

MANITOBA CROP ALLIANCE

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION #1: MANDATORY EXPORT SALES REPORTING

WHEREAS grain markets function best when all parties have access to the same sales information.

WHEREAS there are currently gaps in the market knowledge for all crops grown in Western Canada.

WHEREAS Canada currently does not have mandatory export sales data reporting like producers have access to in the USA and a significant portion of Canadian grains are exported.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoba Crop Alliance work with other commissions and organizations to advocate for the establishment of an Export Sales Reporting Program where all sales over the set minimum volume for all Canadian grains, pulses and oilseeds must be reported daily to be compiled weekly and released in a timely fashion, to add valuable knowledge to aid producers in marketing of their production.

Mover: Ron Krahn

Secunder: Gunter Jochum

VOTE RESULTS:

IN FAVOUR: 42

OPPOSED: 2

ABSTAIN: 2

RESOLUTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2: RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS CLOSER TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

WHEREAS the current resolution submission deadline is too far away from the regular General Meeting of Members for Manitoba Crop Alliance to have it be on the minds of our general membership.

AND WHEREAS many important issues can come to light for members in the months of December, January, and February since they are usually focussed on their farms prior to November 30th.

AND WHEREAS organizations such as Manitoba Canola Growers Association allow for resolution submissions closer to the General Meeting date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MCA moves its resolution submission deadline date to 3 weeks prior to the Annual and/or Special meeting of members.

Mover: Dean Harder

Seconded: John Dueck

VOTE RESULTS:

IN FAVOUR: 31

OPPOSED: 13

ABSTAIN: 3

RESOLUTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3: REFERRING RESOLUTIONS AT THE GENERAL MEETING

WHEREAS it is important for members to have an option to be allowed to present a resolution at a meeting of the Manitoba Crop Alliance as there could be new information gathered at that meeting or shortly before it.

AND WHEREAS other farm organizations allow for and have allowed for resolutions to be presented at meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Crop Alliance allow for resolutions to be submitted at its Annual General Meeting such that after the deadline for resolutions will only be considered if the Meeting first agrees to consider such resolution by a majority vote of 2/3rds of those present and entitled to vote at such meeting.

Mover: Bill Nicholson

Seconded: Dean Harder

VOTE RESULTS:

IN FAVOUR: 25

OPPOSED: 16

ABSTAIN: 3

RESOLUTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4: GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT FOR GENE-EDITED SEEDS

WHEREAS Manitoba farmers sell to foreign buyers across the globe. Our global customers have come to depend on the highest quality of our grain. Any slip in regulation or independent review could mean substantial losses to prairie farmers for various reasons.

AND WHEREAS large seed companies are seeking to have gene edited seeds (e, g. CRISPR-Cas9) exempted from conventional regulatory oversight.

AND WHEREAS farmers would like to see continued research and innovation in seed development, so it is essential that sound and strong review procedures are in place as to avoid issues with health, safety, quality or non-tariff barriers in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Crop Alliance take the policy

position that seeds produced through gene editing must be subject to government safety assessments and mandatory reporting to government just as other genetically engineered seeds are;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Crop Alliance call on the Ministers of Health and Agriculture and Agri-Food to commit to transparency in the regulation of all genetically engineered organisms for use in food and farming, including those produced through gene editing.

Mover: Dean Harder

Seconder: Larry Bohdanovich

VOTE RESULTS:

IN FAVOUR: 23

OPPOSED: 18

ABSTAIN: 5

RESOLUTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (SR&ED) PROGRAM

WHEREAS Manitoba Crop Alliance represents winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, sunflower, corn, and flax growers in Manitoba and funds research and market development for those crop types;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoba Crop Alliance acts as the agent for producers in all matters relating to Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax incentive program in regards to spring wheat, winter wheat, barley, grain corn, sunflowers, and flax.

Mover: J. Hodson

Seconder: R. Misko

VOTE RESULTS:

IN FAVOUR: 37

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED