

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.

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

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

MINUTES of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 7, 2022

Location: Monashee Room, Prestige Harbourfront Resort, Salmon Arm

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
Nicole Thompson, Executive Assistant
Joey Aebig, Manager Operations & Logistics
Erin Duetta, Manager Finance
Amanda Brittain, Director of Communications & Marketing

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc Nation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Walter Siemens and **SECONDED** that the agenda be adopted as presented.

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2022

R22-086 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of August 17, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2022

R22-087 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of August 25, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION LIST

2.1 2022 Board Calendar & Action Item

The 2022 board calendars and action item list were presented for information.

2.2 Pullet Measuring Protocol Response Letter

The Pullet Measuring Protocol Response Letter was presented for information.

3.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3.1 EFC Update

An update on the matters of EFC and its committees were presented, including EFC levy rates and BART's review of grader requests.

3.2 Regional Reports

Updates from the regional representatives were presented.

3.3 Marketing Update

A marketing update was presented for information, including events and AI preparations.

4.0 OPERATIONS

4.1 Quota Transfers

4.1a Producer A

A producer submitted a quota transfer request which was presented for discussion.

R22-088 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors grant final approval for the transfer of quota from the partnership of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

CARRIED

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4.1b Producer B

A producer submitted a quota transfer request which was presented for discussion.

R22-089 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors grant final approval for the Going Concern Sale from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

CARRIED

4.1c Producer C

A producer submitted a quota transfer request which was presented for discussion.

R22-090 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors grant final approval for the Going Concern Sale from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

CARRIED

4.1d Producer D

A producer submitted a quota transfer request which was presented for discussion.

R22-091 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors grant final approval for the transfer of [REDACTED] existing Common Shares to her son and daughter-in-law, [REDACTED].

CARRIED

R22-092 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors grant conditional approval for the transfer of 850 units of layer quota from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. This is a transfer among Related Corporate Producers. Therefore, in accordance with the Consolidated Order Part V 3(4)(b), a surrender of layer quota is not required.

CARRIED

R22-093 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT should [REDACTED] complete the requested transfer, [REDACTED] will not be affected by the twelve-month moratorium and will be eligible to participate in any growth allocations as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are considered a business unit.

CARRIED

4.2 Barn Fitness Audit Update

An update on the Barn Fitness Audit program was presented, including a proposal for conducting a second audit on those completed in 2021.

The Board agreed to use the PMC timelines for audits completed in 2021. It was also agreed to postpone the Vancouver Island and Interior audits until 2023.

4.3 EFP

BCEMB began allotting producers EFP on their first placements after week 10, 2022. We asked graders to ship EFP product as of week 21, 2022. One grader has expressed concerns with the program.

The Board deliberated on options for the program and next steps.

4.4 Grader Concerns

4.4a GVF Appeal

On July 4, 2022, BC Egg received notice of appeal from Golden Valley Foods regarding the June 1, 2022 decision on the TAP B Program and the June 3, 2022 decision on the updated BC Egg Grader Programming. An update on the progress was provided for information.

4.4b Grader Sign Off Consultation

BC Egg is undergoing a grader market needs consultation. An update on the process was presented for information, including the topics for consultation.

The Board agreed with the consultation topics presented for staff meetings with individual graders.

4.4c Specialty Request/EFR

A grader has informed BC Egg that they are accumulating Free Range and Organic surplus. Correspondence between the grader and BC Egg was included for discussion.

The Board discussed next steps, including a request for verifiable and quantifiable data.

4.4d Grader PFGC

A grader arrangement is impacting PFGC program funds distributed amongst graders. A letter was sent to the parties on August 29, 2022.

4.5 Global Housing System Trends

The EPA has asked staff to conduct research on global housing system trends in other countries, particularly in regards to enriched and cage-free production. Staff have begun compiling the information which was presented for discussion.

4.6 Quota Credits

The quota credit balance continues to grow, representing an increasing liability which could impact future programming decisions. Possible options to reduce the number of credits was presented for discussion.

The Board discussed programming options to be further reviewed at the October meeting, as well as training opportunities for producers.

4.7 Interior Grader Concern

On August 19, 2022, BC Egg received an email from a grader with concerns about the sale of unregulated product in their area. The concerns were presented for discussion.

The Board discussed concerns regarding the sale of ungraded eggs and options for the board to deal with them. Issues have been raised in multiple areas throughout the province.

4.8 AI Update

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been found in poultry flocks in all Canadian Provinces (except PEI) and throughout the US. BC industry has been working with the Ministry and CFIA on the response. An update for BC was presented for information.

The Board agreed with replenishing the EOC funds once requested.

4.9 Fowl Removal Update

There are a number of projects concerning fowl removal in BC. Updates on the projects were presented for discussion, including an update on the CO2 machine.

4.10 TM1 Portal Update

Staff are in the process of having the TM1 portal updated. A testing link was sent to specific producers for feedback. The next update phase was presented for information.

4.11 Audit Update

BCEMB is working towards consolidating its audit process with the objective of having one inspector able to conduct all audits on a farm in a given year. EFC auditors have now been trained on the BC audits and discussions with NSF have started.

5.0 GOVERNANCE

5.1 Consolidated Order Review

The Consolidated Order is required to be reviewed every five years. The current document was last reviewed in 2017. The draft Consolidated Order was updated based on Board feedback and presented for further review.

5.1a TAP A Program Review

On August 5, 2022, staff received a request from a new entrant requesting permission to temporarily reduce their TAP A allotment. Draft changes to the program were presented to allow for exceptions granting producers to decrease the lease.

The Board agreed to the draft changes for TAP A and TAB B.

5.1b Election Rules Review

The Election Rules must be reviewed every three years and are required to be reviewed prior to December 31, 2022. The final draft consultation document and survey to producers was presented for discussion.

The Board agreed with the consultation and timeline.

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5.2 NPP Update

BC Egg has now announced the 2022 NPP draw. An update on the process was presented for information.

R22-094 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approved maintaining the 2021 NPP review committee members for 2022.

CARRIED

5.3 HR Update

An HR update was presented for information.

5.4 A&F February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The A&F February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes were presented for information. The A&F Committee also discussed adding a \$5,000 yearly scholarship to UFV for 2022-2024.

R22-095 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approved a yearly scholarship to UFV for \$5,000 for 2022-2024.

CARRIED

5.5 Deputy Minister Letter to Farmed Animal Welfare Partners

On August 25, 2022, BC Egg received a letter from the Deputy Minister informing us that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food will be undertaking an assessment of British Columbia's farmed animal welfare framework. The letter was presented for information.

6.0 PERFORMANCE REPORTS

6.1 Quota

6.1a Industry Reserve

The Industry Reserve report was presented for information.

6.1b Egg Import Information

The Egg Import reports was presented for information.

6.1c Quota Utilization Report

The Quota Utilization Report was presented for information.

6.1d Quota Credit Update

The Quota Credit update was presented for information.

6.1e Inventory Report

The Inventory Report was presented for information.

6.2 COP

The COP report was presented for information.

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6.3 Feed Mill Participation Report & AAFC Report

The Feed Mill Participation Report & AAFC Report was presented for information.

6.4 CETPP Production Comparison

A CETPP Production Comparison report was presented for information.

6.5 Producer Utilization Update

The Producer Utilization update was presented for information.

6.6 Active Leases

The Active Leases report was presented for information.

6.7 Barn Capacity

The Barn Capacity report was presented for information.

7.0 MEETINGS HELD & UPCOMING

7.1 2022 Meetings Held

The 2022 meetings held were presented for information.

7.2 2022 Meetings Upcoming

The 2022 upcoming meetings were presented for information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:18pm.

The BCEMB met with the Interior producers from 2:30pm – 4:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.

4.3 EFP (Continued)

BCEMB began allotting producers EFP on their first placements after week 10, 2022. We asked graders to ship EFP product as of week 21, 2022. One grader has expressed concerns with the program.

R22-096 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors suspend the EFP program from Week 21, 2022 to Week 53, 2022 while a full consultation on the program is conducted with the graders.

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R22-097 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

WHEREAS the EFP program has been suspended from Week 21, 2022 to Week 53, 2022.

THAT the Board of Directors implement a production sleeve in lieu of the EFP allotment for the same time period.

CARRIED

8.0 Other Business

The City of Abbotsford has been working diligently to implement infrastructure improvements to avoid any future flooding issues. The City is looking for support from agriculture commodities to assist in lobbying for faster timelines.

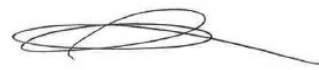
The Board agreed the EPA should assist the City.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Matt Vane and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 4:41pm.



Board Chair



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