

**Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025 | Virtual**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: President Andy Kellom called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., welcomed attendees, and asked for introductions.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: President Andy Kellom asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Justin Iverson moved to approve and Debbie Andersen 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 June 9, 2025 meeting. Justin Iverson moved to approve the minutes as mailed and Pam Bilyeu seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Reading: Business Manager Sue Broyles shared an investment update and MBC's financial standing as of June 30, 2025 with the members.

Unfinished Business

Follow up on Proposed Budget Process Changes: Chaley reviewed the updates to the Project Funding Request area of the MBC website, the new digital funding request form, and the scoring sheet that will be used for board members when they review requests as a full board in August.

Monthly Presentation

BEEF, The Preferred Protein of the Montana High School Association: The board reviewed a special presentation by MHSA representatives of the current and future potential opportunities for the partnership, including becoming the team of the month sponsor for the upcoming school year. Given the timing of the opportunity becoming available, the upcoming school year and MBC's funding cycle, the special presentation was made outside of traditional funding timelines per recommendation from the Executive Committee. Board members and staff asked questions to discover more about the options.

Corey Schultz moved to approve the new, expanded MHSA request. Justin Iverson seconded. Motion passed. Chaley Harney will follow up with MHSA staff to clarify further details and final negotiations.

Adjournment: President Andy Kellom asked if there was any further business to come before the board and seeing none he called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: August: 28-29: in-person