# **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**



Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT

Conference Call



# **Call to Order**

Chair Andy Bishop called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM MT on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Bishop asked Sara Arp to call roll of the committee members and recognized the guests in attendance.

## **Members Present**

Andy Bishop, Chair
Seth Denbow
Bill Slovek
Mary Graner
Jimmy Taylor
Ross Havens
Norman Voyles, Jr.
Steve Hobbs
Tammy Wiedenbeck

Bill Lipscomb

Staff PresentSara Arp, CBBSarah Metzler, CBBDavis Gidney, CBBTom Novota, CBBGreg Hanes, CBBChad Smith, CBBJeff Lutz, CBBBeka Wall, CBB

**Guests** 

Kinley Hartman, USDA-AMS Wayne Watkinson, Legal Counsel Tammy Vassen, WI Beef Council

### Quorum

Chair Andy Bishop declared a quorum was present to conduct business.

#### Agenda

Chair Andy Bishop called for a motion to approve the agenda as emailed. <u>Seth Denbow moved</u>, and <u>Bill Lipscomb seconded to approve the agenda as emailed</u>. <u>Motion passed</u>.

# **Approve Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2023**

Chair Andy Bishop asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2023, meeting minutes as emailed. Mary Graner moved, and Steve Hobbs seconded to approve the minutes as emailed. Motion passed.

#### **CEO Update**

CEO Greg Hanes gave an update on the following:

• There is currently a slaughter ban initiative being put forth to ban all slaughter facilities in the city of Denver limits. The group's goal is to not only ban plants within the city, but throughout the state. This is something we are watching closely as it could have a big impact on our industry.

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- There is a proposed homeless shelter at the Embassy Suites hotel located across the parking lot from our office building. We are currently working through this process in close coordination with our property management. There is a public meeting scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> and we hope to have someone attend to provide an update.
- Bringing in candidates to interview for the Executive and Administrative Coordinator
  position today. The goal is to have someone hired at the beginning of the year so they
  can attend the Cattle Industry Convention in late January/early February.
- We continue to receive a lot of FOIA requests from "Our Honor".
- USDA is working diligently to get the package of nominations completed. Hopefully the names of newly appointed board members will be available by early January.

# **Staff Program Update**

CBB Director of Collections Compliance, Chad Smith provided the committee with a brief update on collections as we head into the next calendar year.

# **Legal Update**

Legal Counsel Wayne gave the following update:

- At this time there are no updates on the Farm Bill.
- The OFF Act continues to be discussed.
- No further movement on anything else at this time.

## **Checkoff Committee & LRP Leadership Summit Update**

Chair Andy Bishop gave an update the committee on the meetings held in Denver last week and discuss updates to the Beef Industry Long Range Plan.

### **Executive Committee Mentor Calls**

CEO Greg Hanes encouraged the EC members to begin calling their assigned CBB members and to be prepared to give a brief update on their calls at the Cattle Industry Convention.

### **Travel Update**

CEO Greg Hanes and CBB Officers gave the following travel updates:

- CBB Officers and/or staff have attended the following:
  - o Nov. 15-16: NAFB Trade Talk Kansas City, MO
  - o Nov. 28: CattleFax Outlook Seminar Lone Tree, CO
  - o Dec. 1-2: USCA Annual Meeting Fort Worth, TX
  - Dec. 5-6: Checkoff & LRP Leadership Summit Denver, CO

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- CBB will also have representatives attending the following:
  - o Jan. 17-21: New York Beef Council Checkoff Academy Rome, NY
  - o Jan. 19-24: AFBF Annual Convention & Trade Show Salt Lake City, UT
  - o Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Cattle Industry Convention Orlando, FL
  - Feb. 28-Mar. 1: CBB Secretary-Treasurer and New Officer Orientation Denver,
     CO

# **Branded Partnerships**

Chair Andy Bishop asked for a motion to approve the Branded Partnership National Promotion request.

- National Promotions
  - MICA-NEBPI: Giant Food Store's Butcher Shop Brand (ARMS #113023-11)

Ryan Moorhouse moved, and Jimmy Taylor seconded to approve the MICA-NEBPI request for partnership with Giant Food Store's Butcher Shop Brand. Discussion. The motion passed.

## **Oher Business**

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Cattle Industry Convention on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in Orlando, FL.
- Generative Discussion around ways to encourage leadership involvement.

#### **Executive Session**

Steve Hobbs moved, and Mary Graner seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:58 AM MT.

### **Adjourn**

Steve Hobbs moved, and Mary Graner seconded to adjourn at 12:01 PM MT.