



Minutes – Quarterly Meeting

Date and Time: June 10th, 2025, 9:00am central time

Location: Beef Council office, Kearney, NE

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chris Gentry at 9:10 a.m.

- Roll Call
 - Duane Gangwish Not Present
 - Chris Gentry Present
 - Marie Farr Present
 - Steve Stroup Present
 - Brenda Masek Present
 - Sherry Vinton Present via Webex @ 9:25

The open meetings statement was read by Brenda Masek.

- Adoption of Agenda**

Steve Stroup moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Marie Farr seconded the motion.
No discussion

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

Motion Passes

- Introduction of Attendees**

Chris Gentry
Marie Farr
Brenda Masek
Steve Stroup
Don Arp
Tom Hughson
Dean Anderson
Merritt Barton
CJ Fell
Dalen Wood
Kayla Jesse
Senator Ibach
Matthew Smith

Remote attendees

Shawn Hanks

Mista White

Sherry Vinton

Danna Schwenk

Tyler Mahood

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

Brenda Masek moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

- **Current Business**

1. Smith Brand Dispute

Matt Smith presented on his brand the reasons it was let to expire and the reasons for wanting it back.

Dean and Mista explained the conflicts and reasons for not reissuing the brand. The conflict procedure was discussed in general.

Brenda Masek moved to overturn the brand denial and issue the brand.

Marie Farr seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

2. Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements

Dean and Don explained the documents presented and expanded on the state of the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Marie Farr moved to accept the financial statements as presented.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

3. Budget Considerations

Don presented a pay raise for staff of 2.25 percent cost of living and 1 percent pay for performance increase, to be in line with state budget recommendations.

Marie Farr moved to approve a 2.25 percent cost of living, and a 1 percent pay for performance raise for full time employees, beginning July 2025.

Brend Masek seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

4. Staff Updates and Ratification of Personnel Changes

Dean gave an overview of staff changes over the last quarter.

Steve Stroup moved to ratify the personnel changes.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

5. Estray Reports/School Fund Cases

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

Brenda Masek moved to approve the cases to be sent to the permanent school fund.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

6. South Dakota Reciprocal Agreement.

Tom and Dean explained the agreement and the changes made by South Dakota.

Marie Farr moved to approve the South Dakota Reciprocal Agreement.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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. Strategic Plan Review

Don had no new updates for the Strategic Plan

Committee took no action.

8. Fee Schedule Review

Don present that the Committee consider increasing inspection fees to \$1.10 per head and renewals to \$100.00 every four years, to cover increased costs. Don also discussed the need to raise the Reinstatement fee to \$150.00 plus \$5.00 per month late fee to follow state statute.

Steve Stroup moved to increase the inspection fee to \$1.10 per head effective September 1, 2025, and to increase the Brand Renewal fee to \$100.00 per four years, effective October 1, 2025.

Marie Farr seconded the motion.

No discussion

Chris Gentry	Yes
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Marie Farr	Yes
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Steve Stroup	
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Marie asked if there were any other fees that could be increased under the current statutes? Don presented a discussed a chart with our current rates and statutory maximums.

Brenda Masek moved to increase the hourly rate of out of area inspections to \$30.00 per hour.

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

9. Policy, Rules, and Regulations Review

Tom presented some policy clarification, on several policies, outlining requirements and penalties for producers regarding inspections.

Brenda Maesk moved to approve the new agenda policy.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

Tom and Don also informed the Committee that they would be looking to hire a full time Registered Feedlot Auditor, for uniformity across the program.

10. Investigator Reports

Tom gave an overall review of the state and nature of the investigators work over the past quarter.

C.J. gave an update on the upcoming ILIA conference.

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11. Supervisors Reports

Tom expanded on the supervisor's written reports.

12. RFL Report

Dean gave a quick overview on the audits and renewal process.

13. Technology report

Kayla discussed acquiring the code for our timekeeper application.

14. Legislative Updates

Don stated that LB 646 did not make it to final reading and was still alive at this point. He also discussed the importance of maintain inspection integrity.

Senator Ibach discussed her reasons for asking the speaker to hold the bill and not let it go to final reading at that point, and the things she felt still needed worked on in the bill.

Tom elaborated on the Dairy portion of the bill.

15. Executive Director report

Don stated that anything he had to report would be better suited for executive session.

16. Public Comment

none

17. Executive Session

Marie Farr 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.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

The Committee moved into executive session at 11:33 a.m.

Brenda Masek moved to come out of executive session.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

Motion Passes

Returned to public session at 1:48 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Brenda Masek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Stoup seconded the motion

No discussion

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

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

