



Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

DATE: January 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Topics for the follow up to Minister meeting letter

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee provide the EA with any details or updates on the following topics to be included along with requests for update on progress.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: That the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee pass a motion asking the EA to draft a letter simply listing the resolutions and asking for an update.

BACKGROUND:

November 6, 2023 the ASBPC met with RJ Sigurdson at the Legislature with a list of topics to discuss. Time ran short and the Committee committed to sending a follow up letter to the minister regarding the missed topics. The following topics were not discussed:

1. **1-21 Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta** - update on the progress towards legislative and regulatory changes needed. Either AER inspectors appointed inspectors under the Weeds Act, or legislated weed liability to lease holders instead of land owners, and the mechanisms to enforce.
2. **6-23 Enforcement of the water act.** Would be good to bring some stories about how this is playing out and examples that illustrate the frustration. **Sebastien will not be in attendance so someone else will need to take the lead on this.**
3. **E2-23 Stable funding for farm mental health** - funding has been disrupted and challenging, would like to see a longer term commitment to provide staff stability for better outcomes.
4. **E3-23 update on what is happening for the Cervid farmers?** Any progress with amending the CFIA program to provide a fairer system to support the farms in AB?

RELEVANT POLICY: ASB Provincial Committee Terms of Reference

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: nil

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

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