

Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026 | Billings, MT

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: President Andy Kellom called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m., welcomed attendees, and asked for introductions.

Members Present: Andy Kellom (President), Montana Cattle Feeders; Jake Callantine (Vice President), Montana Angus Association; Justin Iverson, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Pamela Bilyeu, Montana CattleWomen Inc.; Travis Choat, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Wes Jensen, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; Ken Morris, Montana Cattlemen’s Association; Charlie Hollenbeck, Montana Meat Processors Association; Corey Schultz, Montana Livestock Auction Market Association; Trent Stoltz, Montana Farmers Union. Staff: Chaley Harney, Sue Broyles, Tammy Bridges, Al Koenig. USDA: Kinley Hartman (virtual). Guest: Jake Newton.

Not present: Andy Tuss, Montana Food Distributors Association; Debbie Andersen, Montana Dairy Association; Brett Dailey, ex-officio; Anna Sponheim, staff. Ben Peterson, CBB; Verna Billedeaux, CBB.

Approval of Agenda: President Andy Kellom asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Jake Callantine moved to approve the agenda as printed, and Justin Iverson seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: President Andy Kellom asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting. Jake Callantine moved to approve the minutes as mailed and Wes Jensen seconded. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning: The Board heard and overview of the current Beef Industry Long Range Plan and heard updates from the state, national and international. Additionally, they reviewed the board survey results for MBC’s strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results. Along with discussion, the information was used to develop a three-to-five-year strategic plan for the Montana Beef Council, including review of the mission and vision statements. The board directed MBC staff to make further edits to the draft plan and re-distribute for the board to consider, discuss, and adopt at the next meeting.

Financial Reading & Investment Update: Business Manager Sue Broyles MBC’s financial standing as of March 31, 2026 with the members and reviewed current investments.

Correspondence: The most recent correspondence received at the office was passed around and reviewed by members.

Term of Office Review: The board reviewed the current Terms of Office for accuracy and awareness.

USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Update: Kinley Hartman shared that there is no pending or open litigation with the Cattlemen’s Beef Board (CBB). She also shared that CBB nomination appointments have not been released.

Open Discussion: President Andy Kellom asked if any attendees had additional reports or comments to share. No further information was presented.

Worksheet Session: The board dedicated five minutes to individually completing a worksheet about their perceptions of the presentations and actions of the board today and how they will share the information with other producers.

Adjournment: President Andy Kellom asked if there was any further business to come before the board and seeing none he called for adjournment. Jake Callantine moved to adjourn, and Charlie Hollenbeck seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 11: virtual