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Resolution #1

WHEREAS there has been recent public requests for the Federal and Provincial Governments to stop the transfer of the remaining AAFC pastures in SW Saskatchewan and to provide protection of the grasslands habitat through the creation of National Park or National Wildlife Area (NWA); and

WHEREAS National Parks and NWA currently have no policy on livestock grazing and do not allow any long term grazing agreements.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to continue the transfer of the former AAFC pastures as written in the existing agreements.

Carried

Resolution #2

WHEREAS SK Parks is proposing to conduct a prescribed burn on 320 acres of native grassland on the Matador Prairie Protected Area prior to a chemical application; and

WHEREAS SSGA has offered to provide funding and expertise in finding a solution that works for local producers, SK Parks, native grasslands and species at risk.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan in opposition to the proposed prescribed burn management plan.

Carried

Resolution #3

WHEREAS Bovine Tuberculosis has been identified; and

WHEREAS the impact costs of quarantines are huge for producers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the SK Ministry of Environment to cooperate with random testing of elk and deer for TB.

Carried

Resolution #4

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Pastures Program (SPP) will be phased out over the next few years; and

WHEREAS grazing disturbance is critically important to maintaining range health.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SPP patrons be given the first opportunity to lease or purchase the SPP pastures.

Carried

Resolution #6

WHEREAS the SK Pasture Program (SPP) is winding down; and

WHEREAS some of these of pastures have ongoing issues with noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS in the Ministry of Agriculture has been responsible for controlling noxious weeds on SPP lands.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of SK to include programming in the Next Policy Framework to assist with controlling noxious weeds.

Carried

Resolution #7

WHEREAS the competition for land in Saskatchewan is competitive free market; and

WHEREAS there are private environmental conservation organizations that receive federal and provincial funding to purchase agricultural lands in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that environmental conservation groups that receive government funding not be allowed to purchase agricultural lands.

Carried

Resolution #8

WHEREAS targeted grazing isn't currently an eligible expense for noxious weed control under Growing Forward 2; and

WHEREAS targeted grazing is a valuable tool as part of a integrated noxious weed control.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and SARM to include targeted grazing as an eligible expense in the Next Policy Framework.

Carried

Resolution #9

WHEREAS the transport of soil and aggregate materials from areas contaminated with invasive weeds results in the further spread of invasive species to unaffected areas; and

WHEREAS equipment used to load and transport soil and aggregate materials is not always cleaned and inspected.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to require outside contractors to clean and inspect their equipment and use approved materials that are not contaminated with invasive weed species.

Carried

Resolution #10

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are introducing burdensome legislation to address farm and ranch workplace safety; and

WHEREAS there are currently gaps in agriculture safety education and training programs in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that funding be provided in the Next Policy Framework to proactively develop an agriculture specific workplace safety education and training program.

Carried

Resolution #11

WHEREAS agriculture has a severe shortage of workers.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to work with industry to facilitate access to an adequate work force.

Carried

Resolution #12

WHEREAS SSGA has an interest in providing habitat; and

WHEREAS the Governments of Saskatchewan & Canada and industry want sustainable development with minimal impact to the environment; and

WHEREAS Conservation banking provides a situation where there is a net gain in habitat; and

WHEREAS Conservation Banking allows for the creation or enhancement of habitat prior to the occurrence of unavoidable damages as a result of development; and

WHEREAS Conservation banking is recognized in the USA and other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS Conservation Banking creates opportunities that allows producers to market the creation of habitat to industry who may incur unavoidable damages to the environment.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal & Provincial Government's to recognize and enable conservation banking as part of a mitigation strategy in the province of Saskatchewan.

Carried