North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing Association
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Celebrating 20 Years of FARMED!

FARMED Board of Directors
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2026, 10 am
Venue: ZOOM

FARMED acknowledges the Traditional Territories of the Dakelh, Secwepmec, and Tsilhqot'in peoples on which we live, work, play and grow, collect and process our food.

Directors: Heloise Dixon-Warren, Chair (Newsletter); Lynda Atkinson, Vice Chair (Newsletter); Lori Fogarty, Secretary / Treasurer (Website Liaison); Barb Scharf, Director (Membership); Wylie Bystedt, Director (Newsletter), Amy Carlson (Director at Large)

In attendance: Heloise Dixon-Warren, Moose Meadows Farm; Lori Fogarty; Amy Carlson, Ravencroft Rabbitry and Urban Homestead

Regrets: Lynda Atkinson, Sisters Creek Simmentals; Wylie Bystedt, Coyote Acres Ranch

1. **Welcome**
2. **Adoption of amended Agenda** Lori / Amy **Carried**
3. **Adoption of last meeting minutes:** September 22,2026 Lori / Amy **Carried**

   * Attached to Calendar Invite and emailed out
4. **Financial Report**: Lori Fogarty

   * Circulated by Lori
   * Attached to Calendar Invite
   Moved by Lori Fogarty / Seconded by Amy **Carried**
5. **Correspondence:**
   Mon, Oct 12, 1:22 AM Alexandre Langlois Email
   alexandre.langlois6581@northmail.web.id

Subject: Groupe agileDSS — producer database

Message
Turning the North Cariboo Farm Products Guide into a searchable database would connect consumers directly with the thirty producers it currently lists on paper. FARMED published that guide in February 2023 through a local designer and printer, a reason to open: https://privfiles.online/folders/asso/farmed

ACTION: The FARMED BoD noted that this has already been done by FARMED and did not respond to this email.

Tue, Oct 13, 1:39 AM Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce Imani Jackson imani@hubmatrix.services
I'm just following up to see if you're interested in receiving the Distribution/Member List for:

- **Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce (Quesnel, Canada, 2026)**
- **1000+ Contacts**

If you're interested, I'll be happy to share the **Cost, data format, and complete details.**
I look forward to your response.

ACTION: The FARMED BoD felt this email was not legitimate and will follow up with the Manage of the Chamber to confirm

Fri, Oct 16, 4:27 PM Nora CS associate <cs@nohproblem.com>

Hi FARMED team,

I'm Nora from Nohproblem Consulting. We connect local businesses with foreign workers and handle all the paperwork, at no cost to the employer.

We have candidates ready to work full-time in Quesnel:
- Construction labourer / farm worker from overseas, basic English (CELPIP 4-5)
- General labourer already in Canada, fluent written English

Not hiring right now? That's fine. Many owners use us to get ready for the next 6 months, so when someone quits or the busy season starts, a worker is already lined up. This month we will also post and manage your job ads for free.

How it works: to hire a worker from overseas, the government requires a permit called an LMIA. We take care of it from start to finish, and Quesnel is currently an area where it can be done.

If an LMIA isn't possible for your business, we can still send you workers who don't need one right now:
- Open work permit holders can start right away, but most of them will need an LMIA later to keep working long-term.
- French-speaking workers are different: they can be hired without an LMIA and can keep working without one.

Would you like me to send their resumes? Or book a free 15-minute call here: https://calendly.com/lisa-815/free-consultation

Nora | Nohproblem Consulting Inc. (RCIC #R706158)
cs@nohproblem.com | 778-601-8708
If you'd prefer not to hear from us, just reply to this email.

ACTION: FARMED is not hiring farm workers and was not sure of the legitimacy of this email and will not respond.

6. **Membership Update: 35 members**

   NEW Member: Hidden Twine Acres Angie Malthus has product at the Bouchie Lake Country Store and is on the BoD at the Fall Fair. They have acquired the old Barry Malthus' farm, which is an established farm, and are producing preserves, seasonings, and dog treats.

7. **Newsletter - November**

   - **New Member**
   - **Renewal – early bird**
   - **Sonya – Coordinator have her do a summary of her activity**
   - **Farmer's Market Winter Market**
   - **Roots and our Ag Resources**
   - **Ag tourism report**
   - **Amy's photo/ prize**

8. **Old Business:**

   i) **Quesnel Community Foundation - Gala Donation;** Many of the contributions of the gift basket being donated by FARMED have been collected. Lori will deliver the items to the Bouchie Lake Country Store for the final steps and delivery to the Quesnel Community Foundation.

   ii) **Enbridge Application:** ongoing, with work to continue by the coordinator

   The Board reviewed the draft application and suggested the following:

   - Email Beth Holden again to request a letter of support from the CRD now that the local election is over. The letter may not be ready by the due date, but can be included in the application and sent as an add-on once received.
   - Make reference in the application to the 'Producer/partner engagement and onboarding' component to explain that this will entail obtaining input from agriculture producers and partnering restaurants or retail businesses, to identify their needs in the development of an efficient and useful website. This will help to explain how the $2,000 allocated funding will be used.

- Flesh out the 'Other project implementation costs' by explaining in the application how the $2,400 will be used.

Make the following changes to the Funding section:

- $1,000.00 FARMED Funding Confirmed
- $2500.00 Other Funding (Sponsorship/In-kind) Pending

Lori moves that FARMED allocate $1000.00 to the Enbridge Application.
Seconder Amy **Carried**

iii) **Social Media Campaign (Sonya)**
The update on the work completed by the FARMED Coordinator, Sonya Spiers, during the Phase 1 contract period, (ending on October 31st) was reviewed.
The Phase 2 contract was discussed and will be presented to the Coordinator, Sony Spiers.
Lori moves renewing the Coordinator Contract Agreement at an average of 4 hours of work for 26 weeks (November 1st, 2026 to April 30, 2027) for a total $4 680.00. Amy seconds **Carried**

iv) **QCF Grant Report** – Heloise to complete Report

9. New Business: Nil

10. Next meetings:

- FARMED Board Meeting: November 26th at 10am-11am via Zoom

11. Meeting adjourned: 11am