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2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Resolution #3

WHEREAS the Ministry of Agriculture is assigned the administration of the bed and shore as provincial Crown land pursuant to The Provincial Lands Act, 2016; and

WHEREAS constructing a fence across a non-navigable waterway requires permission from the administrator; and

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture to no longer require landowners to receive permission from the Ministry of Agriculture to fence across non-navigable waterways.

Carried

Resolution #4

WHEREAS the Airbus GPI technology has been proven to be adaptable to western Canadian growing conditions.

WHEREAS a pilot is required to test the technology under real world conditions; and

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture and SCIC to fund a desktop pilot for 2024 and a commercial pilot for 2025.

Carried

Resolution #5

WHEREAS a new interface for digital forage insurance product delivery is under development.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture and SCIC to fund a pilot to test the interface.

Carried

Resolution #6

WHEREAS elk are becoming a large problem in southwest Saskatchewan due to over population; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment does not issue sufficient tags to control the population.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby Ministry of Environment to alleviate the problem.

Carried

Resolution #7

WHEREAS the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership is a beneficial program for producers to implement beneficial management practices on their operations.

WHEREAS there are items that are not on the list that are still beneficial to producers to ensure their operations are staying current with upcoming technology, but are cost prohibitive.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to expand the list of eligible equipment to include new technology such as Merck SenseHub tags, portable scales, calf catchers and virtual fencing systems.

Carried

Resolution #8

WHEREAS WLPIP is a market-based insurance program; and

WHEREAS in the event of a border closure there is no active market, which causes a delay in settling contracts in claim.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby SCIC and the provincial government to define a settlement floor under WLPIP.

Carried

Resolution #10

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA) was formed as an agriculture commission under the Agriculture Food Act of Saskatchewan to oversee the expenditures and disbursement of the Beef Checkoff collected in the Province of Saskatchewan.

WHEREAS a resolution was passed at the 2024 SCA annual general meeting asking for a 75% increase in the refundable portion of the Saskatchewan Beef Check off with fewer than 70 producers in attendance.

WHEREAS the SCA represents approximately 12,000 producers in the Province of Saskatchewan, all checkoff contributing producers should receive annually, a full and transparent report on how checkoff dollars are spent in operating the SCA office and its board of directors.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA request the Agri Foods Council of Saskatchewan to make the SCA financially accountable to all checkoff contributing producers in a transparent and precise detail regarding the operation of the SCA office and its board of directors.

Carried

Resolution #11

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan provincial beef checkoff is a mandatory refundable levy; and

WHEREAS a producer's checkoff contributions is consider a producers membership in the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA).

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Agri-Food Council and SCA to have the beef checkoff refund form readily available on the SCA website.

Carried

Resolution #12

BE IT RESOLVED that the mandatory refundable beef checkoff will always be refundable.

Carried

Resolution #13

WHEREAS the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) is influencing policy that effects the entire beef industry; and

WHEREAS the cost of that policy falls to the primary producer to bear.

BE IT RESOLVED that CRSB board be composed of 50%+1 of primary producers.

Carried

Resolution #14

WHEREAS the Canadian Sustainability Standards Board (CSSB) is an unelected body that takes its marching orders from international organizations made up of unelected officials; and

WHEREAS the standards that the CSSB are proposing to adopt will not benefit our industry, the environment or our economy; and

WHEREAS the CSSB is weaponizing finance by restricting access to financing in an effort to enforce these standards; and

WHEREAS we are not the only industry that is being negatively affected.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA explore opportunities to partner with other organizations both within our industry and outside our industry in an effort to oppose adoption of any standards brought forward by the CSSB.

Carried

Resolution #15

WHEREAS the CFIA has been proven to be a trade and commerce barrier in Canada, and

WHEREAS the CFIA is part of the Ministry of Health.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal government to move the CFIA's responsibility for animal health and trade to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Carried

Resolution #16

WHEREAS the ongoing TB investigation has financially burdened the producers involved; and

WHEREAS it is no fault of their own.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA request the Province of Saskatchewan to include CFIA quarantine and cleanup costs under PDAP.

Carried

Resolution #19

WHEREAS the Grasslands Conservation Initiative (GCI) is targeted at primary producers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA request that the GCI selection panel be made up of 100% primary producers from the Prairie provinces.

Carried

Resolution #20

WHEREAS grassland conservation is important; and

WHEREAS the Government injection of \$700 to 800M into conservation projects may have significant risks and unintended consequences, such as but not limited to land value inflation, government and/or NGO oversight, and land use limitations.

WHEREAS the communication around the Grassland Conservation Initiative (GCI) is unclear, indecisive and producers are left with serious questions.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA work with CCA member organizations and industry stakeholders to have CCA pause GCI until such time that a clear and concise strategy can be communicated to the member organizations.

Carried