

A photograph of a large herd of brown sheep grazing in a lush green field. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

Community Pasture Patrons Association

Patron Information meeting and
Annual General Meeting

Defining Success

- Sustainable transition to patron governance such that 50 years from now multiple producers in a community can still run cattle on these lands at an affordable rate with minimal barriers to entry and exit.



Road to Success

A photograph of a herd of brown cows grazing in a lush green field. In the background, there is a large, rounded hill under a clear sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

- Work of the Association
- Improvements
- Delay
- Not reinventing the wheel
- Dealing with the three outstanding issues

Improvements

- Conference calls held with the first ten pastures
- Common position – lease for the cost of maintenance
- All pastures spoke with one voice
- Province agreed



Delay

- Unresolved issues identified in public statement
- Province agreed on the need
- Federal government was unwilling to even discuss the option

Not Reinventing the Wheel

- Bylaws
- Corporate structure
- Management services contract
- Business plan



Outstanding issues

- Risk
- Non reversionary land
- Cost



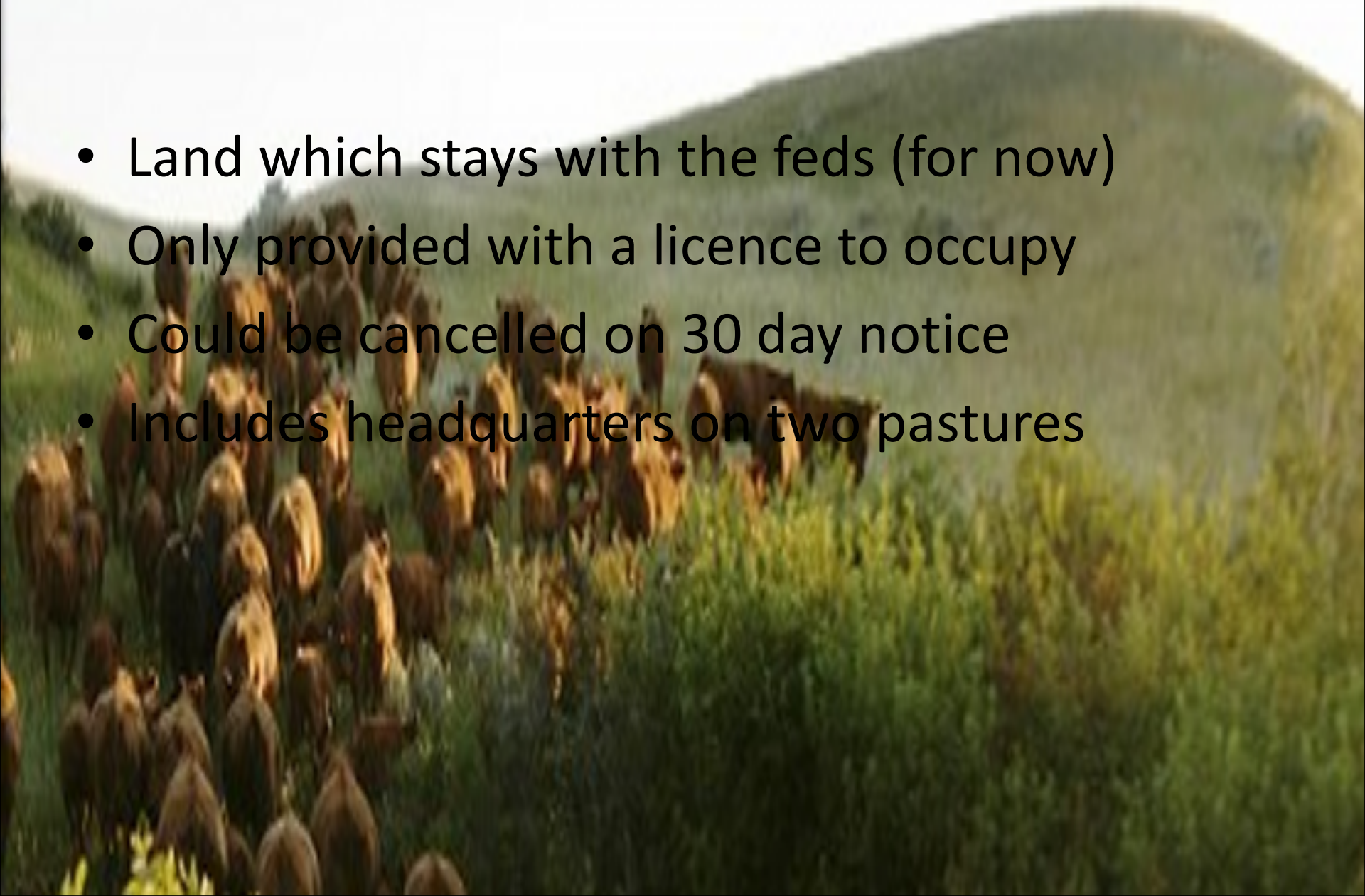
Risk

- Invasive and noxious weeds
- Species at risk
- Liability for other users
- Requirement for hunting access



Non reversionary land

- Land which stays with the feds (for now)
- Only provided with a licence to occupy
- Could be cancelled on 30 day notice
- Includes headquarters on two pastures

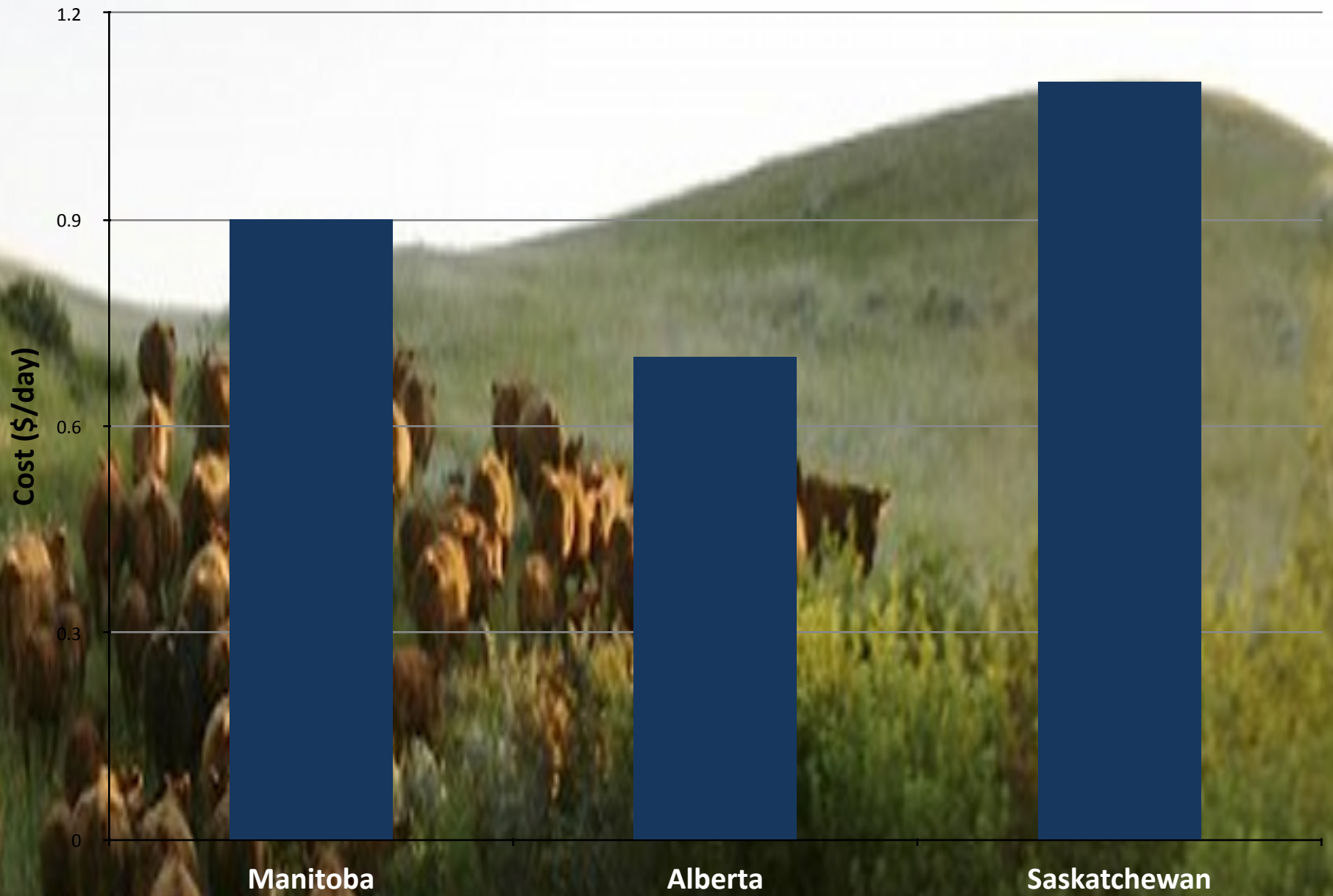


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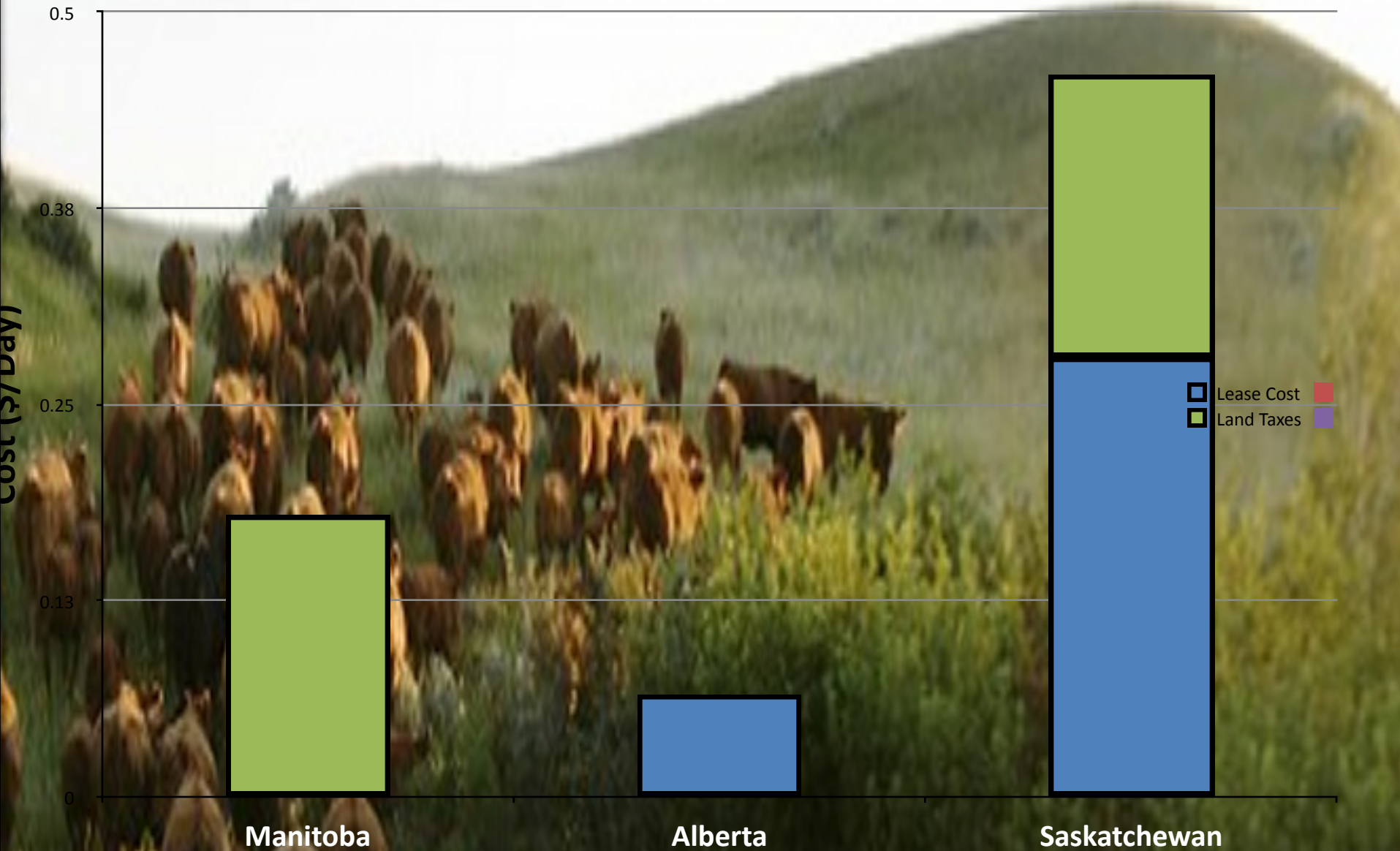
- the key issue which will determine success



Estimated Grazing Costs



Land Costs for Community Pastures



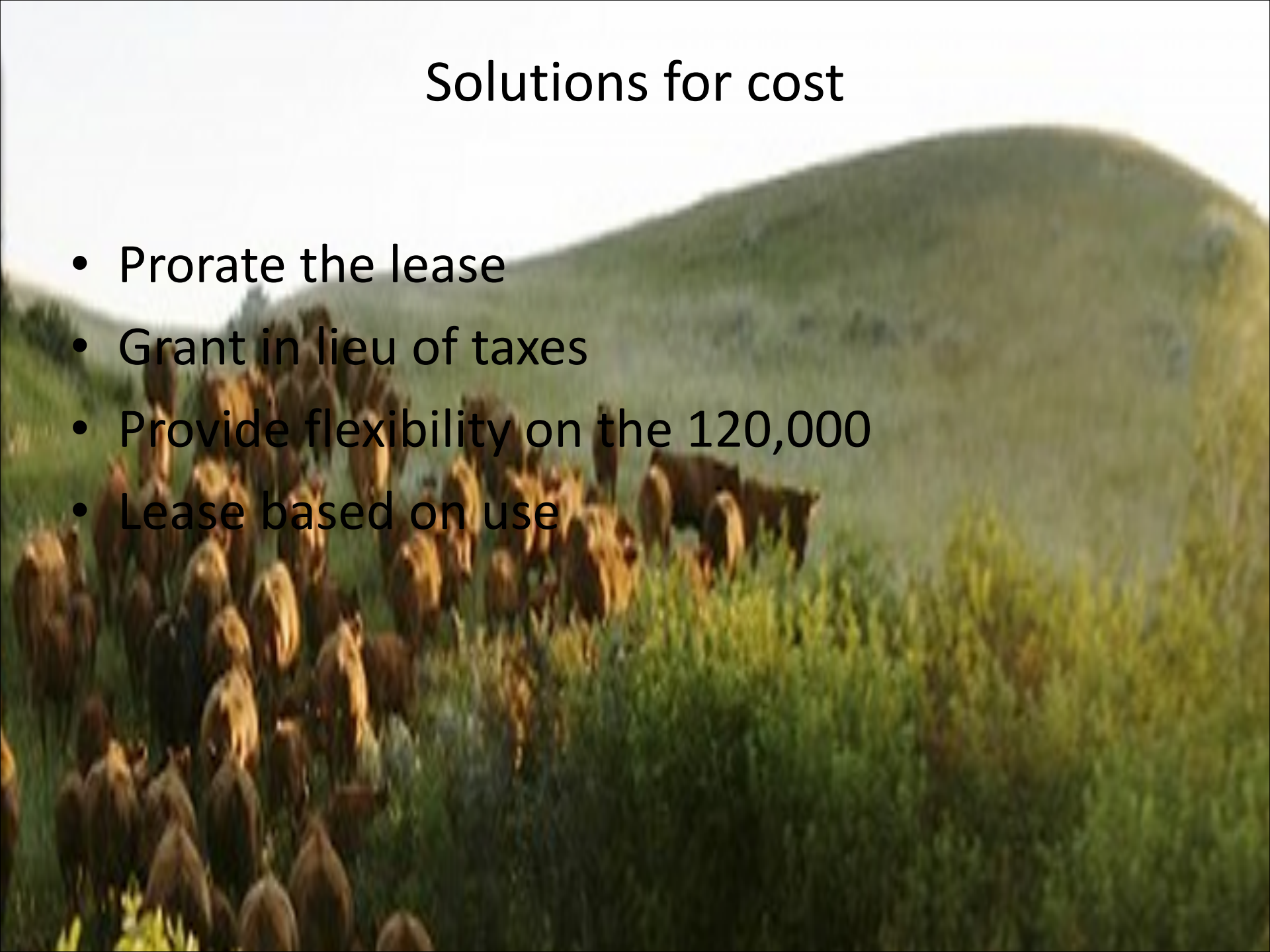
Solutions

- Risk needs to be shared with the province
- Non reversionary land – secure tenure required
- Cost – three options



Solutions for cost

- Prorate the lease
- Grant in lieu of taxes
- Provide flexibility on the 120,000
- Lease based on use



Conclusion

- CPPAS is not about people doing the work for us. It is about patrons working together to achieve success. No one else will save our pastures – success will depend on all of us.

