

OKANAGAN-KOOTENAY STERILE INSECT RELEASE PROGRAM BOARD

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the **OKANAGAN-KOOTENAY STERILE INSECT RELEASE (SIR) PROGRAM BOARD** held in the Woodhaven Room of the Central Okanagan Regional District, Kelowna, BC, on Friday, MAY 15TH 2015.

Voting Members:

Director Duane Ophus, Chair	Regional District of Central Okanagan
Director Shirley Fowler, Vice-Chair	Regional District of North Okanagan
Director Gail Given (alternate)	Regional District of Central Okanagan
Director George Bush	Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
Director Chad Eliason	Regional District of Columbia Shuswap
Billy Potash	Grower Representative – Zone 1 (Organic)
Amarjit Lalli	Grower Representative – Zone 2
Dave Dobernigg	Grower Representative – Zone 3

Non-Voting Members:

Dr. Kenna Mackenzie	Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
Susanna Acheampong	BC Ministry of Agriculture and Land

Guests:

Fred Steele, President	BC Fruit Growers Association
Michael Gilmore, Partner	BDO Canada LLP

Regrets:

Director Brad Sieben	Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Staff:

Cara Nelson	SIR General Manager
Melissa Tesche	SIR Communications Officer
Carol Teschner	CORD Finance Manager
Hugh Philip	Contract IPM Specialist
Elysia Kostiuk	Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting of the OKSIR Board to order at 9:03 a.m.

Revisit Election of Vice Chair

At the last meeting, it was suggested that a Grower Representative be nominated as Vice-Chair, but with all three Grower Representatives absent a Director was nominated. The Board made no changes to the election of Director Fowler as Vice Chair.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Grower Amarjit

Seconded by: Grower Potash

“THAT the May 15, 2015 meeting agenda be adopted with the addition of 5.1.a Letter from Premier Christy Clark dated May 1, 2015 re: Congratulation on IPM Award of Excellence.”

CARRIED

3. MINUTES**3.1 Regular Board Meeting – February 6, 2015 – for adoption****Moved by:** Director Fowler**Seconded by:** Director Eliason*“THAT the SIR Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2015 be adopted.”***CARRIED****3.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

4. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION**4.1 Peter Geh, BA, CA, Manager of Accounting and Assurance Services, BDO Canada LLP –****a. Audit Letter dated May 15, 2015 from BDO, Michael Gilmore, CA, CFP, Partner BDO****b. Presentation of 2014 Audited Financial Statements**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the audited letter and financial statements were instead presented by Mike Gilmore, Partner with BDO.

Moved by: Director Fowler**Seconded by:** Grower Lalli*“THAT the OKSIR Board approves the 2014 Audited Financial Statements.”***CARRIED****5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION****5.1 Letter from Honourable Steve Thomson, MLA, Kelowna-Mission dated April 13, 2015 re:****Congratulations on 2015 International IPM Award of Excellence for OKSIR Program****Moved by:** Director Bush**Seconded by:** Director Eliason*“THAT the Letter from Honourable Steve Thomson, MLA, Kelowna-Mission dated April 13, 2015 re: Congratulations on 2015 International IPM Award of Excellence for OKSIR Program be received.”***CARRIED****a. Letter from Premier Christy Clark dated May 1, 2015 re: Congratulation on IPM Award of Excellence****Moved by:** Director Eliason**Seconded by:** Grower Lalli*“THAT the Letter from Premier Christy Clark dated May 1, 2015 re: Congratulation on IPM Award of Excellence be received.”***CARRIED****5.2 Letter from Ministry of Agriculture dated April 17, 2015 re Actions planned for Apple Maggot**

The introduction of apple maggot into BC was described along with measures taken so far, such as traps for detection and public outreach efforts. It will be crucial to determine what role each stakeholder will play when apple maggot arrives in the Okanagan. This would be outlined in a critical pest plan, when developed.

Depending on cost of traps, and approval from CFIA (quarantine pest), BCFGAs representatives suggested that Summerland Varieties Corp may be willing to invest in more traps to aid in early detection. It was also suggested that OKSIR staff could circulate CFIA information cards while servicing urban areas. Extra cards could be provided by the local Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada office. OKSIR has the greatest ability to monitor thanks to structure, but is limited by legislation and requires clear expectations from industry before scope can be expanded.

Grower Dobernigg arrived at 9:29am

Moved by: Director Eliason

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

"THAT the OKSIR Board reply to Ministry of Agriculture to thank the ministry for their support and outline the issues of apple maggot that need to be addressed while offering the support of the OKSIR program though limited by mandate."

CARRIED

Moved by: Director Eliason

Seconded by: Director Fowler

"THAT the Letter from Ministry of Agriculture dated April 17, 2015 re Actions planned for Apple Maggot be received."

CARRIED

5.3 Staff report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated May 8, 2015 re: Program Update

The General Manager reviewed the Program Update in detail.

Moved by: Grower Lalli

Seconded by: Director Eliason

"THAT the staff report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated May 8, 2015 re: Program Update be received."

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Copy of letter to Pacific Agriculture Research Centre dated February 11, 2015 re: OKSIR Program Appreciation

Moved by: Director Fowler

Seconded by: Director Bush

"THAT the copy of the letter to Pacific Agriculture Research Centre dated February 11, 2015 re: OKSIR Program Appreciation be received."

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Staff Report dated March 9, 2014 re: 2015 OKSIR Parcel Tax Acreage-Tax Roll Values – Final

Moved by: Director Bush

Seconded by: Director Fowler

"THAT the Staff Report dated March 9, 2014 re: 2015 OKSIR Parcel Tax Acreage-Tax Roll Values – Final be received."

CARRIED

Five minute break at 10:14 a.m.

7.2 Staff Report dated May 8, 2015 re: OKSIR Program Strategic Plan

a. OKSIR Program Strategic Plan

b. OKSIR Program - Work Plan 2015-16

c. OKSIR Program – Timeline for Workplan 2015-16

The strategic plan was well received. Directors pressed on the following points: succession, expansion, scope/scale partnerships. It is expected that the plan will be updated and evolved over time.

Discussion:

- Improvement to local bylaws to address current threats to Program – to be incorporated in development of relationships)
- Important to have technical support. Develop collaborative innovation group from a technical perspective.
- Partner with Ministries/Agencies – consider those outside Min of Ag, like Western Economic Diversification.
- Concern with public outreach-OKSIR staff often asked for information outside of CM.
- Remove background information into a separate document that can be provided on request. Final copy of strategic plan should be focussed for stakeholders.

Moved by: Director Fowler

Seconded by: Grower Potash

“THAT the Board approve in principle the second draft of the OKSIR Strategic Plan.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Director Bush

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

“THAT the Board receive the proposed 2015-2016 Work Plan along with the proposed timeline; and request that staff to provide regular updates on implementation.”

CARRIED

Director Given left meeting at 10:55am.

8. ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA

Moved by: Director Fowler

Seconded by: Director Eliason

“THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter the SIR Board adjourns and convenes to an ‘In-Camera’ session to discuss legal and personnel issues.”

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Director Fowler

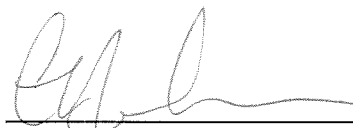
Seconded by: Director Bush

“THAT the SIR Board meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.”

CARRIED



Chair



Corporate Officer