

NORTH DAKOTA BEEF COMMISSION MINUTES
January 21, 2020
Conference Call

Call to Order

North Dakota Beef Commission (NDBC) Chairman Weston Dvorak called the conference call meeting to order at 8:03 am.

Directors on call: Dvorak, Mark Wagner, Gloria Payne, Matt Lachenmeier, Lilah Krebs, Travis Maddock, Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Mark Voll and Fred Helbling.

Director absent: Clark Price

Staff on call: Nancy Jo Bateman, Robin Berger and Joan Hoovestol.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Helbling, seconded by Kickertz-Gerbig. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting was made by Kickertz-Gerbig, seconded by Krebs. Motion passed.

Financial Report

A motion to approve the December financial report was made by Payne, seconded by Wagner. Motion passed.

National & International Issues

The Cattle Industry Convention in San Antonio in February was discussed.

Jerry Effertz is the Region 7 Federation of State Beef Councils representative on the NCBA nominating committee. **A motion was made to nominate Jerry Effertz to the position of an exofficio director for the NDBC by Maddock, seconded by Helbling. Motion passed.**

Events, Issues and Updates

Bateman gave an update on the process for NCBA to assist with research project management. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NCBA has been drafted outlining details for state-specific projects and projects co-funded with ND and national program dollars. **A motion was made to approve MOA by Maddock, seconded by Voll. Roll call vote: Voll-yes, Helbling-yes, Kickertz Gerbig- yes, Krebs-yes, Dvorak-yes, Lachenmeier-yes, Maddock-yes, Payne-yes, Wagner-yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

A request from Dr. Eric Berg at NDSU for several research project extensions and the withdrawal of one project that had been approved for funding but not started was discussed. **A motion to approve the requested 1 year extensions and allow the withdrawal of a project was made by Voll, seconded by Helbling. Motion passed.**

The job description for a new staff position was reviewed. **A motion to approve the job description was made by Payne, seconded by Lachenmeier. Motion passed.**

Other programs and projects were highlighted.

Other business:

The March 3 board meeting date was changed to March 26.

The conference call was adjourned at 9:25 am.