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Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC)

Chair

James (Jim) M Wilson, Morden

Vice-Chair

Charles Mayer, St. François Xavier

Members

Laurent Ponsin, St. Eustache (bil.)
Betty Green, Fisher Branch
Hubert Chappellaz, St. Claude (bil.)
Aaron Redekop, Niverville
Berry Smith, Winnipeg
Dena Viallet, Treherne

Mandate:

The board carries out the corporation's responsibilities, directing the business and affairs of the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation. The corporation supports and encourages the sustainability, development and diversification of agriculture and the rural economy of Manitoba by providing programs, services and any other programs in accordance with the act.

Authority:

The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation Act

Responsibilities:

The Board is responsible for the overall stewardship of the Corporation. It sets MASC's strategic direction and organizational objectives, with the assistance of Executive Management.

The Board also makes recommendations to the Minister on future programming, ensures that the corporate governance policies by which MASC operates are relevant and current, and is responsible to oversee and monitor corporate operations according to applicable legislative requirements and with acceptable levels of risk. It reviews MASC's financial reporting, actuarial and audit functions, and provides final approval of all applicable budgets.

Membership:

5 – Up to 9 members appointed by LGIC (Including Chair & Vice Chair)

Quorum:

The Chair or Vice Chair and the Majority of Members.

Length of Terms:

Up to 3 Years

Members may be reappointed, and continue to serve until reappointed, replaced, and/or the member is revoked.

Desirable Experience:

- understanding of agriculture, agricultural policy, commercial lending, production insurance and insurance in general is required.
- business or management background with a firm understanding of legal and accounting principles is also desirable.
- members must demonstrate a high level of commitment and an interest in delivering programs and services for agricultural producers.
- have the ability to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information;
- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- have active listening skills;
- use plain language;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner;
- basic technology skill.

Time Commitment:

In addition, three or four days per year are set aside for regular product review consultations with producer groups.

The overall time commitment for board members is approximately one day per month plus time preparing for meetings. The chair and/or the vice-chair will have additional meetings with the minister and chief executive officer, as required.

Meetings:

Location: Portage La Prairie (Teleconferencing Available)

Frequency: Monthly (Excludes July & August)

Remuneration:

Chair: \$10,000 (Annual Stipend)

Vice-Chair: \$5,000 (Annual Stipend)

All Members: \$320 (full day); \$182 (half day)