

**MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING of the NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE**

**Friday, June 4, 2021  
1:30 p.m. Central Time / 12:30 p.m. Mountain Time  
Via Telecommunications**

*All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate. The Committee reserves the right to go into closed session in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. §84-1410.*

**Call to Order**

Adam Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:33pm

- Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. §84-1412(8) a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room at the Nebraska Brand Committee headquarters at a location accessible to members of the public.

- **Roll Call**

Adam Sawyer- present  
Terry Cone- Present  
Chris Gentry- Present  
Tanya Storer- Present

- **Adoption of Agenda**

Chris Gentry moved to adopt the agenda as presented  
Terry Cone seconded the motion  
No discussion  
Adam Sawyer yes  
Terry Cone yes  
Chris Gentry yes  
Tanya Storer yes  
Motion passed

- **Current Business**

1. Introduction of Attendees.

Adam Sawyer	Chairman
Terry Cone	Committee Member
Chris Gentry	Committee Member
Tanya Storer	Committee Member
John Widdowson	Director
Dave Horton	Chief Investigator

Cody Waite            Area Supervisor  
Dean Anderson        Business Operations Manager  
Mark Fahleson        Legal counsel

2. Review and discussion of Cash Policy.  
Director Widdowson discussed the new plan for cash policy, by depositing directly into the State's accounts, in place of the current policy.  
Terry Cone moved to strike the fee collection policy from the handbook.  
Adam Sawyer seconded the motion.  
No discussion  
Adam Sawyer yes  
Terry Cone yes  
Chris Gentry yes  
Tanya Storer yes  
Motion passed
  
3. Legislative Update Regarding LB 572  
Director Widdowson gave an update on the passing of LB 572 and the steps being taken to implement and comply with this legislation.  
No action taken
  
4. Review and Discussion of Bi-Annual Budget.  
Director Widdowson gave an update on the status of our current budget.  
No action taken
  
5. Consideration of Action Regarding Expenditure of Funds for Wages/Benefits/Personal Services.  
Director Widdowson discussed foregone cost of living adjustments for past 2 years to assist the Brand Committee in managing its budget, the need to attract and retain quality personnel, changes that have led to the Committee being under budget for personal services limitation (PSL) and asked for authorization to use a portion of unused budget authority to address the sacrifices made by current employees in the interest of the Committee.  
Discussion occurred regarding the amount of foregone cost of living adjustments and remaining budget authority.  
  
Chris Gentry moved to authorize a discretionary award to current employees in lieu of foregone cost of living adjustments for current employees not on probationary or disciplinary status in the gross total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.  
Tanya Storer seconded the motion  
Adam Sawyer yes  
Terry Cone yes  
Chris Gentry yes  
Tanya Storer yes

Motion passed

- **Adjournment**

Chris Gentry moved to adjourn the meeting

Terry Cone seconded the motion

No discussion

Adam Sawyer yes

Terry Cone yes

Chris Gentry yes

Tanya Storer yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm