

October 6, 2022

To: All Interested Parties

RE: Requests for Board Review of Decision Summary RA21045, G&S Cattle Ltd.

This letter is to advise you of the Board's decision in response to G&S Cattle Ltd.'s request for review (RFR) of Decision Summary RA21045, and to advise that the Board's full Decision Report, including reasons for decision, will follow at a later date. It is the Board's practice to issue reasons for decision on all RFRs.

On August 31, 2022, a Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) approval officer issued Decision Summary RA21045, denying an application by G&S Cattle Ltd. to construct a new 4,000 beef finisher CFO. Seven RFR requests were filed by the September 22, 2022 deadline set out in the approval officer's decision letter. Thirty-five rebuttals were filed by the September 29, 2022 deadline set out in the Board's notice about filed requests for review and rebuttal opportunity.

A panel of the Natural Resources Conservation Board, comprised of Peter Woloshyn (Chair), Walter Ceroici, Sandi Roberts, and L. Page Stuart was designated pursuant to section 18(1) of the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* to deliberate on the filed RFRs.

The Panel met on September 26th, 29th and 30th, and October 3rd and 4th, 2022.

Request for Review of the Decision

G&S Cattle Ltd. (the applicant) requested a review of the approval officer's decision denying the application.

Section 25(1) of the *Agricultural Operations Practices Act* (AOPA) states:

- 25(1) The Board must, within 10 working days of receiving an application under section 20(5), 22(4) or 23(3) and within 10 working days of the Board's determination under section 20(8) that a person or organization is a directly affected party,
- (a) dismiss the application for review, if in the opinion of the Board, the issues raised in the application for review were adequately dealt with by the approval officer or the issues raised are of little merit, or
 - (b) schedule a review.

Decision: As a result of the Board's deliberations, the Board finds that the approval officer adequately dealt with all issues raised in the applicant's filed request for review, and that the issues raised are of little merit. Therefore, the request for review of Decision RA21045 is dismissed. Reasons will be provided in the Board's full Decision Report, to follow.

Requests for Review of Directly Affected Party Status

The Summer Villages of Grandview, Poplar Bay, Crystal Springs, Norris Beach, and Ma-Me-O Beach; and John and Verna Phippen requested that the Board review the approval officer's determination of their directly affected party status.

Section 20(8) of AOPA states:

20(8) The Board must notify the applicant under subsection (6)(a) in writing of the Board's determination whether the applicant is a directly affected party.

Pursuant to this section, the Board will provide this notification in the full Decision Report, to follow.

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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Panel Chair