



2020 AGM Resolutions

Resolution #1- **Action Surface Rights Association Membership Restrictions**

Whereas the Action Surface Rights By-Law #1 restricts membership to any person residing within a 100 km radius of the Town of Taber and

Whereas Action Surface Rights Association, (ASR), has influence far beyond this area now and

Whereas a resolution was passed at the 2018 AGM allowing the Board of Directors to refuse membership to any “person” if the Board felt that it was not in the “Best Interests” of ASR to allow such a “person” to be a member of ASR:

Therefore be it resolved that we amend By-Law #1 of “Action Surface Rights Association” to delete the clause restricting membership to within 100 km from Taber.

Carried

Resolution #2- **Action Rights Association Annual Audits:**

Whereas Action Surface Rights By-Laws require that an annual audit be performed either by an outside entity or two members of the Association that are approved at the Association’s Annual General Meeting and

Whereas an audit by an outside entity is expensive and

Whereas the financial books of Action Surface Rights are not complicated

Therefore Be it Resolved that we amend By-Law #29 of “Action Surface Rights Association” to allow any two members of the Board of Directors, other than the Secretary-Treasurer, to conduct all future annual audits.

Carried

Resolution #3- **Election of the Chairman of the Board of Directors:**

Be it Resolved that we amend By-Law #14 of “Action Surface Rights Association” to allow the Board of Directors to elect their own Chairman at the first Board of



Directors meeting following the AGM, rather than having the Chairman elected at the AGM.

Carried

Resolution #4- Taking action to help Municipalities recoup unpaid property taxes from oil/gas Operators.

Whereas ASRA has obtained legal Default Notice templates to assist landowners in notifying those oil/gas Operators who are in default in paying annual compensation or municipal property taxes,

Be it Resolved that we post such notices on our website and assist landowners and municipalities in obtaining those monies owed to them.

Carried

Resolution #5- Timely Reclamation of Abandoned and Suspended wellheads

Whereas rules and regulations already exist requiring the timely reclamation of abandoned and suspended wellheads on surface leases,

Be it Resolved that we encourage the Regulator to follow the rules and to clearly define those timelines to the Oil/Gas Industry.

Carried

Resolution #6- Alberta Treasury recovery of Section 36 payments from Industry

Whereas the Alberta Treasury currently spends about \$6 million in Section 36 payments on behalf of the Oil/Gas Industry,



Be it Resolved that we request government to identify the amounts paid annually and request the government to take action to recover those monies paid on behalf of solvent Oil/Gas companies.

Carried

Resolution #7- Landowner Representation Costs at the SRB for Section 36 applications

Whereas the Surface Rights Act requires that reasonable representation costs be awarded to landowners and,

Whereas the Surface Rights Board is awarding limited cost awards for initial Section 36 applications and zero costs for recurring applications,

Be it Resolved that we request the Surface Rights Board to follow the law and award reasonable landowners representation costs for Section 36 applications.

Carried

Resolution #8- AER Non-enforcement of Surface Rights Board Termination Orders

Whereas Surface Rights Board Termination Orders terminate the Operators right to produce the wellheads on the subject surface lease and,

Whereas the Surface Rights Board does not enforce its own orders and,



Whereas the Alberta Energy Regulator is greatly reluctant to follow the law and force abandonment of these sites,

Be it Resolved that we encourage the Regulator to follow the law and provide assistance to landowners so that they can avoid the current backlogs at the SRB and the AER's reluctance to take timely action.

Carried

Resolution #9- **Surface Rights Association funding mechanisms**

Whereas the courts have recognized the uneven, and unfair, playing field between Industry and landowners,

Be it Resolved that we continue to lobby government to level the playing field by legislating a funding mechanism to provide funds to the surface rights associations that represent landowner interests.

Carried

Resolution #10- **Holding Industry accountable for landowner annual compensation and municipal property taxes.**

Whereas the current system in Alberta allows Oil/Gas companies to avoid paying annual compensation and municipal property taxes and then to dump the reclamation liability onto the Orphan Well Association,

Be it Resolved that we lobby the AER to refuse new license applications from those Oil/Gas companies that are in default, and lobby municipalities to use local regulations and bylaws to stall new development by those companies currently in default.

Carried



Resolution #11- Recovery of SRA membership

Whereas the ASRA membership fee is \$100, and

Whereas the Surface Rights Board has ordered Operators to reimburse landowners for the cost of memberships in surface rights associations,

Be it Resolved that the ASRA Board of Directors review recouping the cost of membership and communicate to members how to recover their costs of membership from the Operator to enable the Association to better serve it's members.

Carried