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**Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Minutes
May 17, 2018 | Conference Call**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: President Jim Taber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed attendees and made introductions.

Members Present: Jim Taber (President), Kiley Martinell (Vice President), Brett Dailey, Bill Cok, Gary Wold, Travis Choat, Shane Flowers, Andy Kellom, Heather Fryer. Staff: Chaley Harney, Sue Broyles, Lisa Murray. Guests: Dee Likes, Bob Thompson. Absent: Kathy Creighton-Smith, Corey Schultz, Richard Anderson.

Lawsuit Update: President Jim Taber reviewed the situation with the R-CALF USA v. USDA lawsuit, the Ninth Circuit Ruling and options for Montana Beef Council at this point. Dee Likes and Bob Thompson then shared strategies for how Montana Beef Council could become actively involved in the lawsuit if allowed by USDA and the District Court Judge. It was clarified that no checkoff dollars would be used to pursue involvement with the lawsuit.

A motion was made by Shane Flowers for Montana Beef Council to pursue intervening in the lawsuit. Brett Dailey seconded. Motion passed. Three votes in favor were collected by email from the absent board members.

Federation Representation:

Chaley Harney shared that Kristin Larson will not be able to attend the Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting but Kiley Martinell would be available to attend in her place.

A motion was made by Brett Dailey for Kiley Martinell to serve as the Federation Representative for the Summer Business Meeting in Kristin's place. Andy Kellom seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment: President Jim Taber asked if there was any further business to come before the board and hearing none he adjourned the meeting.