

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 processes and decision-making.

Effective: A clearly defined outcome with appropriate processes 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: January 10, 2023

Location: BCEMB Boardroom

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was held on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation of the Stó:lō people.

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 December 7-8, 2022

R23-001 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of December 7-8, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2022

R23-002 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of December 16, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2022

R23-003 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of December 21, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

1.4 Approval of Minutes of December 23, 2022

R23-004 It was MOVED by Matt Vane and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of December 23, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION LIST

2.1 2023 Board Calendar & Action Item

The 2023 board calendars were presented for information.

The Board reviewed the calendars and amended the June meeting date.

3.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3.1 EFC Update

An update on the matters of EFC and its committees were presented, including an update on the FPTA and BART.

3.2 Regional Reports

Updates from the regional representatives were presented, including feedback on the producer price change, and AI.

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3.3 Strategic Plan Update

On October 20, 2022, the Board and management held a strategic plan refresh meeting. The Strategic Plan document has been amended based on discussions at the meeting and the draft plan was presented for discussion.

The Board reviewed the document and provided an amendment.

R23-005 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the updated Strategic Plan as amended.

CARRIED

3.4 EFC Young Farmer Program

EFC is commencing recruitment for the 2023 cycle of the Young Farmer Program. BC nominees were presented for discussion.

R23-006 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors select [REDACTED] for the 2023 EFC Young Farmer Program.

CARRIED

3.5 Nomination for Metro Vancouver's AAC

On December 14, 2022, the Chair received a letter inviting BC Egg to nominate a producer to be a member on the Metro Vancouver Regional District's (Metro Vancouver) Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) for a four-year term starting in 2023.

The Board nominated [REDACTED] as a member for the Metro Vancouver Regional District's Agricultural Advisory Committee.

4.0 OPERATIONS

4.1 AI Update

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been found in poultry flocks in Canadian provinces and throughout the US. An update on the cases in BC, the EOC, and disposal options were presented for information.

4.2 Grader Concerns

4.2a GVF Appeal

On July 4, 2022, BC Egg received notice of appeal from Golden Valley Foods. An update on the progress was provided for information, including the request for additional documentation.

The Board discussed the documents being provided and the next steps.

Action: Staff was directed to provide the lawyer's response to the board members.

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4.2b Grader Market Needs Consultation

BC Egg is conducting a grader market needs consultation. The results from the consultation were presented for information. The consultation results will be discussed with the graders at the BCPC Grader meeting.

Action: Staff was directed to reach out to the graders by phone to discuss the consultation.

4.2c Post Farm Gate Request

On December 20, 2022, BC Egg received a letter from GVF and Farmer Bens Eggs requesting that the Board delay the implementation of the new programs and maintain the old PFGC program due to AI shortages, until production stabilizes. The Board considered the request.

R23-007 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors decline the request to delay the removal of the Post Farm Gate Costs Program and subsequent implementation of the Out-of-Area Subsidy and BC Egg to Table Market Incentive. All payments currently being held will be released as of Week 5, 2023.

CARRIED

W. Siemens recused himself from the discussion and decision.

4.2d Buyback Program

EFC formed the national Buyback Assessment Review Team (BART) program in 2022. Committee meetings are ongoing to determine a national program.

The Board discussed the current options for the Buyback Program in BC and previous discussions with the graders.

Action: Staff was directed to provide the projected 2023 numbers to the Chair.

4.3 2022/2023 Allocation

EFC is reviewing a potential allocation in 2022/2023. The draft consultation letter will be provided to the board next week for review.

4.4 BC Special STMRQ Program

On November 21, 2022, BC Egg launched the Special Temporary Market Requirement Quota Program. An update on the program was presented for information.

The Board reviewed the analysis of flocks impacted by AI.

Action: Staff was directed to contact EFC to confirm whether there is a need for product for the processor.

Producers impacted by AI are seeking options for production recovery. Multiple options were presented, including a BC HPAI Infected Premise Recovery Program.

The Board reviewed the options and agreed with staff's direction.

Action: Staff was directed to review options for leasing quota nationally and to present the findings at the February board meeting.

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4.5 Pricing Update

Pricing Order #01/2023 was approved on December 23, 2022 effective Week 5, 2023 and distributed on December 28, 2022. The national price changes were presented for information.

4.6 Grader Freight Subsidy

There is a concern that one grader may be using the Freight Subsidy Program for purposes other than what was intended. Management has spoken with the grader regarding the consistency of applications being received and the intent of the program. The discussions were presented for information.

The Board discussed the graders request.

R23-008 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors decline [REDACTED] freight subsidy application dated Dec 14, 2022.

CARRIED

4.7 Inter-Provincial Grading and Packaging Costs

EFC sets the rate for Grading and Packaging costs that is transferred between graders for inter-provincial movements. This is a flow-through payment for EFC. The money comes from the receiving grader and is transferred in full to the shipping grader. This rate was increased effective Week 1, 2023 to \$0.22 per dozen (\$0.16 for grading and \$0.06 for packaging). The memo was presented for information.

4.8 Fowl Removal Update

BC Egg has a number of ongoing projects related to Fowl Removal in BC. An update on the projects, including the CO2 machine, was presented for information.

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. A final consultation was sent to the industry on November 28, 2022 and the preliminary results were presented for discussion.

The Board agreed to send a reminder in February to those who have not completed the survey.

5.2 2023 Committee Election

There are multiple committee positions up for election. The preliminary recommendations were presented for review.

5.2a CEIRA Election

CEIRA has confirmed that the Voting Delegate for BC egg producers is up for renewal this year.

R23-009 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors appoint [REDACTED] of BCCOMB as the Independent Elections Officer for the 2023 CEIRA Voting Delegate election.

CARRIED

5.3 EIAC Terms of Reference

It was requested that the EIAC Terms of Reference be presented at a future board meeting. The document was presented for discussion.

The Board reviewed the document and agreed to review it again in February.

Action: Staff was directed to send the draft EIAC agendas to the Board.

5.4 Chair and Board Performance Survey

Each year the Board completes Board and Chair Performance Reviews. In 2022 the General Manager of the BC Council of Marketing Boards facilitated both surveys.

The Board agreed to have BCCOMB conduct both surveys again in 2023.

5.5 NPP Applicant Appeal

On December 28, 2022, BCFIRB informed BC Egg that Old Country Farms Ltd. appealed the NPP application decision. The Pre-Hearing Conference has been scheduled for February 15, 2023.

The Board agreed that the Executive Director and Chair will attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

5.6 A&F Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2022

The August 31, 2022 A&F Meeting Minutes were presented for information.

5.7 HR Update

An HR update was presented for discussion.

5.8 AgriRecovery Request Letter

The Turkey, Chicken and Hatching Egg Boards/Commission are requesting support from the BC Ministry for Agri-Recovery Funds for the extraordinary costs for Cleaning and Disinfection during AI. The amended draft letter was presented for discussion.

The Board agreed with the amended letter and discussed a national approach.

6.0 PERFORMANCE REPORTS

6.1 Quota Reports

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.

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6.1e Inventory Report

The Inventory Report was presented for information.

6.2 COP

The COP report was presented for information.

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 Upcoming

The 2023 upcoming meetings were presented for information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 3:44pm.



Board Chair



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