

MINUTES – QUARTERLY MEETING of the NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

**Tuesday June 6, 2023
9:00 a.m. CST
Location of Meeting
Mid-Plains Community College
North Campus Room 202
1101 Halligan Dr.
North Platte, NE 69101**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Duane Gangwish at 9:06 am

Open meetings statement was read by Duane Gangwish

• **Roll Call**

Duane Gangwish Present
Chris Gentry Present
Tanya Storer Present
Marie Farr Present
Steve Stroup Present

• **Adoption of Agenda**

Chris Gentry moved to accept the agenda with the recommendation that the executive session be moved to 12:30

Steve Stroup seconded the motion

No Discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

• **Current Business**

1. **Introduction of Attendees**

Tanya Storer
Chris Gentry
Duane Gangwish
Marie Farr

Steve Stroup
John Widdowson
Tom Hughson
Becki Vineyard
Dean Anderson
Danna Schwenk
Merritt Barton
Melody Benjamin
Spike Jordan
Shawn Hanks
Scott Lindsey
Kurk Olsen
Tom Tines

Remote Attendees
Jacob Lever
Mista Wight

2. Approval of March 14, 2023, Minutes

Chris Gentry moved to approve the minutes as presented

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion Passes	

3. Brian Miller: Brand Recording Issue

Mista White and Dean Anderson presented the reasons for the denial of the brand application.

The Committee sympathized with the producer but confirmed Mista's reasons for not recording the band and took no action.

4. Producer Issue Discussion

a. Tom and Patsy Tines

John Widdowson recommended that this be discussed in executive session, the committee agreed.

b. Geoff Cook

Tom Hughson presented the request for reimbursement for a cow injured during an inspection for Geoff Cook. Tom indicated that in his opinion the inspection was not done by the book and the cow was injured while being clipped in the chute. For this reason, Tom recommended that the Committee approve the reimbursement. Committee indicated that they would take action after executive session.

5. Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements

Becki Vineyard presented that with the budget approval that the Committee approve a 3 percent cost of living increase along with another up to 3 percent for pay for performance raises.

Steve Stroup moved to approve a 3 percent cost of living raise plus a discretionary 3 percent for pay for performance raises for full time employees.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion Passes	

Tanya Storer recommended that this be a separate item on the agenda in the future.

Becki Vineyard presented the financials for the last quarter.

Tanya Storer moved to accept the financials as presented.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion Passes	

6. Legislative Updates

John Widdowson stated that both Marie and Steve were confirmed by the Legislature and welcomed them officially to the Brand Committee. He also stated that no other bills associated with brand laws made it out of committee.

No action taken.

7. Nebraska Brand Committee Policy, Rules, and Regulation Review and Updates

Becki Vineyard presented a vacation policy change to reflect changes to state statutes.

Steve Stroup moved to modify the vacation policy to reflect state statute
Chris Gentry seconded the motion.
No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

8. Staff Updates and Ratification of Personnel changes

Becki Vineyard discussed the personnel changes over the last quarter.

Marie Farr moved to ratify the personnel changes
Chris Gentry seconded the motion
No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

9. Estray Reports

Dean Anderson presented the estray cases to be sent to the permanent school fund

Tanya Storer moved to approve send the cases presented to the permanent school fund
after all appropriate expenses are taken out.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion
No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

10. Strategic Plan Review

Duane Gangwish explained the purpose for the strategic plan and the review at all meetings.

Chris Gentry moved to accept the strategic plan as presented.

Tanya Storer seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion Passes	

11. Fee Schedule Review and Discussion

John Widdowson explained that the statutory requirement of eighty-five cents for inspections would expire in September, and at that time a discussion would need to take place for possible changes to the fee schedule.

Tanya Storer moved to make no changes at this time.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Tanya Storer	Yes
Marie Farr	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Motion Passes	

12. Technology Report

Danna Schwenk expanded on her written report

13. Registered Feedlot Audit Updates

Dean Anderson gave a brief overview of the progress in the change of billing dates for the feedlots and changes to the number of lots.

14. District Supervisors Reports

Shawn Hanks and Scott Lindsey expanded on their written reports.

Tom Hughson complimented them on the job they have been doing.

15. Investigators Report

Tom Hughson and Merritt Barton expanded on their written reports.

16. Executive Directors Report

John Widdowson discussed speaking at the NLMA conference, and the coming USDA requirement of EID tags. Stated that much of his time has been spent involving legislation and litigation.

17. Public Comment

Spike Jordan spoke of his dealings with Tyler Technologies with veteran services in Sioux county. He hopes we find an answer on the amount of control we have over our technology. He also stated that it would be a benefit for Nebraska producers if we were paid, if tech built for us is used in other states.

18. Chris Gentry moved to recess until legal counsel arrived to go into executive session

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes

Chris Gentry Yes

Tanya Storer Yes

Marie Farr Yes

Steve Stroup Yes

Motion Passes

Recess from 11:50am to 12:35pm

19. Executive Session:

Steve Stroup moved to go into executive session To Receive Legal Advice Related to Potential or Anticipated Litigation, Legislative, Personnel matters and Review of Special Projects.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes

Chris Gentry Yes

Tanya Storer Yes

Marie Farr Yes

Steve Stroup Yes

Motion Passes

Moved into executive session at 12:40pm

Marie Farr moved to come out of executive session.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

Came out of executive session at 3:28pm

20. Marie Farr moved to approve payment to Geoff Cook for cow that died during an inspection

Steve Stroup seconded the motion

No Discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

21. Adjournment

Tanya Storer moved to Adjourn the meeting

Marie Farr seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish Yes
Chris Gentry Yes
Tanya Storer Yes
Marie Farr Yes
Steve Stroup Yes
Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm