



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Dear Chair Klippenstein:

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD – APPROVAL

Following its regularly scheduled review, the BC Chicken Marketing Board (Chicken Board) is seeking BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) approval under section 3.02.2(2) of the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Scheme (Scheme) for changes proposed to its Rules and Procedures for Election of Members to the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board (“Election Rules”).

I am appointed by the Chair of BCFIRB as a one-person panel to consider, and if appropriate, approve the Election Rules.

On April 20, 2023, the Chicken Board submitted proposed changes to its Election Rules to BCFIRB. After discussion between BCFIRB and Chicken Board staff, it was identified that the version used by the Chicken Board in its review was not the same as the one on file with BCFIRB as approved in 2020. With the agreement of Chicken Board staff, BCFIRB updated the submitted Election Rules to reflect the approved 2020 rules and then proceeded to review the remaining proposed changes, summarized as follows:

- S 5. Par. 2 – “electronic” ballot not “secret” ballot
- S 5. Par. 3 – a Voting Grower “will” not “may” vote
- S 5. Par. 4 – “Completed electronic ballots will be held by the Election Officer until the deadline for receipt of ballots as outlined in the timeline.” removed as unnecessary.
- S 7. Par. 1 – remove “The Election Office will open the online voting results” and replace it with “The Election Officer will announce the results.”
- S 7. Par. 1 – remove option to appoint scrutineer witness as unnecessary with electronic voting.
- S 7. Par. 4 – remove “emailed to all growers”. The new paragraph will read “The results will be posted on the BCCMB website and the first newsletter sent to industry after the election by the BCCMB will also announce the outcome.”

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ANALYSIS

The only potentially significant change is the removal of a scrutineer (S.7, Par. 1). I agree that this change makes sense given that all voting is electronic and will be tallied by an online program on the computer of the independent elections officer (i.e., Council of Marketing Boards Executive Director). All other changes proposed by the Chicken Board are minor and editorial in nature.

DECISION

I hereby approve the attached Election Rules with all the remaining changes (summarized above), and with the following addition: remove "deadline for registering a change in voting method (electronic)" from Section 2 Paragraph 2 as this statement is unnecessary and may confuse readers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Joshi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pawan Joshi

Presiding Member, BC Farm Industry Review Board

Attachment: Rules and Procedures for Election of Members to the British Columbia
Chicken Marketing Board

cc: BCFIRB web site