

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING of the NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

Wednesday Nov. 15, 2023
Mid-Plains Community College
North Campus room 206
1101 Halligan Dr.
North Platte, NE 69101

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Duane Gangwish at 10:05 a.m.

• **Roll Call**

Duane Gangwish	Present
Chris Gentry	Present
Tanya Storer	Present
Marie Farr	Present
Steve Stroup	Present
Sherry Vinton	Present

The open Meetings statement was read by Duane Gangwish

• **Adoption of Agenda**

Tanya Storer moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Chris Gentry Seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion passes	

• **Current Business**

1. Introduction of Attendees

Duane Gangwish
Chris Gentry
Tanya Storer
Marie Farr
Steve Stroup
Sherry Vinton
John Widdowson

Thomas Hughson
Rebekah Vineyard
Dean Anderson

Via Web Ex

Melody Benjamin
Spike Jordan
Danna Schwenk
Jacob Leaver
Rick Leonard

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Tanya Storer moved to elect the current Chairman and Vice Chairman to remain in their current positions.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion passes	

3. Update on Changes to Registered Feedlot protocol.

John Widdowson discussed the implement of the change since the Supreme Court opinion came down. Tom Hughson presented on the day-to-day changes and additional workload on inspectors. He also stated that he worked with several feedlots to help them adjust to the change. John Widdowson stated that while it affected all registered feedlots the biggest change was to Adams Land and Cattle, and he has had several very good meetings with them and continues to stay in contact.

No action taken.

4. Executive Session:

Marie Farr moved to move into executive session to protect the public interest and to receive legal advice related to potential or anticipated litigation, legislative strategy, personnel matters and review of special projects.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes

Motion passes

Moved into executive session at 10:23 a.m.

Committee returned to regular session at 12:28 a.m.

Tanya Storer moved to come out of executive session.
Marie Farr seconded the motion.
No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes

Motion passes

5. Discussion of current applications for Executive Director

Duane Gangwish discussed narrowing the candidates for the position of Executive Director.
Chris Gentry moved to extend an offer of employment for the position of Executive Director to Don Arp.
Tonya Storer seconded the motion.
No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes

Motion passes

6. Discussion of transition to new Executive Director.

Duane Gangwish stated that he would work with Committee legal counsel on the terms of any agreements relating to the transition of Executive Director duties. No action was taken.

7. **Public Comment**

Chris Gentry thanked the Director of Ag. Sherry Vinton for attending the meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

Tanya Storer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Marie Farr seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes

Chris Gentry Yes

Tanya Storer Yes

Marie Farr Yes

Steve Stroup Yes

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.