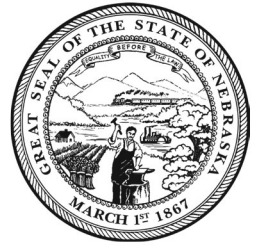




# NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

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## MEETING of the NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

### Via Teleconference

**Thursday February 21, 2019**

**1:00 p.m. CST, 12:00 MST**

**Conference Call Access Number**

**(888)-820-1398**

**Attendee Code**

**6134104#**

*All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate. The Committee reserves the right to go into closed session in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. §84-1410.*

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm MST, 1:08 pm CST

In compliance with the provision of the Open Meetings Act, Public notice of this February 21, 2019 meeting was posted in the headquarters office- in Alliance, NE on February 4, 2019 at 10:00 am. MT Certification of Public Notice will be provided as part of the record of this meeting,

Notice of this February 21, 2019 meeting was published in the Alliance Times- Herald, North Platte Telegraph, McCook Daily Gazette, and posted on the Nebraska Brand Committee's website, Affidavit of Publication will be provided as part of the record of this meeting.

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, an agenda and other related material were made available for public inspection in the headquarters office prior to the meeting. Agenda and related items are available for public use and review. An agenda was made available on February, 4 2019 at 11 am. MT.

This meeting is being recorded.

- Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. §84-1412(8) a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public.

### **1. Roll Call**

John Widdowson (P) Adam Sawyer (P) Terry Cone (P) Jay Martindale (P) Chris Gentry (P)

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Terry Cone Moved to accept the agenda, Jay Martindale seconded



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## 3. Current Business

### 1. Review and Approval of revised IT Coordinator Job Description.

There was discussion regarding whether the IT Coordinator Job Description should be two jobs. (IT Coordinator and Project Manager). Pay scale and timeline for job roll out was discussed.

Adam Sawyer moved to accept the job description as read. Chris Gentry provided the second.

Votes are as follows:

Adam Sawyer (Y) Chris Gentry (Y) Jay Martindale (Y) Terry Cone (Y) John Widdowson (Y)

It was decided that the application would be open to internal and external applicants by the beginning of the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on where the IT Coordinator would be located, if a vehicle would be provided and how often they should be in Alliance.

Chris Gentry stepped out at 12:58 pm

### 2. Review and Approval of Distribution of Estray Funds to State School Fund.

Terry Cone moved to accept the estray case summary and pay out. Jay Martindale seconded.

No discussion, votes are as follows.

Jay Martindale (Y) John Widdowson (Y) Terry Cone (Y) Adam Sawyer (Y) Chris Gentry (NP)

### 3. Discussion and exploration of using Electronic Identification Device (EID) as evidence of ownership. Review and discussion of Statutes, Administrative Codes, and Policies pertaining to implementing EID as evidence of ownership.

Dave gave out a packet with information regarding EID tags. There was discussion that the USDA is wanting to get rid of the metal EID tags.

Melody Benjamin stated that Nebraska Cattleman has started a task force regarding EID. They will have a meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. They would like to work with NBC.

Discussion as to if EID cattle will still be “inspected”.

Disease traceability not a “hot button” item as of now. Priority for NBC is to get EID as evidence of ownership, statues and procedures.

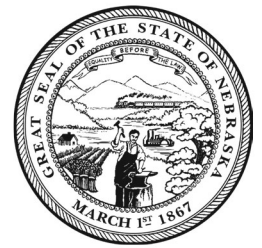
Discussion on funding a database.

EID program should start with non-change of ownership cattle. It was discussed that there should be random audits for these cattle and producers.



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4. Discussion regarding goals, partners, stakeholders, definitions and guidelines regarding EID use as proof of ownership, disease traceability and other possibilities.

Danna discussed conversations regarding EID pilot programs with other states at National Cattlemen's convention.

Chris Gentry stepped back into the meeting at 1:45 pm. CST

There was discussion on focusing on EID before disease traceability.

Mark Fauhsen left the meeting at 1:58.

Danna provided a list of assumptions used to prioritize NBC goals moving forward.

5. Executive Session, Discussions relating to legislative considerations, Executive Director, other personnel matters.

Adam Sawyer moved to go into Executive Session, Jay Martindale seconded.

No discussion, votes are as follows:

Adam Sawyer (Y) Jay Martindale (Y) Chris Gentry (Y) Terry Cone (Y) John Widdowson (Y)

Executive Session began at 2:48 pm MST

6. Technology review and updates.

Executive session ended at 3:49 pm MST

#### 4. Public Comment

None

#### 5. Adjournment

Terry cone moved to adjourn, Adam Sawyer seconded.

No discussion, votes are as follows:

John Widdowson (Y) Terry Cone (Y) Adam Sawyer (Y) Chris Gentry (Y) Jay Martindale (Y)