



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
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Dear Mr. Collins:

BRITISH COLUMBIA BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PRIOR APPROVAL DECISION

On April 15, 2020 the British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (the Commission) notified the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) that as of April 2, 2020 there is a vacancy on the Commission. The Commission is requesting BCFIRB's prior approval to appoint registered producer, Joe Neels, to temporarily fill this vacancy.

The current vacancy results from the resignation of Commission member Allan Mulder upon the transfer of his quota effective April 2, 2020. One year remains in Mr. Mulder's term. The Commission recommends to BCFIRB that Mr. Neels be appointed to fill the balance of Mr. Mulder's term (ending May/June 2021) under s. 3(g) of the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Regulations. Mr. Neels is currently a Commission member whose term expires at the May/June 2020 election. The Commission reports Mr. Neels agrees to be considered for the temporary appointment and does not wish to run for a further term.

The Commission's reasons for recommending Mr. Neels include:

- Importance of continuity and transition time given the current circumstances. The Commission is at risk of having a 60% turnover in membership at a time when pricing is in flux and it is managing the serious industry-wide orderly marketing challenges posed by the COVID pandemic.
- Support of the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Association (BCBHEPA)

I am satisfied that given the current circumstances and BCBHEPA support that no further consultation with registered producers is required. Mr. Neels has been a member on the Commission since 2011, currently serves as Vice Chair and sits as BC's representative on the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers. As such I have no questions as to Mr. Neels' abilities as a

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Commission member and the importance of having his skills and knowledge available at the provincial and national tables during this critical time. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Mr. Neels has confirmed that he is not planning on running in the 2020 election nor does he intend on seeking a further term at the close of the temporary appointment in May/June 2021.

Given the foregoing, and on the understanding that Mr. Neels is tendering his resignation as a Commission member effective immediately such that his current position will be available to be filled in the 2020 election, I approve the temporary appointment of Mr. Neels to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Mulders' term effective immediately, which term will end at the May/June 2021 Commission election.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Leigh".

Tamara Leigh
Presiding Member

cc: BCFIRB web site