

## 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, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> 2015.

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### Voting Members:

Director Duane Ophus, Chair	Regional District of Central Okanagan
Director Shirley Fowler, Vice-Chair	Regional District of North Okanagan
Director Brad Sieben	Regional District of Central Okanagan
Director George Bush	Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
Director Chad Eliason	Regional District of Columbia Shuswap
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:

Glen Lucas, General Manager	BC Fruit Growers Association
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### Regrets:

Billy Potash	Grower Representative – Zone 1 (Organic)
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### Staff:

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

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **2.1 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Director Eliason

**Seconded by:** Director Fowler

*“THAT the June 19, 2015 meeting agenda be adopted with the addition of 7.1.b Regional Research Users Meeting (RRUM).”*

**CARRIED**

## **3. MINUTES**

### **3.1 Regular Board Meeting – May 15, 2015 – for adoption**

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Eliason

*“THAT the SIR Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2015 be adopted.”*

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

**4. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION****5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION****5.1 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated June 14, 2015 re: Program Update**

The General Manager reviewed the Program Update in detail.

**Moved by:** Director Sieben

**Seconded by:** Grower Lalli

*"THAT the staff report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated June 14, 2015 re: Program Update be received."*

**CARRIED**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6.1 OKSIR Program Strategic Plan - Final Adoption**

Copies of the Strategic Plan were circulated to those in attendance. As requested at the last meeting, the background information was made into a separate document that can be provided on request.

The Board was very pleased with the Strategic Plan and the strong, measurable goals and objectives it provides for OKSIR over the next few years. Staff were advised to circulate the Plan under cover letter to all stakeholders, partners, provincial and federal ministers, MLAs, MPs, etc.

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Fowler

*"THAT the OKSIR Board adopts the OKSIR Strategic Plan."*

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Staff report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated May 19, 2015 re: Business Development Budget – Waive "Out of Province Travel" Policy**

The Board discussed a waiver of its "Out of Province Travel" Policy to allow the General Manager greater flexibility in carrying out the work plan for business development. Revenue funds would be used for this initiative to a maximum of \$30,000 and have already been incorporated into the approved budget. Though initially some Board members were wary due to the sensitivity of international travel, the discussion favoured approval. It was agreed that the General Manager would carry out the assigned duties while ensuring that all expenditures are transparent.

There was discussion regarding business development being budgeted under research and development. It was decided that as Program development is investigated further, the line items can be restructured to clearly illustrate the return on investment in each area.

*Grower Dobernigg arrived at 9:28 a.m.*

It was agreed that the General Manager will provide reports to the RDCO Finance Manager who will communicate expenses at each Board meeting over the approved period, or more frequently at the Board's request. It was noted that the Board's Travel Policy is out of date. The Board was advised that currently other income for the Program is over \$77,000 at the end of May.

The Board was advised that the OKSIR organization chart will be updated to incorporate changes from the Strategic plan, clearly show the reporting structure for day to day operational management while the General Manager is focussing on business development.

**Moved by:** Director Sieben

**Seconded by:** Grower Lalli

*"THAT the staff report dated May 19, 2015 concerning the Business Development Budget be received; and,*

*FURTHER, in support of the strategic directive to advance collaborative revenue producing projects and business opportunities, that the Board waive its Out of Province Travel – SIR Board Policy No.3.1.8, to permit travel to meetings, conferences, symposia, etc. as necessary for the General Manager to investigate, network and promote collaboration and revenue opportunities between September 2015 and February 2016 with expenditures approved up to \$30,000."*

**CARRIED**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 BC Fruit Growers' Association - Industry Strategy Accord 2015-2020**

**i. A Growing Industry – Tree Fruit Industry Strategy 2015-2020, Version 5.0 May 11, 2015**

**ii. Summary of Changes for Version 5.0 of the Industry Strategy May 15, 2015**

**iii. Tree Fruit Industry Accord June 12, 2015**

The purpose of the BCFGAs Industry Strategy Accord is to enable effective communication between all partners to facilitate movement together in the same direction. By the OKSIR Chair's signature, the Board would be committing to attend discussions on the Industry Strategy. The BCFGAs will be responsible for driving this initiative forward.

There was discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the Strategy. It was explained that this document is not a full plan, but that it enables all those involved to come together to develop action plans for implementation through a Working Group and an Implementation Group. Rules, accountabilities, goals, and other details will be established at the first meeting of the Working Group.

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Sieben

*"THAT OKSIR signs on to the Tree Fruit Industry Accord;*

*AND THAT the Chair (Vice Chair as alternate) is assigned to the Working Group;*

*AND THAT the General Manager (or alternate) will represent the OKSIR Board in the Implementation Group."*

**CARRIED**

### **b. Regional Research Users Meeting (RRUM)**

Dr. Mackenzie advised that occasionally PARC holds Regional Research Users Meetings (RRUMs) to allow for strategic discussion with various key players. PARC hopes that the OKSIR Board members will participate in the RRUM to be scheduled in February 2016 (pending approval). A report would result from the meeting.

### **7.2 Staff report dated June 11, 2015 re: 2015 OKSIR Parcel Tax – Taxable Acreage – Taxable \$ Values**

The final acreage for 2015 when compared to the final acreage for 2014 shows an *increase* of 26.07 acres, or \$3630.52. This may be the first time in the Program's history that it has increased. The Board was pleased with this news and noted seeing more plantings that may lead to further increases.

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Eliason

*"THAT the staff report dated June 11, 2015 re: 2015 OKSIR Parcel Tax – Taxable Acreage – Taxable \$ Values be received."*

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Interim Financial Statements**

The Finance Manager presented and discussed the Interim Financial Statements ending May 31, 2015 in detail with the Board.

**Moved by:** Director Sieben

**Seconded by:** Grower Dobernigg

*"THAT the OKSIR Board receive the Interim Financial Statement ending May 31, 2015."*

**CARRIED**

**8. ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA**

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Sieben

*"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**

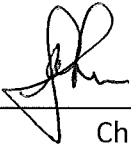
**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** Grower Lalli

**Seconded by:** Director Sieben

*"THAT the SIR Board meeting be adjourned at 10:37 a.m."*

**CARRIED**



Chair



Corporate Officer