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RE: Resolution 2-20 – Graded Incomplete and Resolution 4-20 – Graded Unsatisfactory

AF Minister <AF.Minister@gov.ab.ca>

Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 4:50 PM

To: ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>

Mr. Corey Beck,
Agricultural Service Board Chair

Dear Mr. Beck:

Thank you for your August 18, 2020, email expressing your concerns over my ministry's response to the Agricultural Service Board Resolutions 2-20 and 4-20. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your comments.

Regarding "Resolution 2-20: Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant," Alberta Agriculture and Forestry does not currently have a grant program in place to create/manage the database, as requested in the resolution. Opportunities may exist for the Agricultural Service Boards to access funding to develop a database through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Risk Mitigation and Surveillance program. I encourage you to contact Tanya Warren (Tanya.warren@gov.ab.ca), CAP Coordinator, for more information.

With respect to "Resolution 4-20: Education Program for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sector", Alberta Agriculture and Forestry does not have the capacity to expand educational programs over what is currently in place. CAP may be a source of support for such a program if you wish to pursue that avenue. If you have any further questions on the Ministry's response, please contact Dr. David Feindel (david.feindel@gov.ab.ca), Director, Plant and Bee Health Surveillance.

My department recognizes and appreciates that Agricultural Service Boards are a critical partner, and we remain committed to working with you to find creative ways to continue supporting the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister, Agriculture and Forestry

AR 72350

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From: ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>**Sent:** August 18, 2020 5:45 PM**To:** AF Minister <AF.Minister@gov.ab.ca>**Cc:** Crystal Moore <Crystal.Moore@gov.ab.ca>; Jane Fulton <jfulton@mvcounty.com>; Corey Beck <cbeck@countyp.ab.ca>**Subject:** Agriculture Service Board Resolutions graded - responses requested - AR 72350

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Dear Minister Dreesen,

The Agriculture Service Board Provincial Committee has reviewed the ministry response to resolution 2-20 "Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant" and has graded the response as Incomplete. Explanation of this grading and further requests for information have been drafted into the attached letter.

The Committee also reviewed the response to resolution 4-20 "Education Campaign for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sector" and graded the ministry response as Unsatisfactory. Explanation of this grading and further requests for information have been drafted into the attached letter.

Responses to these letters are requested by August 26, 2020 so they can be included in the report on the resolutions sent to all the Agriculture Service Boards. Hard copies of the letters have also been sent in the mail.

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