Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee conference call December 8, 2016 at 9:00 am

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

Adoption of Agenda

One item was added to the agenda as (D) Ag plastics recycling. Jim made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Steve made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting – CARRIED

Discussion items

a. Review of Resolutions

Resolution #1 – Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways A discussion took place on this resolution and Maureen will ask the County of Stettler to split the 4th and 5th WHEREAS statements or change wording to make into one sentence rather than two. Other than that it was agreed this resolution was good.

Resolution #2 – Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products

It was agreed that this resolution was good as is.

Resolution #3 – Incorporating Agriculture into the Alberta Education Curriculum

It was agreed that since the Peace and South regions both put forward similar resolutions that Maureen would work on combining the two into one resolution and would send it to the appropriate Fieldman to get their approval on it.

Jim made a motion to accept the resolutions and the merged resolutions – CARRIED

b. Discussion items for January meeting with Minister

Maureen asked for agenda items from the Committee for the upcoming meeting with the Minister on January 24, 2017. Some suggested agenda items were:

- I. Transportation
- II. Bill 6
- III. Carbon Tax
- IV. Bovine Tuberculosis
- V. Ag Plastics

Maureen said she will look at the report card and the minutes from the last Minister's meeting to identify other possible agenda items. She is also going to try and set up a meeting with Minister Shannon Phillips from Environment and Parks.

c. ASB Provincial Conference

Discussion items for the Provincial Committee meeting at the Provincial Conference were identified under Section B. Maureen will work out the timeline for the various meetings held that day as well as the Minister's supper.

d. Ag Plastics Recycling

Steve advised the Committee of some information he had received at a conference he had attended that he believed to be inaccurate. He will forward the information to Pat to look at.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017 at the ASB Provincial Conference at the Westin Hotel.

Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the conference call at 10:00 am