

November 6, 2020

To: All interested parties

Re: Request for Board Review of Decision Summary LA20035, Hutterian Brethren of Murray Lake

This is to advise you of the Board's decision in response to the request for review (RFR) of Decision Summary LA20035 and to further advise that the Board's full RFR Decision Report, including reasons for decision, will follow at a later date. The Board issues reasons for all its decisions on RFRs; however, due to scheduling circumstances the Board's RFR Decision Report is delayed and will be issued no later than the week of November 14, 2020.

On October 2, 2020, Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) approval officer Joe Sonnenberg issued Decision Summary LA20035 and Authorization LA20035 with conditions, to expand an existing animal shelter at an existing multi species confined feeding operation (CFO) operated by the Hutterian Brethren of Murray Lake (Murray Lake Colony) located at S½ 31-10-6 W4M, NW 29-10-6 W4M, and SW 32-10-6 W4M in Cypress County.

Pursuant to section 22(4) of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)*, one Request for Board Review (RFR) of Decision Summary LA20035 was filed by a directly affected party. The directly affected party that filed an RFR was Cypress County. The RFR met the 10-day filing deadline established by AOPA of October 26, 2020.

As established by the approval officer, all directly affected parties were notified of the Board's intent to review the request and provided with a copy of the RFR. Parties that had an adverse interest to the matters raised in the RFR were given the opportunity to submit a rebuttal. The Board received a rebuttal from Murray Lake Colony dated October 29, 2020, meeting the rebuttal filing deadline of November 2, 2020.

Under the authority of section 18(1) of the *Natural Resource Conservation Board Act*, a division of the Board consisting of Peter Woloshyn (panel chair), Earl Graham and Indra Maharaj was established on November 3, 2020 to consider the RFR. The Board convened to deliberate on the RFR on November 6, 2020. At that meeting the panel determined that the issues raised in Cypress County's RFR were adequately considered by the approval officer. The RFR is denied.

Should you have any questions, please contact the NRCB Reviews Manager, Laura Friend, at 403-297-8269 or at laura.friend@nrcb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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Natural Resources Conservation Board