

**Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
1:30pm to 2:15pm
Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Registered Producers: 27

Chair: Shane Stokke

Secretary: Wayne Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Shane Stokke called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Shane reviewed the processes for voting, questions and resolutions that would be followed during the meeting.

The Chair identified the Resolution Committee as consisting of Greg Sundquist and Scott Sefton and made the first call for resolutions from the floor.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was reviewed as circulated.

MOTION: Nancy Johns, seconded by Patricia Lung, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 13, 2020 annual general meeting were circulated to the attendees prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Dave Marzolf, seconded by Erwin Hanley, that the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There was no business arising from the minutes to report.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Shane Stokke introduced the SaskFlax Board of Directors and presented his report. Shane highlighted the short stature flax strip trials and a few of the market development activities conducted by SaskFlax in 2019/20.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Wayne Thompson reported on the activities of SaskFlax for the past year. He discussed areas of research funding, market development activities, agronomy activity, straw management developments, collaboration with the Flax Council of Canada and Manitoba Crop Alliance and impacts of Covid-19.

MOTION: Brent Johnson, seconded by Erwin Hanley, that the Chair and Executive Director’s reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

2020 RESOLUTIONS REPORT:

No resolutions were brought forward by the flax membership in 2020 so there was no report to present.

2020 ELECTION REPORT:

Shane Stokke provided a report on the 2020 Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission election. Three positions were open for election in the 2020 election. One nomination was received from Greg Sunquist, who was acclaimed. This left two positions to be filled. The Board appointed Garry Noble and Brent Dunnigan as directors. Greg will serve a four year term. Garry and Brent will serve two years until the next Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission election.

FINANCE:

Shane Stokke presented the 2020/21 budget for the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission.

Jesse Radu of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP presented the audited statements for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

No concerns or questions were raised from the floor regarding the 2019/20 audited statements or the 2020/21 budget.

MOTION: Dean Haack, seconded by Nancy Johns, that the 2019/20 audited statements be accepted by the Saskatchewan Development Commission members.

CARRIED

Approved Chair: _____
Approved Executive Director: _____
Date: _____

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Shane Stokke stated that the Saskatchewan Flax Development Board recommended that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed as the auditor for 2020/21.

MOTION: Patricia Lung, seconded by Greg Sundquist, that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed as auditor for the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission for 2020/21.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT CHAIR FOR SASKFLAX:

Shane Stokke announced that Patricia Lung was willing to stand for the audit chair for the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission.

MOTION: Chris Waldenberger, seconded by Brent Johnson, that Patricia Lung be appointed as Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission Audit Chair for 2020/21.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS:

Shane Stokke made another call for resolutions from the floor but none were received. He indicated that three resolutions were received prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 1 – Director remuneration

Shane Stokke introduced the resolution for Director Remuneration.

- Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Flax Development Directors be compensated at a rate of \$300 per day or \$150 per half day and the Chair receive additional compensation of \$1,000 per annum

MOTION: Dean Haack, seconded by Gerry Hertz, that the resolution for director compensation be approved by the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission members.

CARRIED

Resolution 2 – Carbon sequestration

Prior to the Annual General Meeting SaskFlax received a resolution from Dave Marzolf that reads:

- **Whereas** long term studies initiated and supported by Sask growers and endorsed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada soil scientists prove that continuous cropping and reduced or zero till prove effective in sequestering CO₂ in Saskatchewan agricultural soils,
And whereas this removal and storage will be an essential contribution to this and other nations net zero targets,
And whereas the federal government has put a value on emissions
- **Therefore**, be it resolved that commissions and associations lobby to have Saskatchewan farmers recognized and rewarded for these removals that correlates to the price of pollution that correlates to the price of pollution set by governments.

Dave Marzolf and Vicki Dutton spoke to the resolution.

MOTION: Dave Marzolf, seconded by Vicki Dutton, that the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission lobby to have Saskatchewan farmers recognized and rewarded for these removals that correlates to the price of pollution set by governments.

CARRIED

Resolution 3 – Export Sales Reporting

Prior to the Annual General Meeting SaskFlax received a resolution from Brent Johnson that reads:

- **Whereas** the marketing of flax in Canada lacks a price discovery mechanism
Whereas meaningful price discovery cannot be established without factual timely information.
Whereas Canada does not have mandatory export sales volume reporting and a majority of Saskatchewan producer's flax is exported
- **Be it resolved** that the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission lobby the federal and provincial governments to establish an Export Sales Reporting Program where the volume of all sales over the set minimum for flax and other crops must be reported weekly, to be compiled and released in a timely fashion to add valuable knowledge to aid producers in the marketing of their production.

Brent Johnson and Nancy Johns spoke to the resolution.

MOTION: Nancy Johns, seconded by Brent Johnson, that the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission lobby the federal and provincial governments to establish an Export Sales Reporting Program where the volume of all sales over the set minimum for flax and other crops must be reported weekly, to be compiled and released in a timely fashion to add valuable knowledge to aid producers in the marketing of their production.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

Dave Marzolf asked about the involvement of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission with the Protein Industries Canada supercluster. The Chair responded that the Commission is a member and is engaged with Protein Industries Canada.

The Chair thanked the outgoing SaskFlax Directors Shane Stokke and Nancy Johns, as well as retired staff member Janice Henriksen.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brent Johnson adjourned the Annual General Meeting at 2:18pm.