



Minutes – Quarterly Meeting

Date and Time: March 11, 2025, 10:00am central time

Location: Upper Loup NRD, Thedford, NE

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Duane Gangwish at 10:06 a.m.

- Roll Call
 - Duane Gangwish Present
 - Chris Gentry Present
 - Marie Farr Present
 - Steve Stroup Present
 - Brenda Masek Present
 - Sherry Vinton Present Via Webex at 11:05

The open meetings statement was read by Duane Gangwish.

• Introduction of Attendees

Duane Gangwish
Chris Gentry
Marie Farr
Brenda Masek
Steve Stroup
Don Arp
Tom Hughson
Dean Anderson
Merritt Barton
Dalen Wood
Chad Tetherow
Frank Utter
Remote attendees
Sherry Vinton
Kayla Jesse
Mista White
Danna Schwenk
Shawn Hanks

• Adoption of Agenda

Brenda Masek moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Chris Gentry seconded the motion.
No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024, January 29, 2025, February 6, 2025

Chris Gentry moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

- **Current Business**

1. Chad Tetherow Brand Application Dispute

Dean presented on the process of conflicting brands and gave some details on this specific application. Chad Tetherow presented on the history of the brand and why he was trying to record it. Brenda Masek gave her opinion on the brand and its conflicts and stated that she felt it should be issued. Chris Gentry discussed why the process is what it is.

Chris Gentry moved to uphold the denial.

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	No

Motion Passes

2. Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements

Don and Dean explained the documents presented and expanded on the current year and expressed the need for some changes for the next year.

Steve Stroup moved to accept the financial statements as presented.

Marie Farr seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Motion Passes

3. Staff Updates and Ratification of Personnel Changes

Dean discussed the changes to personnel over the last quarter.

Don discussed the process of current pay rates.

Marie Farr moved to ratify the personnel changes.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Motion Passes

4. Estray Reports/School Fund Cases

Dean presented the estray cases up for review to be sent to the permanent school fund.

Chris Gentry moved to approve the cases to be sent to the permanent school fund.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Motion Passes

5. Administrative Estray Expense

Dean presented on the process of figuring the yearly cost of school fund estray cases,

Chris Gentry moves to approve the 25/26 administrative estray expense

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Motion passes

6. Strategic Plan Review

Duane Gangwish presented on the Strategic plan and suggested reevaluating the plan at the next meeting.

Marie Farr moved to approve the Strategic Plan

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Motion Passes.

7. Fee Schedule Review

Marie Farr asked what changes could be made. Don explained the legislative caps.

The Committee took no action

8. Policy, Rules, and Regulations Review

Don stated that there were no recommendations for changes at this time.

The Committee took no action.

9. Review and Update of Open Markets

Dean presented on the open markets and there benefits as well as the number of cattle looked at, at these markets last year.

Chris Gentry moved to approve the open markets presented.
Brenda Masek seconded the motion
No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

10. Investigator Reports

Tom gave an overview of the state and nature of the investigators work over the past quarter. He also discussed the truck checks done outside of the brand inspection area and their results. The Committee requested that the data from these checks be sent to the Ag Committee. There was also discussion of the public education class held in Ogallala in January.

11. Supervisors Reports

Tom expanded on the supervisor's written reports.

12. RFL Report

Dean and Tom gave an overview on the audits.

13. Technology report

Don explained that most of the updates in technology would be discussed in executive session.

14. Legislative Updates

No update was given.

15. Executive Director report

Don had no new information to relay to the Committee.

16. Public Comment

None Given.

17. Executive Session

Chris Gentry moved to move into executive session to protect the public interest to receive legal advice related to potential or anticipated litigation and discuss negotiation strategy.

Marie Farr seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes

Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

The Committee moved to executive session at 11:45 a.m.

Marie Farr moved to come out of executive session.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

Returned to public session at 1:24 p.m.

18. Chris Gentry Moved to state that the Brand Committee officially, strongly, apposes LB 646 and amendment 638.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Abstain
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

19. Adjournment

Marie Farr moved to adjourn the meeting.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

