



Saskatchewan Cattle Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026, 8:00am
The Atlas Hotel – Regina, SK

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chad Ross (Chair, SCFA rep), Keith Day (Past Chair), Kyle Hebert (District 1), Wade Beck (District 2), Cyle Stewart (District 3B), Levi Hull (District 5), Leon Lueke (District 8)

Virtual: Cody Schock (District 4), Shelby Corey (District 6), Joleen Shea (District 7), Christine Strube (District 9A), Dean Moore (District 9B), Neil Block (SSGA rep), Garret Poletz (SCFA rep), Henry McCarthy (SSGA rep), Judson Christopherson (*ex officio*, CCYC rep)

Staff: Janice Bruynooghe (Interim CEO), Sandy Russell (Interim CEO), Marianne Possberg (Research Analyst), Jessica Davey (Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator)

Regrets: Roger Meyers (District 3A)

Chad Ross called the meeting to order at 8:01am

Introductions

The new Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, Jessica Davey, was welcomed by the board and staff.

Approval of Agenda

Additions to the agenda included: updates on CCA traceability meeting, SCA office transition and staffing, Saskatchewan Livestock Services (LSS) external representation, update from the Wildlife committee.

2026-032: Day/Lueke – “To approve the agenda as amended.” Carried.

Declaration to the Assembly of possible Conflict of Interest

The Chair called for declarations of conflict of interest. No conflicts were declared.

Review of Minutes

Board of Directors, February 13, 2026

Board of Directors, February 24, 2026

Board of Directors, March 3, 2026

Board of Directors, March 25, 2026

Directors discussed the importance of requesting recorded votes when required or desired.

MOTION 2026-033: Beck/Stewart – “To approve the minutes of the February 13, February 24, March 3, and March 25, 2026, Board of Directors meetings.” Carried.

Chair Report - Chad Ross

Chad Ross, Chair, provided reviewed highlights of his written report including advocacy, engagement, and organizational activities undertaken since the previous Board meeting.

Saskatchewan representatives were highly engaged and influential during Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) Provincial Working Group discussions. Emphasis was placed on Saskatchewan’s leadership role opposing proposed traceability regulatory amendments and advancing governance reform discussions at the national level.

Current changes to Saskatchewan Farmland Ownership Legislation were discussed.

Chad noted positive changes for SCA operations with the Interim CEOs, staff, office, and finances.

MOTION 2026-034: Hebert/Hull – “To accept the Chair’s Report as presented.” Carried.

CEO Report - Spring Creek Consulting

Interim CEOs Janice Bruynooghe and Sandy Russell provided a detailed update on organizational stabilization and operational recovery. Key areas of focus since the transition included rebuilding internal structure, improving SCA office organization, and staff operations. Communications capacity has been strengthened through engagement with Magpie Group.

MOTION 2026-035: Stewart/Day – “To accept the CEO Report as presented.” Carried.

Financial Report - Kyle Hebert (Finance Chair)

Kyle Hebert, Finance Chair, reported on progress toward stabilizing and modernizing SCA’s financial systems. Currently, financial reports are not available for review as MNP works on accessing and updating records.

Banking arrangements have been reviewed by the Finance committee including a motion at committee level (Motion 2026-031) designating a primary account along with maintenance of other accounts to be re-evaluated by requesting proposals from at least two financial institutions by no later than January 2027.

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Directors were reminded of the importance of timely expense claim submission to support accurate financial reporting.

MOTION 2026-036: Lueke/Beck – “To accept the Financial Report as presented.” Carried.

Review of Annual General Meeting Resolutions

The Board reviewed resolutions passed at the 2026 AGM. Discussion included maintaining alignment with other provincial cattle organizations and working with Canadian Cattle Association to ensure that resolution action items continue to be actively advanced.

CCA Provincial Working Group

An update was provided on the outcomes of the Provincial Working Group. Discussion focused on proposed governance reform, accountability improvements, and the need to simplify CCA’s decision-making structures.

MOTION 2026-037: Day/Hebert - That the SCA support the final report of the CCA Provincial Working Group in principle. Carried.

Disease Preparedness & Response

CFIA Reform

A letter regarding the need for CFIA reform has been sent to Minister Marit along with a request for a meeting to discuss the topic before Federal-Provincial meetings. Discussion included working with other stakeholders and provincial government to prepare a disease response plan.

Action: The Animal Health committee will discuss potential next steps for a disease response plan and come to the Board with recommendations.

CBSA Due Diligence

Concern has been brought forward by producers regarding the importance of improved coordination with CBSA on border biosecurity and disease prevention. This includes visitors attending events like Agribition.

Action: take concerns forward to CCA Animal Health committee to work with the SCA provincially.

TB Investigation Update

SCA staff and Chair have met recently with impacted producers discussing challenges and where downfalls occurred. Staff have also met with CFIA officials. There is significant room for improvement reaffirming the need for CFIA reform.

Action: a third-party postmortem of the TB investigation needs to be undertaken.

Status on Traceability

A Traceability task force is being created by CCA. Discussion included concerns around tag retention, improved technology, and the need to continue to listen to producer voices.

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CCIA Update

SCA does not have a full membership seat at CCIA. Concerns regarding current funding and organizational/membership structure were discussed.

MOTION 2026-038: Hebert/Stewart – “That the SCA work with the CCA Provincial Working Group to lead CCIA organizational reform.” Carried.

Lunch Break: 12:05-12:56pm

Next Policy Framework (NFP)

- Value Added Development
- Technology and Innovation
- Business Risk Management Suite
- Whole Farm Insurance
- AgriMarketing – Canada Beef

Staff reported on participation in federal engagement sessions related to the Next Policy Framework. Key themes included enhanced disease response systems, diversified and resilient trade access, value-added development, and improved access to capital through business risk management tools. A letter with input has also been submitted to the provincial Ministry of Agriculture.

Additional Priority Issues

- Mercosur
- Strychnine
- Farm Security Act Review

The Board discussed Mercosur trade negotiations and the implications of low-cost imports, ongoing access to strychnine for predator control and the concerns on all sides of the issue, and a comprehensive review of the *Farm Security Act*. Discussion included farmland ownership, leasing structures, youth access to land, and taxation and capital gains considerations.

Stakeholder Engagement

Fall District Meetings

Plans were reviewed for Fall District Meetings to be held in late September and early October, or non-election districts to be in the winter. In-person meetings were prioritized to support meaningful producer engagement, with virtual participation where appropriate. Nominations open in Districts 2, 3B, 5, 7, and 9A.

Action: District reps to submit suggestions for district meetings to staff by May 8, 2026.

Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference

Potential changes to the structure and nature of SBIC were discussed including re-focusing on the annual general meeting and opportunities to partner with other industry groups.

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Action: Staff and Board members will have conversations with other groups to explore future opportunities.

SCA Committees & External Representation

The mandate of internal SCA committees was discussed.

Action: Committee Chairs will provide feedback to staff regarding terms of reference updates.

Wildlife Advisory Committee nominations

Individuals nominated for the committee include Levi Hull as member and Cody Schock as alternate.

Action: staff will submit nominees for Wildlife Advisory committee by June 30, 2026.

Livestock Services of Saskatchewan

Two Member at Large positions are coming open at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (June 25, 2026) and recommendation is for SCA to put forward two names. Those expressing interest included Keith Day and Leon Lueke.

The SK Cattle Feeders Association has drafted a resolution, as follows, regarding potential increases to brand inspection fees:

***Whereas** the SCFA/SCA are members/owners of Livestock Services of Saskatchewan (LSS) and have a vested interest in the success of LSS,*

***Be it resolved** that prior to any further brand inspection fee increases, LSS complete a comprehensive cost and value analysis of all services provided by the organization to clearly identify the state of current operations and provide a clear picture of areas where efficiencies can be found and where opportunities exist.*

*Furthermore, **be it resolved** that LSS develop a sustainable plan for a fee structure that reflects the real cost of various types of brand inspections be developed based on the findings of the cost analysis.*

Board discussed support for the draft resolution.

MOTION 2026-039: Hebert/Hull – “That the SCA support a comprehensive review of brand inspection costs through Saskatchewan Livestock Services (LSS).” Carried.

Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency Nominations

Nominations were tabled until the next Board meeting with nomination to be provided to Agency by July 15, 2026.

Correspondence

Correspondence and community support requests were reviewed.

MOTION 2026-040: Lueke/Hebert – “To donate \$5,000 to STARS Air Ambulance in support of the Field of Stars event.” Carried.

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Board Round Table / Calendar of Events

Meeting with Agri-Food Council (April 28)

The SCA is to meet with the Agri-Food Council on April 28, 2026 to provide an update on activities.

Round table updates and discussion included:

- Reports from director attendance at APAS, Alberta Beef Producers, CCIA, VBP+, Prairie Conservation Action Plan and national meetings
- Beef Code of Practice Update
- Livestock Price Insurance
- New forage rainfall insurance program delivery
- Price of beef cattle medications and accessibility
- Livestock Services of Saskatchewan meetings and need for livestock trailer accident protocols
- Youth Council engagement and federal advocacy exposure
- Research and producer outreach initiatives
- Scheduling of upcoming meetings and stakeholder engagement

Action: Staff and Board Chair will review the schedule for upcoming Board of Director meetings and forward updated calendar to Board members.

MOTION 2026-041: Stewart/Hull “To move to In-Camera”. Carried. (3:37pm)

MOTION 2026-042: Lueke/Poletz “That in-Camera be concluded”. Carried. (4:17pm)

ADJOURNMENT at 4:17pm

Chad Ross, Board Chair

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