

**Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 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; Debbie Andersen, Montana Dairy Association; Ken Morris, Montana Cattlemen's Association; Corey Schultz, Montana Livestock Auction Market Association; Jake Callantine, Montana Angus Association; Pamela Bilyeu, Montana CattleWomen Inc.; Andy Tuss, Montana Food Distributors Association. Staff: Chaley Harney, Sue Broyles, Tammy Bridges, Al Koenig, Anna Sponheim. USDA: Kinley Hartman. Guests: Ben Peterson, CBB.

Not present- Justin Iverson, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Trent Stoltz, Montana Farmers Union; Brett Dailey, ex-officio; Verna Billedeaux, CBB

**Approval of Agenda:** President Andy Kellom asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Charlie Hollenbeck moved to approve and Travis Choat 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 April 30, 2025 meeting. Pam Bilyeu moved to approve the minutes as mailed and Ken Morris seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Reading:** Business Manager Sue Broyles shared MBC's financial standing as of April 30, 2025 with the members.

**Artificial Intelligence 101 Training:** Project Manager Anna Sponheim trained the board on artificial intelligence and practical applications for their operations and beef councils.

**Adjournment:** President Andy Kellom asked if there was any further business to come before the board and seeing none he called for adjournment. Travis Choat moved to adjourn, and Pam Bilyeu seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

- June 9: virtual
- July 14: virtual
- August: 28-29: in-person
- September 8: virtual
- October 20: virtual
- November 10: virtual
- December 16: in-person