

NORTH DAKOTA BEEF COMMISSION MINUTES  
Virtual Conference Call  
January 27, 2023

***Call to Order***

North Dakota Beef Commission (NDBC) Chair Mark Voll called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Directors Present: Mark Voll, Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Fred Helbling, Jason Zahn, Lilah Krebs, Joy Patten, Matt Lachenmeier, Brian Amundson, Jess Nehl

Directors Absent: Ex-officio directors, Travis Maddock and Clark Price.

Staff Present: Wendy Masset, Nicole Wardner

***Agenda***

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

***Minutes***

**A motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2022, meeting was made by Zahn, seconded by Nehl. Motion passed.**

***Financial Report***

Helbling reviewed the December 2022 financial report.

**A motion to receive and file the December financial report was made by Helbling, seconded by Nehl. Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

**Budget Committee**

Helbling reported on the Budget committee meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and the recommendation to the Marketing Committee. **A motion to approve the Budget Committee Minutes was made by Amundson, seconded by Zahn. Motion passed.**

**Personnel Committee**

Voll reported on the Personnel committee which met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. **A motion to approve a \$7,000, annual, salary increase for Masset, effective January 1, 2023, was made by Zahn, seconded by Amundson. Motion passed. A motion to approve a \$12,000, annual temporary salary increase for Wardner as interim Executive Director, effective until a permanent Executive Director is placed, was made by Krebs, seconded by Zahn. Motion passed.** Voll reported he is working on the job description for the Executive director position. The position will be open for two weeks. The position will be re-opened if there are no suitable applicants for the position. The goal for the hire date of the Executive Director is April 1<sup>st</sup>. **A motion to approve the Personnel Committee Minutes was made by Voll, seconded by Helbling. Motion passed.**

***National & International Program Updates***

Wardner reviewed the agenda for the national cattle industry convention, Federation Director Committee assignments and required meetings for all attendees. Price is interviewing for Federation Chair and Maddock is interviewing for a second term on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee.

***Program Reports***

Voll reported on the Joint Ag Committee Reporting Session and the House Ag Committee hearing on bills HB1275 and HB1436. Wardner reported on the Senate Ag Committee Hearing on SB2259. Helbling gave a report on the Ag Coalition. Wardner shared participation in the Strong Minds and Strong Bodies campaign for North Dakota. Bismarck State College has signed on to Powered By Beef. The Young Steakholders meeting will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck. Nancy Jo Bateman is working for NDBC at Living Ag Classroom events.

There was no other business that was brought before the board.

***Next Meeting***

February 23, 8am virtual

March 16, 10am in person

**Helbling moved to adjourn, seconded by Lachenmeier. Meeting adjourned at 9:32am.**