

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee Meeting**  
**J.G. O'Donoghue Building**  
**November 12, 2013**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Attendance:**

Patrick Gordeyko, NE Region Representative  
Lloyd Giebelhaus, NW Region Representative  
Jim Duncan, Central Region Representative  
Garry Lentz, South Region Representative  
Don Dumont, Peace Region Representative  
Soren Odegard, AAMDC Representative  
Maureen Vadnais, ARD Representative

**MEETING WITH JASON KRIPS, DEPUTY MINISTER, ARD**

Pat welcomed Jason at 9:00 am to the meeting. Jason talked about the partnership between ARD and the ASB Provincial Committee and that he was looking forward to continuing to build on the relationship already established. Jason indicated that he would like to meet with the Committee at least twice yearly and that he plans to use the Committee in a policy capacity. Jason then asked the Committee what their priorities and goals were and what issues they were hearing in rural Alberta.

Pat responded that one of the major issues that the Committee is concerned with is the withdrawal of the federal government in regards to anthrax and rabies programs and the impact that could have on rural municipalities. He thanked Jason for the work that is being done with the wild boar program and in establishing fencing regulations to go along with the current wild boar at large ear bounty program. Don indicated that one of their concerns is the length of time to get a program in place for wild boar eradication. Jason indicated that it was in the process of going through rural caucus currently and that it is anticipated that the new fencing standards will be put into place by July 2014. Lloyd indicated that he thought the process had been done correctly and that the right approach was being taken. There was further discussion among the committee members about wild boar and how many are at large throughout the province.

The Committee then discussed that many of the issues that they continue to face seem to be ongoing: weed concerns along railways and other transportation corridors, general enforcement of the *Weed Control Act* and pest registrations. Pat expressed thanks for the work that Phil Merrill has done to ensure that pest registrations remain current.

Pat asked Jason about the Key Contact program and if there were going to be any changes made to it in the near future. Jason responded that he felt that the model was still relevant and that there was benefit to it for both ARD and the municipalities. Pat replied that it was time to review this program as the success of the program varies widely across the province. Committee members highlighted the varying degrees of success each one has had with the program to date. Jason indicated that it may be

time to do a review of the program to ensure that it is working for the majority of ASBs and make adjustments to it. Pat replied that one of the basic tenets of the Key Contact program was to evaluate it frequently and make adjustments as needed.

Pat then raised the question of how to make the resolution process have more impact and what the Committee could do to make the process better and if they should be working with their local MLAs to champion some of the resolutions or having the Deputy Minister attend the resolution session at the Provincial Conference. Jason replied that it was possible that the Deputy Minister or Assistant Deputy Minister could attend the Provincial Conference to listen to the debate. He also asked the Committee if they still met with the Minister and indicated that the meeting with the Minister was an effective way to bring attention to the resolutions. Jim asked what the best strategy was for resolutions: should municipalities be bringing the same issues forward every year or wait until the opportune time? Jason replied that it was better to have quality, targeted resolutions brought forward at the right time, especially for resolutions requesting changes to legislation. Jim said it was hard to get good discussion on resolutions at the regional meetings but that they were having some success with their Central region ASB/agricultural fieldmen meetings with getting municipalities to identify issues that they may need to bring resolutions forward on and having several municipalities work together to bring forward resolutions. Jason replied that there is more impact and value when municipalities work together on bringing a resolution forward.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Maureen called the organizational meeting to order at 9:25 am. She called for nominations for the Chair of the ASB Provincial Committee. Lloyd nominated Pat for Chair. Don moved that nominations cease. Pat was acclaimed as the chair for the ASB Provincial Committee. Maureen turned the meeting over to Pat.

Pat called for nominations for Vice Chair of the ASB Provincial Committee. Jim nominated Lloyd for Vice Chair. Garry moved that nominations cease. Lloyd was acclaimed as Vice Chair for the ASB Provincial Committee.

Pat then asked for appointments to be made for the following committees: Clubroot Action Committee, Fusarium Action Committee, Alberta Weed Advisory Committee, Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Partnership and Acreage Owners Herbicide Pilot Program Committee.

Lloyd volunteered to let his name stand for the Clubroot Action Committee. Don moved that Lloyd be appointed to this committee. CARRIED

Garry volunteered to let his name stand for the Fusarium Action Committee. Jim moved that Garry be appointed to this committee. CARRIED

Jim volunteered to continue with the Alberta Weed Advisory Committee. Garry moved that Jim be appointed to this committee. CARRIED

Pat volunteered to continue as the alternate to AAMDC for the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Partnership. Jim moved that Pat be appointed to this committee. CARRIED

Jim expressed interest in being part of the Acreage Owners Herbicide Pilot Program Committee. Don moved that Jim be appointed to this committee. CARRIED

It was suggested that letters be sent to the chairs of these committees with the names of the appointed ASB Provincial Committee members.

Jim moved that the organizational meeting be adjourned.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Pat called the regular ASB Committee Meeting to order.

Pat called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. No additions were made.

Lloyd moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED

Don moved to adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2013 ASB Provincial Committee Meeting and Meeting with the Minister. CARRIED

## **Old Business**

### **A. Clubroot Action Committee**

Maureen provided an update on the status of the Clubroot Action Committee. She talked to the chair, Murray Hartman, who indicated he was planning to have the committee meet in 2014.

Pat suggested that the Committee send a letter to Murray asking him when the Clubroot Committee is planning to meet and for updates about the current status of clubroot in the province and what work is currently being undertaken.

Lloyd moved that the Committee write a letter to the Clubroot Action Committee encouraging them to meet.

**ACTION ITEM: WRITE LETTER TO THE CLUBROOT ACTION COMMITTEE**

## **New Business**

### **A. 2013 Report Card**

Maureen asked the Committee if they would like the response statistics included in the 2013 report card. The Committee members said that they would like the statistics and overall grading response summary included. The Committee members commented that the grading response was very poor this year and that they needed to consider each having a meeting with the chairmen and agricultural fieldmen to grade the responses as regions. This would force the ASBs to put this as an agenda item for review prior to attending the regional chairman/agricultural fieldman meeting. Soren commented that it might be an opportunity to use Skype or other technology to get the regions together to grade the resolutions if they were

reluctant to have a face to face meeting. The Committee set a goal of getting a return of at least 50% response on the resolution response grading for 2014.

The grading of the resolutions was reviewed. The grades on the following resolutions were changed to better fit the grading response resolutions:

Resolution 1-13: changed to Unsatisfactory

Resolution 2-13: changed to Accept in Principle

Resolution 10-13: changed to Accept the Response

Resolution 12-13: changed to Accept the Response

The Committee also reviewed the previous year's resolutions and provided comments for the resolutions graded as Incomplete, Unsatisfactory or Accept in Principle. They recommended that letters be sent to those agencies whose resolution responses were graded as Incomplete or Unsatisfactory.

**ACTION ITEM: SEND LETTERS TO:**

- ARD PEST SURVEILLANCE BRANCH RE: RESOLUTION 7-12, 10-12
- ESRD RE: RESOLUTION 13-12

The Committee reviewed resolutions from 2008-2011 to determine which resolutions required further follow up.

**B. Terms of Reference**

Maureen reviewed a proposed timeline to make the resolution process more effective. She suggested that this timeline be integrated into the Terms of Reference so that everyone was aware of what their responsibilities are and when certain meetings had to be held. Lloyd moved that the proposed timelines be added to the Terms of Reference for 2014. CARRIED

The Committee continued their discussion of the lack of interest in grading the resolution responses. Consensus of the Committee members was that it seemed that having a meeting in the spring (June or early July) has potential to be the most effective way of getting ASBs more engaged in the resolution process. The Committee members suggested that it may be most efficient to have these meetings either using Skype/Lync technology or work with their local AAAP Regional Director and have the meeting the same day as an AAAP regional meeting. Maureen recommended that they work with their AAAP Regional Directors to organize these meetings and told the Provincial Committee reps that ARD could assist them with email lists of chairmen and agricultural fieldmen for their regions.

The Committee then discussed where mail for the Committee should be directed. Maureen said that she felt that mail was sometimes getting lost because it was addressed to Pat care of the ASB Program Office. The Committee decided to have mail sent directly to Pat at the County of Two Hills and copied to Lloyd at Lac Ste. Anne County.

C. Rabies

The Committee reviewed correspondence sent to Jason Storch from the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian regarding rabies. Pat expressed concern that other agricultural fieldmen were not made aware of this yet.

D. Provincial Rules of Procedure

Maureen reviewed the proposed changes to be made to the Provincial Rules of Procedure in January. Section 7(b) will be changed to reflect that it is now the responsibility of the ASB Provincial Committee Secretary to send the resolutions to the various agencies for response and not ARD.

**Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting to be January 27, 2014. Pat would like to arrange to meet with AAMDC, AAAP and Minister.

[ACTION ITEM: SEND LETTERS TO MINISTER, AAMDC AND AAAP REQUESTING A MEETING FOR JANUARY 27, 2014](#)

**Meeting Adjourned**

Garry moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm.