

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee Conference call  
September 26, 2014**

**In attendance:**

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative  
Jason Storch, President, AAAF  
Trent Keller, Secretary and AAAF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Cory Beck, Peace Representative  
Jim Duncan, Central Representative  
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative  
Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, ARD Representative  
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, ARD

The conference call was called to order at 9:10 am

Resolutions from 2012 were reviewed to see which ones needed to be followed up on:

**Resolution 1-12 - Alberta Rat Control Program:**

No follow up required

**Resolution 4-12 - Wild Boar Eradication Initiative:**

Committee would require an update on where this is at

**Resolution 6-12 – Requiring Seed Cleaning Plants to Test for Fusarium:**

Committee would require an update on this process

**Resolution 7-12 – Herbicide Selection for Noxious Weed Control on Acreages:**

Committee would require update on this

**Resolution 8-12 – Provincial Enforcement of the *Weed Control Act* :**

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee to send a letter for update on this

**Resolution 9-12 – Requiring labeling of flower seed mixes with all special present:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee to follow up with Pest Surveillance Branch to see if smaller packages are still going to require labelling

**Resolution 10-12 – Request for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development to take a more forceful approach to the selling of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds at greenhouses and plant retailers:**

Keep with Resolution 8-12

**Resolution 13-12 – Liability on Sustainable Resource Development Lease Lands:**

Committee agreed this is a non issue and to change grading to Accept Response so no follow up required. A comment will be added and circulated to the Committee

Resolution responses from 2013 were discussed:

**Resolution 1-13** – Weed Control in Provincial Waterways:

Committee agreed that they would like to see ESRD do more. Funding needs to be targeted to more invasive weeds

**Resolution 2-13** – Inclusion of all Invasive Hawkweed Species as Prohibited Noxious under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* and Regulation:

Will have to see what AWRAC recommendation is

**Resolution 3-13** - Reporting Rats:

With the *Agricultural Pests Act* review happening this will be considered as part of the Act review

**Resolution 4-13** – Wild Boar Eradication Initiative:

This is combined with 2012 resolution and would require report on progress to date

**Resolution 5-13** – *Agricultural Pests Act Review/Invasive Species Act*:

ESRD probably won't create their own Act but should still push for Invasive Species Act. This should be discussed with the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of ESRD

**Resolution 6-13** – Composition of *Soil Conservation Act* Appeal Committee:

Nothing is happening at this time but Committee will continue to follow this

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Resolution responses from 2014 were discussed and graded:

**Resolution 1-14** – CN Railways Weed Control:

Committee graded this as Accept the Response – question was answered

**Resolution 2-14** – Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

Committee graded this as Accept in Principle

**Resolution 3-14** – Elk (*Cervus elaphus*) Population Control:

Committee graded this as Accept the Response

**Resolution 4-14** – Licensing of glyphosate tolerant wheat in Canada:

Committee graded this as Accept in Principle

Comments on the grading will be sent out to the other Committee members. Trent will have this out by October 3<sup>rd</sup> and ask for comments to be back by October 8<sup>th</sup>. If no comments are received then the grading will be considered consensus.

Other Items:

1. The Committee discussed previous resolutions and agreed that they will not follow up on any resolutions past 2011. The Report Card should focus on things that have happened in the last two years and report on resolutions dropping off the list
2. Jim asked the Committee if they felt they should focus more on meeting with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture rather than the Minister. Jason felt that they may not get the same response from the DM as they would from the Minister as they are elected officials. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting when the whole Committee is present.
3. Trent raised the issue as to whether our resolutions should be discussed with AAMD&C as to who would take them forward. Soren said the AAMD&C does not want to filter resolutions. It was suggested that the Provincial Committee could meet with AAMD&C and request that agricultural issues be referred to the Provincial Committee. Pat said that they need to have this discussion with the whole Committee and that the Committee will meet with AAMD&C at their conference in November.
4. Jason asked the Committee what support they would need from the AAF as far as providing a Secretary for the Committee. Pat said he would like to talk with Jason Krips, Deputy Minister of ARD and then have this discussion with the Committee some time after Thanksgiving.

The conference call was adjourned at 11:00 am.