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General Council Sets Policy to Move Forward

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates from across the province met in Brandon yesterday 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:

Community Power Development

THAT KAP support the Community Power Association model that has been developed by Elton Energy as a means of returning more of the benefits derived from renewable energy projects back to Manitoba’s rural communities.

Location of Bipole III Project

THAT KAP oppose the Provincial Government’s plan to locate the Bipole III high voltage DC power line on the west side of Lake Manitoba due to the detrimental impact on agricultural land; and further,

THAT KAP ask the Provincial Government to reconsider the Bipole III Hydro line location to the east side of Lake Winnipeg in an effort to lessen the financial impact on agricultural producers.

Food Security & Safety

THAT KAP begin development of a vision for agriculture that includes food security and food safety.

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THAT KAP ask that governments take seriously food security and food safety for their citizens through seriously supporting the primary producers.

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THAT KAP ask governments to help create an environment for primary agriculture to ensure financial viability, to give farmers a stable basis for production.

Commodity Markets

THAT KAP ask that governments resist limiting speculators in the commodity markets.

On-Farm Biodiesel

THAT KAP ask the provincial government to encourage on-farm biodiesel through courses and incentives for Manitoba agricultural producers.

Weather Forecasting & Warnings

THAT KAP lobby Environment Canada to rapidly improve their forecasting ability and warning systems.

A panel on rail transportation issues featuring speakers from Quorum Corporation, Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives, and the Canadian Wheat Board received strong interest from delegates.

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