**Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2022 | Montana Beef Council Office, Billings**

**Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions:** President Brett Dailey called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed attendees, and asked for introductions.

**Members Present:** Brett Dailey (President), Montana Farmers Union; Andy Kellom (Vice President), Montana Cattle Feeders; Kiley Martinell, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Travis Choat, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Jake Callantine, Montana Angus Association; Bill Cok, Montana Dairymen; Ken Morris, Montana Cattlemen’s Association; Wes Jensen, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; Andy Tuss, Montana Food Distributors Association; Lynda Grande (for Heather Fryer), Montana CattleWomen Inc.; Shane Flowers, Montana Meat Processors Association. Staff: Chaley Harney, Sue Broyles, Tammy Bridges and Al Koenig. USDA: Kahl Sesker (virtual). CBB: Lynda Grande. Not present: Corey Schultz, Montana Livestock Auction Market Association; Heather Fryer, Montana CattleWomen; Katie Cooper, CBB; Turk Stovall, CBB.

**Approval of Agenda:** President Brett Dailey asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Andy Kellom moved to approve the agenda as printed and Travis Choat seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Brett Dailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the minutes from the September 24, 2021, meeting. Andy Kellom moved to approve the minutes as mailed and Kiley Martinell seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Reading:** Business Manager Sue Broyles shared MBC’s financial standing as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021 with the members.

**MBC 2021 Audit Report, Matt Hjelm, CPA, Wipfli:** The board viewed a digital copy of MBC’s 2021 Audit Report with Matt Hjelm. He indicated that there were no significant findings. The entire board reviewed the 2021 Audit Report, which also included any earmarked expenditures to the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association on behalf of the Federation of State Beef Councils as well as the U.S. Meat Export Federation. Jake Callantine moved to accept and approve the audit and Bill Cok seconded. Motion passed.

**Montana Beef Council Investment Update, Colten Mellows, LPL Financial:** Colten Mellows reviewed MBC’s financial investments from the 25⊄ Account. The board discussed investment options for the $1.2 million returned to MBC from CBB during the lawsuit. Bill Cok moved to invest $1 million within the federal guidelines. Kiley Martinell seconded. Motion passed.

**Montana Dashboard Consumer Research Results, Beejan Mehrabani, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association:** The board reviewed results from the dashboard survey conducted regarding Montana consumers. MBC will continue to participate and build data.

**Officer Reports:**

**President-** Brett Dailey reported that he has carried out his initial duties as president to become the signer on the bank accounts as well assigned board members to committees.

**Vice President-** Andy Kellom did not have anything to report.

**Executive Director-** Chaley Harney provided an update on the status of the R-CALF v. USDA lawsuit as well as a program update. Additionally, she reviewed answers to some questions about CBB and the Federation posed by Ken Morris.

**International Report:**

**U.S. Meat Export Federation-** A printed report by Heather Fryer was included in the board member’s packets. Board members received a copy of the latest export data from USDA and USMEF.

**USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Update-** Kahl Sesker provided an update from the Agriculture Marketing Service.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Montana Angus Association Membership Verification/Status-** The Montana Angus Association membership has been verified and they are in good standing.

**New Business:**

**Annual Policy and Procedure Review:** The board reviewed an updated version of the policy manual. Andy Kellom moved to approve, and Travis Choat seconded. Motion passed.

**Duties of Board Members:** An updated version of board duties was included in the policy manual and was reviewed by the board.

**Adjournment:** President Brett Dailey asked if there was any further business to come before the board and seeing none he called for adjournment. Andy Kellom moved to approve, and Travis Choat seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place at 8:00 a.m. on May 6, 2022, in Billings, MT.