

Meeting of the Board of Directors

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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.

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

MINUTES of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 8, 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 10:02am.

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

Walter Siemens provided a brief EFC update to the Board. EFC staffing and committee changes were presented as information.

1.1a Market Update

The EFC Market Update was presented to the Board.

1.2 EFP Update

An update on the EFP alternate market process was provided to the Board. The Board reviewed the reducing EFP numbers. Producer licenses and quota credit adjustments affected by the EFP reduction will be completed at the end of the reduction period.

Action: Staff was directed to contact [REDACTED] at the end of May for an update on their market situation.

An update was provided to the Board on the Food Bank donations.

1.3 PFGC Update

An update was provided to the Board on the status of the post farm gate cost (PFGC) analysis that was conducted by JRG Group. The Board has received the drafted final report and had a conference call with JRG Group on May 4th to go over the report. Board will provide their suggested next steps with Egg Farmers of Alberta at the upcoming meeting on May 13th.

1.4 Young Farmer Program Update

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, EFC's Young Farmer Program is unable to be completed in 2020 as planned. EFC has extended the 2020 program over a 24 month period. This means no new participants will be selected for 2021 and the 2020 participants will have their travelling components of the program take place in 2021. The Board agrees with the approach from EFC.

1.5 Small Lot Permit

The Board reviewed the changes in the small lot permit application form and changes to the Consolidated Orders.

R20-071

It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the first reading of Amending Order #015 to the Consolidated Order of November 1, 2017.

CARRIED.

For any pending applications, staff will communicate the application changes to the applicants who can reapply using the revised application form.

1.6 EPU Lease Application Update

Recent approval of the Barn Fitness Audit policy has introduced fees that will be applied to EPU Lease Applications. The Board reviewed the updated EPU lease application form and supported the changes.

R20-072

It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the changes to the EPU lease application form.

CARRIED.

1.7 TM1 Licenses

Staff advised the Board that BC Egg is over the limit of authorized TM1 licenses. The Board reviewed the proposed solution of staff contacting the current super producers who use multiple licenses to reduce their license count for themselves and staff. The Board supports this approach. Staff will provide a license update to the Board once super producers have been contacted. In 2021 BC Egg must renew their licence with IBM-Cognos, any changes required will be reviewed at that time.

2.0 COVID-19 Update

2.1 Fowl Removal

The Board discussed the changes to the fowl removal process experienced by producers in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island as a result of the temporary closures of two processing plants in BC. The stunning unit will be used in the Lower Mainland at least until May 23, 2020.

An update will be provided to the Board at a later date regarding the June fowl removals in the Lower Mainland.

2.2 COVID Costs

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, some of BC Egg's program and office costs are increasing. An update on the additional costs incurred and supporting data was provided to the Board. The report provided information regarding additional costs related to fowl removal, food bank donations, and remote working costs.

2.3 BC FIRB Authority Matrix

BCFIRB distributed an authority matrix to ensure that each of the Board/Commissions understands their powers of authority when it comes to the possibility of redirecting product or euthanizing animals on farm. The Board reviewed the authority matrix.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 BC ANAC Letter

The letter was sent to ANAC was previously approved by the Board and was sent to ANAC the morning of May 7, 2020. The Board reviewed the response letter and discussed current market trends.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Matt Vane and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:33am.



Board Chair



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