

The Manitoba Farm Industry Board (MFIB)

Board Members

Chair

Greg Perchaluk, Roblin

Vice-Chair

Rachel Brown, Gunton (bil.)

Members

Steve Dyrda, Teulon
Audrey Kuik, Brandon
Linda Ransom, Boissevain (bil.)
Karin Kirchner, Oak Bluff (bil.)
Konrad Narth, Zhoda

Mandate:

The mandate of the board, established under *The Farm Lands Ownership Act*, is to sit in panels to administer the following four Acts: the *Family Farm Protection Act (FFPA)*, the *Farm Lands Ownership Act (FLOA)*, the *Farm Machinery & Equipment Act (FMEA)*, and the *Farm Practices Protection Act (FPPA)*.

Authority:

[*The Farm Lands Ownership Act – Section 6\(1\)*](#)
[*Farm Lands Ownership Regulations*](#)

Responsibilities:

The board accepts and adjudicates applications under the FLOA from any non-Canadian resident or entity, or publicly traded corporation as to whether they may take an interest in more than 40 acres of Manitoba farmland.

The FMEA protects farmers by requiring warranties on new farm equipment and parts. The FPPA offers protection to farmers from nuisance claims regarding agricultural operations provided the operations are carried out according to normal farming practices. If normal farming practices are not being followed, the board may order changes in practices. The FFPA provides protections for farmers by requiring creditors to apply to the court prior to foreclosing on farmland.

Membership:

The board shall consist of at least six (6) but not more than eleven (11) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council must designate one of the members of the board as chair and another member as vice-chair. The vice-chair has the authority of the chair

if the chair is absent or unable to act, if the office of the chair is vacant or when authorized by the chair.

Length of Terms:

The term of office of a board member shall be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. As a standard of practice, terms are generally no longer than three years. A member whose term expires continues to hold office until he or she is re-appointed, a successor is appointed or the appointment is revoked.

Desirable Experience:

An agricultural background with knowledge of the economic aspects of farming, as well as knowledge of agricultural production and the agricultural equipment sector is desired.

An understanding of administrative and tribunal procedures is an asset.

All boards require that Board members:

- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open-ended, non-judgmental language;
- have active listening skills;
- be able to read and interpret policies/legislation;
- have strong analytical abilities;
- have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner; and
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality.

Time Commitment:

Member time commitments vary depending on individual expertise and the type of panels they participate in. A minimum commitment would be one to two day long meetings per month and any time the member spends preparing and reviewing on their own. Members are occasionally asked to work up to four days per month. The time commitment for the board chair is three to five days per month.

Meetings:

Meetings are generally one day in length but can range from ½ day to two days. About 12-20 meetings per year. Virtually and in-person as necessary.

Board Meetings utilize both in person and telephone conference call formats and may be held at various locations throughout the province. Complaint hearings are held in-person at a location suitable to the complainant.

Remuneration:

Chair: \$336 per day or \$191 per half day
Vice-Chair: \$192 per day or \$109 per half day
Members: \$192 per day or \$109 per half day

The members of the board are to be paid remuneration and expenses at rates set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.