

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.

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: May 15-16, 2023

Location: Seymour Salon – Prestige Harbourfront Resort, Salmon Arm

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Gunta Vitins, Chair
Walter Siemens, Vice-Chair
Jon Krahn, Board Member
Jeff Regier, Board Member
Matt Vane, Board Member (May 15)

REGRETS: Matt Vane, Board Member (May 16)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Lowe, Executive Director
Joey Aebig, Manager Operations & Logistics
Erin Duetta, Manager Finance

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

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 Matt Vane and **SECONDED** that the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

5.4 Deputy Minister Advisory Committee for Farmed Animal Welfare

CARRIED

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2023

R23-039 It was MOVED by Jon Krahn and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Minutes of April 11, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION LIST

2.1 2023 Board Calendar & Action Item

The 2023 board calendars and action item list were presented for information.

2.2 Risk Mitigation Plan

The update to the Risk Mitigation Plan was presented for information.

3.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3.1 EFC Update

An update on the matters of EFC and its committees were presented for information.

3.2 Regional Reports

Updates from the regional representatives were presented for information. The Board discussed the Interior Chicken and Egg Producers spring banquet being held on May 26 in Salmon Arm.

Action: Staff was directed to contact the organizers of the banquet and let them know 1-2 Board members would be attending.

3.3 IEC Update

Board members attended the IEC conference April 16-18 in Barcelona, Spain. Their report was presented for information.

3.4 Research Flock Update

In February 2023, ██████████ applied to renew their research flock. The Board approved the continuation of the permit for another five flocks with conditions. Staff provided an update from Ritchie Smith, who intends to continue their research.

3.5 WEMA Meeting

The Western provinces have expressed a need for a WEMA meeting as the last meeting held was in 2021. Staff provided the proposed date and location, as well as possible topics to be discussed. The Board provided feedback on topics they would like included in the discussion.

3.6 IEC Sponsorship

IEC is requesting support from BC Egg as a sponsor at the Lake Louise conference being held in Banff on September 24-28, 2023. Staff presented information on the sponsorship packages available as well as the amounts other provinces have sponsored.

R23-040 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors approve a sponsorship of \$10,000 to IEC to supply BC wine at the conference.

CARRIED

4.0 OPERATIONS

4.1 Quota Transfers

4.1a [REDACTED].

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

R23-041 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

4.1b [REDACTED].

A producer submitted a quota transfer request which was presented for conditional approval. The Board determined that prior to making a decision on the proposal some additional analysis was necessary.

Action: Staff to complete additional analysis on the transfer for the June Board meeting.

4.1c [REDACTED].

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

R23-042 It was MOVED by Walter Siemens and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors conditionally approve the Going Concern Sale of [REDACTED] quota units along with the Independent Production Unit at [REDACTED], Chilliwack from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], provided that the following conditions are met:

- Evidence is provided by the transferee that a registered Form A transfer for the property at [REDACTED] Chilliwack has been filed by August 4, 2023; and
- An updated State of Title Certificate for the IPU is provided when available and no later than August 31, 2023.

As the transfer does not meet any of the exemptions detailed in Part V 3. (4) of the Consolidated Order a surrender of [REDACTED] quota units is required.

Should the transfer be delayed and occur after August 5, 2023, the transfer will be subject to the rules of the updated Consolidated Order at that time.

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Action: Staff to advise the producer of the conditional approval and how a change in transfer date could impact the amount of quota to be transferred as well as the change in Consolidated Order.

4.2 BC Special STTMQ Program

BC Egg has initiated a BC Special Temporary Table Market Quota program (BC STTMQ) to address the current production supply needs to the table market for Classic White eggs. Staff presented an update on participation. The Board discussed questions raised by producers regarding the program.

4.3 EFC Special STMRQ Program

The EFC STMRQ program is currently available for producers who wish to participate as the processor requires additional production to meet customer demand. Currently BC Egg does not have any producers who are participating in the program. The Board discussed the volatility of the Urner Barry price and EFC's approval process for flocks.

Action: Staff to contact the processor to discuss pricing recovery options.

4.4 2022/2023 Allocation

A national increase to BC's federal quota occurred Week 1, 2023. As a result of the increase, BC received a provincial allocation that needs to be distributed to registered producers. The 2023 allocation distribution proposal was sent to BCFIRB on March 20, 2023 and was discussed at their May 10, 2023 board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Walter Siemens and **SECONDED** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20pm on May 15, 2023.

The Board met with the Interior EPA at 3:30pm.

May 16 - CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gunta Vitins, called the meeting to order at 8:31am on May 16, 2023.

4.0 OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

4.5 TAP Programs

The policy of the Board is to review the TAP Program in May/June of each year to determine if it should be implemented in July. A review of inventory and allocation has been conducted to determine if there is an opportunity for the Board to utilize this program. Staff discussed the tools available to help with utilization should events not happen as predicted.

Action: Staff was directed to bring the TAP program to the next EIAC meeting for discussion.

4.6 Market Needs Project Team

A project team was developed to encourage greater collaboration between graders, producers and the Board to more closely align production with market needs. Staff went over the production shifting methods favoured by the project team for the Board to provide feedback on which options they believe would be easy to implement.

Action: Staff was directed to continue to work with graders on their production needs.

4.7 AI Update

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza was found in poultry flocks in all Canadian Provinces (except PEI) and throughout the US. Staff provided an update on the work being done by the BC poultry industry.

4.8 Fowl Removal Update

An update on the Interior fowl removal was presented for information. There are two parties in the interior that have expressed interest in taking over the removals.

The Board discussed an animal welfare issue that was raised by a producer during their last removal.

4.9 System Migration

The current IT system being used by BC Egg is outdated and does not meet all reporting requirements. As such, BC Egg is currently seeking to update the system to improve functionality, ensure user satisfaction and trust of BC Egg's reporting system. Staff provided an update for information.

4.10 CRA GST Audit Update

BC Egg has been selected for a GST audit for fiscal year's 2020-2022. CRA has requested a backup of our accounting software. However, due to system limitations, the entire database has to be backed up as it is not able to backup specific years which would provide information that is outside of the scope of the audit.

Action: Staff was directed to send the letter to CRA as presented.

4.11 Canadian Organic Standards Review

The Canadian Organic Standards are reviewed every five years. This review is conducted by working groups through the Organic Federation of Canada. The working groups will be launched in September upon confirmation of funding. The OFC is receiving requests for additions and/or modifications to the COS by July 1, 2023. Staff notified producers at both the May 8 and May 15 meetings. The review notification will also be emailed to producers and discussed at the June PMC meeting.

4.12 CAF Building

CAFL has decided to sell the building. Staff provided an update on costs associated with BC Egg moving their offices from their current space to BC Milk offices. Milk will be out of the CAF building by Jan 2024.

Action: Staff to confirm sq footage rates and other space options available in the area.

5.0 GOVERNANCE

5.1 Consolidated Order Review

The Consolidated Order has been reviewed and recommended changes have been made. Staff presented the amended Consolidated Orders for second reading.

R23-043 It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED

THAT the Board approve the second reading of the July 1, 2023 Consolidated Order as presented to be implemented within 30 days of BC FIRB approval.

Action: Staff to send out the letter to BC FIRB as presented.

5.2 Committee Minutes

5.2a April 3, 2023 MNPT Minutes

The April 3, 2023 MNPT minutes and meeting summary were presented for information.

5.3 BC Egg Marketing Scheme Request

Currently BC Egg is the only supply managed commodity in BC that requires prior approval from BC FIRB to vary quota. BC Egg has notified the Ministry of Agriculture of their intention to request the removal of the prior approval requirement from the Scheme. Changes or amendments to the BC Egg Marketing Scheme requires an amendment to the Order in Council.

Ministry staff have notified BC Egg that they intend to review that request and, if it moves forward, submit the change with the same Order in Council request as the Federal Provincial Territorial Agreement (FPTA).

Action: Staff to prepare a draft letter requesting the removal of the prior approval requirement from the Egg Scheme.

5.4 Deputy Minister Advisory Committee for Farmed Animal Welfare

BC Egg has 2 producers participating on the committee. The Board discussed the remuneration for attending these meetings.

6.0 PERFORMANCE REPORTS

6.1 Quota Reports

The Industry Dashboard was presented for information.

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 balance was presented for information.

6.1e Inventory Report

The Inventory Report was presented for information.

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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.

Action: Staff to change the calculation by using the weighted average.

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 2023 Meetings Held

The 2023 meetings held were presented for information.

7.2 2023 Meetings Upcoming

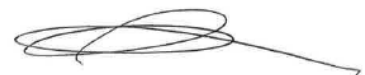
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ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Jeff Regier and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:08am.



Board Chair



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