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General Council Sets Policy to Move Forward

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates from across the province met in Portage la Prairie on April 9 to learn more about emerging issues in agriculture, and to set direction for the organization. The following resolutions were passed, and are now KAP policy:

Inward Inspection & Weighing

THAT KAP, in the event that the current inward inspection and weighing is eliminated, lobby the federal government for the inward inspection and weighing to be done by companies accredited and audited by the Canadian Grain Commission and that the service be optional.

Nutrient Management

THAT KAP support the use of the 4R nutrient management system (*Right Product @ Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place*®) as the foundation for nutrient management protocols in Manitoba.

Agricultural Flexibility

THAT KAP encourage all levels of government to use the Agricultural Flexibility Program dollars to provide a province wide ALUS-type program for Manitoba.

Changes to BRM Programming

THAT KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments for changes to the existing business risk management programs to counteract the effects on producers for events beyond their control, such as BSE, COOL, etc.

Farm Inputs Price Index (FIPI)

THAT KAP lobby the federal government to integrate the farm inputs price index (FIPI) into the reference margin calculation for the AgriStability program to better reflect the realities in the primary agricultural industry.

Cash Advance Program

THAT KAP lobby the federal government to increase the producer cash advance program from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the interest free portion and an increase in the total cash advance from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Elevator Demolition

THAT KAP lobby governments to use every means at their disposal to prevent the demolition of grain elevators and sidings for the future public good.

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THAT KAP lobby Viterra to be a good corporate citizen and tender the sale of unused elevators to interested parties.

Liability Risks Associated with Trespassers

THAT KAP lobby the Provincial government to evaluate and improve the regulations and legislation that govern the liability of agricultural producers when trespassers are injured on their property.

MASC AgriInsurance

THAT KAP lobby the provincial government to have KAP-appointed farmer based representatives on the MASC Board of Directors with all members subject to a maximum term.

Reseeding Claims - MASC

THAT KAP ask Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) to expedite reseeded claims for back and overland flooding on winter annual and perennial crops.

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Keystone Agricultural Producers is Manitoba's largest general farm policy organization, representing over 7,000 farm families and 22 commodity groups throughout the province. Our strength is our democratic structure, and our mission is to represent and promote the interests of the province's farm families.