

APAS in Action • November 2018

2018 APAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 APAS AGM was held this week in Regina. Thank you to everyone who attended. 32 resolutions were passed, the full list can be found [HERE](#).

2019 APAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE

Elections were held for the 2019 APAS Board of Directors and APAS Executive. Todd Lewis has been re-elected President for 2019. Mr. Lewis was first elected to the position at the end of 2016.

Ian Boxall of Tisdale was re-elected Vice-President, and Bill Prybylski of Willowbrook was elected to his first term as Vice-President.

APAS Representatives also elected two new Directors to the APAS board, Devin Harlick in District Three and Steven Donald in District One.

District One	James Vogt Steven Donald	RM of Francis #127 RM of Martin #122
District Two	Todd Lewis Terry Anthony	RM of Lajord #128 RM of Baildon #131
District Three	Rick Jensen Devin Harlick	RM of Webb #138 RM of Piapot #110
District Four	Ian Boxall Bill Prybylski	RM of Connaught #457 RM of Garry #245
District Five	Donavon Block Mickey Palfy	RM of Leroy, #339 RM of Viscount #341
District Six	Scott Owens Bill Warrington	RM of Eldon #471 RM of Antelope Park #471

More highlights and pictures from the 2018 APAS AGM will be available in the February 2019 issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice.

SASKATOON CONSULTATION SESSION ON POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS REGULATIONS

On Tuesday, December 4, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) are holding a very important engagement session in Saskatoon on value creation models for cereals research and variety development in Canada. APAS is encouraging producers to attend. It is being held at the Saskatoon Inn from 10 am to 4 pm. You can also join the session via telephone at 1-877-413-4790 using conference ID 6516347. You can read more about the meeting [HERE](#).

APAS APPLIES FOR INTERVENOR STATUS IN CARBON TAX COURT CASE

APAS is applying for intervenor status in the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal reference case on the Federal Carbon Tax. APAS President Todd Lewis made the announcement at the APAS Annual General Meeting in Regina on Tuesday.

“APAS members believe that their perspective on the Federal Carbon Backstop policy needs to be heard,” Lewis explained. “The impacts of the proposed Federal carbon pricing scheme will add direct costs to our operations without helping to solve the problems with carbon emissions.”

The application makes the case that rather than solving the problem, adding costs to agricultural producers could make them less able to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Lewis added that the Federal Government’s backstop policy also failed to recognize agriculture’s role in sequestering and storing carbon.

“Farmers and ranchers’ entire business is based on managing the carbon cycle, and every year we sequester millions of tonnes of carbon in our cropland and pastures,” Lewis explained. “Governments need to recognize that biological management of carbon is likely more important than tax policy in solving the problem. Saskatchewan producers manage 43% of Canada’s cropland and 35% of the grasslands, so our contribution is important on the national scale, and this needs to be duly recognized by our Federal Government.”

APAS’ application also argues that the Federal Government’s shared jurisdiction over the environment should not outweigh their shared jurisdiction over agriculture. “For decades, Federal and Provincial governments have worked together to build our agricultural sector, and we think that this cooperation must continue for the good of all Canadians and for our environment.”

APAS IN THE NEWS

- [‘APAS wants role in carbon tax case’](#) - Western Producer
- [Todd Lewis interview segment on intervenor status application](#) - Saskatchewan Afternoon with David Kirton
- [‘APAS talks sub surface rights’](#) - FarmNewsNow.com
- [‘Farm groups say changes to trespassing laws will protect bio-security’](#) - FarmNewsNow.com
- [‘Lewis re-elected APAS President’](#) - NorthEastNow.com

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