

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee conference call
January 7, 2016 at 2:30 pm**

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Trent Keller, President, AAAF
Elden Kozak, Secretary and 1st Vice President, AAAF
Sebastien Dutrisac, 2nd Vice President, AAAF
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Doug Macaulay, Acting ASB Program Manager, Agriculture and Forestry Representative
Murray Greer, Director, Agriculture Grants Program Branch, Agriculture and Forestry
Pam Retzliff, Recording Secretary, Agriculture and Forestry

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Lloyd made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Corey moved to adopt the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting – CARRIED
Lloyd moved to adopt the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Minister's meeting - CARRIED

Old Business

a. Welcome letter to Bev Yee

A copy of a welcome letter to Bev Yee, Deputy Minister, AF was provided for information purposes.

b. Weed Notices Alberta Transportation

Trent advised that he has sent out a survey to the ABSs to see how many weed notices were given to Alberta Transportation. He is currently compiling this information.

New Business

Administrative Assistant for Provincial Committee

- A discussion took place on hiring a part time administrative position for the Provincial Committee. It was agreed a .3 position was required for the Committee with room for the AAAF to participate. The person hired would report to the Provincial Committee. Trent suggested the Committee look at Sagewood Communications as a possibility to fill this position. The members agreed that it would be best to hire a contractor to fill this position.
- A discussion took place on the \$30,000/year funding for three years and what would happen after the three years. Murray advised that it may not only be for three years and this could be discussed further but it would also depend on the budget situation in the future. The Committee agreed to offer the position now for three years and see how it works out. Pam will also still be available for some of the administrative duties.

- A discussion took place on who will receive the money from AF. Trent said it would not be an issue for the AAAF to receive the money and he will take this to the AAAF Executive meeting on January 18, 2016.
- A discussion took place on the job description for the position. Trent has already put together some suggestions for the job description and it was agreed that this would be discussed further at the Provincial Committee meeting on January 18, 2016. Pat suggested that he could do a brief presentation at the Provincial Conference to inform the ASBs about this position and the Committee members agreed that this would be a good idea.

January 18, 2016 meeting

- Pat advised that Minister Phillips, Environment and Parks can't make the Minister's meeting that day but her ADM can so it was agreed that the ADM should attend the Minister's meeting. Trent said he has a list of topics for that meeting and will distribute them to the Committee.
- It was agreed that the Provincial Committee should meet with AAMD&C on the 18th to discuss Bill 6 and make sure that the Committee is on the same page with them.

Bill 6 Consultation

- Pat advised that he has received a proposal from a consultant to do a presentation to the Provincial Committee on Bill 6. It was agreed by the Committee to have the consultant do a 45 minutes presentation at the Committee meeting on January 18, 2016. AAMD&C, AAAF and the Provincial Committee alternates will be invited to sit in on the presentation.
- Pat advised that he was to receive an email from the Minister on December 23, 2015 regarding consultation on Bill 6 but hasn't received it yet.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provincial Committee will take place on January 18, 2016 at the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference.

Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm.