participants required further clarification on the project parameters etc. Written responses to the participants were reviewed and finalized,

A meeting will be scheduled on May 4th with JRG, BC Egg and Egg Farmers of Alberta to discuss preliminary findings of the analysis and steps moving forward.

1.5 Product Update

An update on a producers appeal was presented to the Board. The appellant sent in their final response to BC Egg's defense and it is now with BCFIRB for review and decision. BCFIRB is expected to provide a decision on the appeal within the next 30 days.

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 arranged for removal of the spent hens for rendering.

2.2 EFC EFR 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. Staff will continue to keep EFC informed of any flocks that meet EFC's eligibility requirements.

2.2 Economic Impact Study

Serecon will be providing a quote to the 4 feather boards on an economic impact study that will quantify costs the industries have incurred due to COVID-19. The data is intended to be used to identify and recover costs through government funding programs such as Agri Stability or

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Agri Recovery programs. The Board will review the Serecon proposal as soon as it becomes available.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 FOI Request

BC Egg received a Freedom of Information request on March 31st, 2020 for information related to quota exemptions. Staff will be working with a lawyer on the response and next steps. An update will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:04pm



Board Chair



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