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Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association  
Serving the Saskatchewan Cattle Industry Since 1913

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**Resolution #1**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada's proposed changes to traceability requirements are cost prohibitive and not necessary in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** the majority of the cost burden of the regulation is going to fall to the primary producer.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Federal government to scrap the proposed changes.

*Carried*

**Resolution #2**

**WHEREAS** agriculture theft is a major problem in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** the RCMP Livestock Investigator position has improved livestock investigation services and reduced livestock theft in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to maintain the Livestock Investigator position and look at expanding the program.

*Carried*

**Resolution #3**

**WHEREAS** the Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program (RALP) and the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (S-CAP) provide funding for beneficial management practices; and

**WHEREAS** RALP and S-CAP do not allow ENGO groups to top up funding.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to allow ENGO groups to top up RALP and S-CAP projects.

*Carried*

**Resolution #4**

**WHEREAS** Canadian feeder animals being exported to the United States are required to be branded with the CAN brand; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian breeder animals being exported to the United States are required to be tattooed with the CAN tattoo; and

**WHEREAS** the CAN brand and tattoo requirements were implemented following the discovery of BSE in 2003; and  
**WHEREAS** Canada's BSE status has been upgraded to negligible risk.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby Canadian and American officials to eliminate the CAN brand and tattoo requirements.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #5**

**WHEREAS** foreign animal diseases (FAD) pose a significant threat to the Canadian livestock industry.  
**WHEREAS** Canadian livestock producers have no assurances or programs for animals not directly ordered destroyed in the event of an FAD outbreak.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to develop risk management programs to protect livestock producers in the event of an FAD outbreak.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #6**

**WHEREAS** agricultural land values continue to increase over time; and  
**WHEREAS** the Lifetime Capital Gains exemption has not been adjusted since 2015.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to increase the Lifetime Capital Gains exemption to keep pace with inflation rates.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #8**

**WHEREAS** cover cropping continues to increase in popularity in Saskatchewan; and  
**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) does not currently offer coverage specific to cover crops.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA work with SCIC to develop and create a sound forage insurance program for an evolving cover cropping sector.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #9**

**WHEREAS** the Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) is a tool being proposed by major lending institutions in Canada; and  
**WHEREAS** the ESG framework is a tool that can enable third party entities and unelected officials to influence and interfere with political processes through restrictions on access to capital.  
**WHEREAS** the restriction of capital allows these entities to manipulate all levels of government and individuals.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby all levels of government to prevent the implementation of ESG.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #10**

**WHEREAS** the Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) is a scoring system for corporations to rate their performance based on changing societal values; and  
**WHEREAS** the ESG is a form of social credit scoring designed to impose values deemed important by third party non-elected individuals; and  
**WHEREAS** it is important to let individuals and society have the freedom to choose their own values without interference.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby all levels of government against all types of social credit tools.

**Resolution #11**

**WHEREAS** Transport Canada has implemented mandatory electronic logging for livestock and agriculture transporters; and

**WHEREAS** raw agricultural products are perishable in nature; and

**WHEREAS** e-log hours of operation limits can have negative impacts on animal welfare outcomes.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby Transport Canada to harmonize livestock transport regulations with the US Motor Carrier Regulations for livestock transportation.

*Carried*

**Resolution #12**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is putting in new carbon protocols in place; and

**WHEREAS** the new carbon protocols will impact livestock and farming businesses.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada for longer and more in-depth consultations and ask the Government of Saskatchewan for help in making a third-party verification process through them.

*Carried*

**Resolution #13**

**WHEREAS** the province of Saskatchewan has a robust premises identification and manifest program; and

**WHEREAS** changes to traceability regulations are being proposed due to jurisdictions that do not have robust movement records.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to recognize livestock manifests under the traceability and transportation regulations.

*Carried*

**Resolution #14**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is a barrier to trade and competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS** the USDA is a trade promoting organization.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Federal government to modernize the CFIA's mandate to allow producers to compete with US producers.

*Carried*

**Resolution #15**

**WHEREAS** trade barriers are being removed on the importation of beef from countries with known Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Federal government to increase inspections on all beef imported from South and Central America.

*Carried*

**Resolution #16**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is in the process of implementing new traceability regulations; and

**WHEREAS** producers are going to be required to record and maintain animal movement records; and

**WHEREAS** S-CAP funding for tag readers is restricted to VBP certified producers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to provide cost shared funding for traceability technologies for all livestock producers.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #17**

**WHEREAS** the proposed CFIA traceability regulations require all comments to be submitted through their online system; and

**WHEREAS** it is assumed that producers have internet access and have the ability to use the online system.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the CFIA to extend the submission deadline and offer producers other options for submitting comments.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #18**

**WHEREAS** the carbon footprint of cattle is being skewed by the carbon agenda; and

**WHEREAS** cattle play an important role in the health of one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** cattle can utilize feed by-products humans can't eat and convert it into high quality protein; and

**WHEREAS** 99% of cow by-products are used to manufacture products that we use every day.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to reconsider their emission equation.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #19**

**WHEREAS** carbon initiatives are hurting Canadians, small business, and the farming industry; and

**WHEREAS** the cost of food is being driven up by unrealistic climate initiatives.

**BE IT RESOLVED** the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to protect our food system from policies that cause cost increases that threaten the viability of small businesses and farms across the country.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #20**

**WHEREAS** attendance at the SSGA Semi-Annual meeting has been low, and it is important to maintain connection with the membership; and

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Livestock Association no longer exists and SSGA has taken over the management of the Honour Scrolls; and

**WHEREAS** the SSGA will need a time and event to give the honorees the recognition they deserve.

**BE IT RESOLVED** the SSGA choose a new date to hold the Semi-Annual meeting, followed by a banquet and presentation of the Honour Scrolls.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #21**

**WHEREAS** Farm Credit Canada offers seven-year transition loans; and

**WHEREAS** seven years can be too short of a term for successful succession planning.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby Farm Credit Canada to extend the term of their transition loans.

*Carried*