

4. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION**5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION****5.1 Staff Report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated October 6, 2015 re: Program Update****Moved by:** Director Fowler**Seconded by:** Director Eliason

"THAT the staff report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated October 6, 2015 re: Program Update be received."

CARRIED**5.2 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated September 25, 2015 re: Unmanned Aerial Systems**

Due to unforeseen permitting challenges for UAV trials in Phoenix, AZ, researchers from Phoenix and New Zealand will instead be travelling to Osoyoos to conduct the preliminary bench trials. If passed, the UAV will be tested this season in New Zealand. Staff will keep the Board informed regarding approvals from NAV Canada.

There was discussion about informing the general public about our UAV trials that may be viewed as unique, progressive, and cost effective. It was suggested the research should be conducted before promotional advertising is considered.

Dr. Mackenzie, Grower Lalli, Grower Dobernigg arrived at 9:11am

Moved by: Grower Lalli**Seconded by:** Director Sieben

"THAT the staff report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated September 25, 2015 re: Unmanned Aerial Systems be received."

CARRIED**5.3 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated October 6, 2015 re: Business Development Activities****Moved by:** Director Sieben**Seconded by:** Grower Dobernigg

"THAT the staff report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated October 6, 2015 re: Business Development Activities be received."

CARRIED**5.4 CFIA Apple Maggot Notification**

BCFGA reviewed the information regarding the detection of apple maggot in West Kelowna, and described and commended the actions of CFIA. The apple maggot find is being treated as a single find, and is 2km away from the nearest orchard. Apple maggot is not established in the Okanagan.

It was noted that the find was a result of prudent trapping protocols designed by Howard Thistlewood, of PARC.

The Board discussed apple maggot further during the in-camera session.

Moved by: Director Fowler**Seconded by:** Grower Bush

"THAT the CFIA Apple Maggot Notification be received."

CARRIED**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Presentation from Carol Teschner, CORD Financial Manager, re 1st Draft of OKSIR 2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan

i) Resolution to adopt 2016 Requisition Rate

The RDCO Finance Manager presented the draft of the OKSIR 2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan in detail.

The Board asked why the budget still shows a projected decrease in acreage: it is a conservative way of budgeting. The replant is not expected to have much impact as those acreages would stay the same, but there is believed to be many new plantings as well. It was suggested that if there is reasonable evidence for increased acreage, then that should be reflected in the budget projections. At the Board's request, the reduction in acreage for 2016 will be changed from 2% to 0%.

There was discussion on how the Program becomes informed of replants, new plantings, and removals. Operations staff believe we capture well over 95% of acreage changes just by being out in the field.

Moved by: Grower Bush

Seconded by: Director Fowler

*"THAT the SIR Board accepts in principal the 2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan – First Draft;
AND THAT the SIR Board approve the 2016 requisition rate reflecting no increase over the 2015 requisition for the Regional District Land Only Value Tax and no increase to the parcel tax rate of \$139.26 per acre."*

CARRIED

7.2 Proposed RRSP Matching Plan for OKSIR Employees

The Board moved this item to in-camera.

8. ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Director Fowler

"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 Dobernigg

Seconded by: Director Sieben

"THAT the SIR Board meeting be adjourned at 10:48 am"

CARRIED



Chair



Corporate Officer