

Disaster Assistance Appeal Board

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Responsibilities:

The Emergency Measures Act provides a process whereby claimants to Disaster Financial Assistance programs have recourse for any decision they feel has failed to provide them with all of the assistance to which the program entitles them. Such recourse involves a two-stage appeal process. The first stage involves internal review by the Executive Coordinator, Manitoba Emergency Management Organization; the second, an external review by the Disaster Assistance Appeal Board, a citizen-based tribunal constituted under the direction of the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures Department of Infrastructure.

The Board's operation is governed by The Emergency Measures Act (the "Act").

When a Disaster Assistance Program is implemented in accordance with the Act the Manitoba Disaster Assistance Appeal Board is responsible for the adjudication of appeals pursuant to The Emergency Measures Act, the Disaster Financial Assistance Policy, and Policy, The Red River Floodway Act and The Water Resources Administration Act.

The Board hears appeals resulting from the disposition of claims for disaster assistance by the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization ("EMO"). The appeals generally focus on the eligibility of the claim and/ or the amount of compensation awarded.

The Board can dispose of an appeal by confirming, varying, or setting aside the decision of the Emergency Measures Organization. All parties involved in the appeal are notified in writing as to the decision of the Board. Any assistance granted under The Emergency Measures Act is gratuitous and the Board's decision is not subject to any appeal or review in any court of law. Decisions under the The Red River Floodway Act and The Water Resources Administration Act are subject to appeal.

Authority:

Emergency Measures Act

Membership:

The board shall consist of not less than three or more than five persons. One of the board members is traditionally recruited from the membership of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. This board should have a minimum of one French-speaking member.

The members shall hold office for a term fixed in the order appointing them and thereafter until their successors are appointed.

Desirable Expertise:

Sensitivity to social-economic needs of people affected by disaster and knowledge of agriculture issues. Representation from a municipal council. Cross-section of rural/urban representation. Willingness to participate in detailed orientation into the policies and guidelines of the DFA program. Understanding of legislation pertaining to matters at issue. The Chair/Vice Chair is responsible for writing decisions that may be appealed to the Courts.

Terms of Office:

Members of the Disaster Assistance Appeal Board shall hold office for terms fixed in the order appointing them and thereafter until their successors are appointed.

Meetings:

Frequency: Meetings are once a month or as deemed necessary by the number of appeals.

Location: Meetings are held in Winnipeg and throughout the Province.

Remuneration:

Chair: \$138.00 per half day; \$243.00 per full day

Members: \$79.00 per half day; \$139.00 per full day