

Minutes of the TLBAA Board Conference Call Meeting  
Thursday, February 11, 2010  
8:00 PM Central Time

Topics for Discussion: USDA certification draft for certifying Texas Longhorn lean beef, presented by Stan Tidwell for the Board of Directors approval; Report from the Board vacancy policy committee; and Approval of the January 19, 2010 phone conference minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Richey at 8:00 PM. Secretary Theo Kocian called roll.

Directors present: Doc Hyder, Jerry Loveday, Ron Walker, Mark Stuck, Carl Brantley, Terry King, Lana Hightower, Darlene Aldridge, Donnie Taylor, Kerry Mounce, Robert Richey, Theo Kocian, Steven Zunker, Steve Quarry, Rich Spooner, Jim Rombeck, Randy Briscoe, Terry Fuhriman and Ray Beadle.

Directors absent: Gene Juranka and Michael Sitzmann. Charlie Buenger came onto the call at 8:59 PM.

A quorum was established.

Chairman Richey introduced Stan Tidwell of Falls Creek Longhorns. Mr. Tidwell explained that in the past year he has worked with the USDA in certifying a Texas Longhorn animal and certifying the carcass. He submitted USDA guidelines to the TLBAA Board for their review and approval and requested that upon the Board's approval of the documents, a letter be sent to the USDA, signed by Chairman Richey.

Theo Kocian made a motion to approve the documents and write the letter. Donnie Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Stuck, Jim Rombeck and Rich Spooner volunteered to work with Mr. Tidwell as TLBAA liaisons to help him in any way they could to move this project forward.

Chairman Richey thanked Mr. Tidwell for his presentation and was excused from the conference call.

Next item discussed was the Board vacancy policy. Chairman Richey asked for the timeline on the committee's work on the policy. Committee members Carl Brantley, Jim Rombeck and Terry Fuhriman commented on what their ideas were for the policy, but said they hadn't finalized the process yet. Committee Chairman Charlie Buenger stated their work could be done in the next two weeks at the most.

Kerry Mounce made a motion to table the discussion to establish the criteria for filling vacancies of the Board of Directors of the TLBAA until such time the committee can make a recommendation to the Board. Rich Spooner seconded. There was much discussion on this topic. Several directors thought the motion was too open-ended.

Mr. Mounce amended his motion. Chairman Richey restated the motion 'to table the discussion, give the vacancy committee time to establish criteria and for them to complete their work within the next 30 days'. Rich Spooner seconded. Motion passed.

The last item on the agenda was the approval of the January 19<sup>th</sup> Phone Conference minutes. There were a few additions to the original minutes. Carl Brantley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ron Walker seconded. Motion passed.

Rich Spooner asked Chairman Richey what the status was on the Ben Gravett lawsuit. Mr. Richey replied that the TLBAA was No. 2 on the docket and Charlie Buenger had been keeping him updated on the situation.

Lana Hightower asked for an update on our new General Manager. Chairman Richey said he interviewed with Sue Ann Claudon and after examining our By-Laws she asked to be removed from consideration for this job and had decided to continue in her current position.

Carl Brantley asked that the Board be given more than one day's notice of the next Board meeting.

Darlene Aldridge gave a brief summary of the accounts receivable collection process.

Donnie Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Lana Hightower seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM.