Call to Order: Vice-Chair John Scully, at 10:00 AM

Members Present:
- Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)
- Jeffery Lewis (dairy producer)
- Ed Waldner (swine producer)
- John Scully (cattle producer)
- Nina Baucus (cattle producer)
Newly appointed member Lila Taylor, cattle producer, attended but did not vote.

Members Absent: John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer)

Staff Present:
- Christian Mackay, Executive Officer
- Sherry Rust, board assistant, minute taker
- Sheila Martin, Human Resources
- Dr. Zaluski, Animal Health
- Jim Newhall, Centralized Services
- George Harris, Centralized Services
- Gary Hamel, Meat Inspection
- John Grainger, Brands Enforcement
- Marty Clark, Brands Enforcement
- Paul Johnson, Brands Enforcement

Public Present:
- John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
- Gene Curry, Montana Stockgrowers Association
- Senator Taylor Brown
- Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
- Ryan Goodman, Montana Stockgrowers Association
- Jacob Cargill, Montana Farmers Union

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10:05 AM Follow up to Evaluation.

Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved to place performance expectations for Christian Mackay on the May Board of Livestock Meeting.
Ed Waldner seconded. The motion carried unanimously by ayes.
Explaination: The purpose of the meeting was to review monthly cash analysis and budget review status for each division. The board expressed a lack of understanding of state budget methods and explanations of budget shortfalls resulting in the following motions.

Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved to include head counts with year to year revenue reports for clarity. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1:17 PM Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved that Dan Turcotte bring a revenue plan to the May meeting. The plan will include communicating the need with producers and requesting solutions.

1:28 PM Motion/Vote: Nina Baucus moved that a plan for closing FY 2015 budget be brought to the next meeting. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1:40 PM Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved that a presentation on FY 2016/17 be brought to the May meeting with appropriate projected needs for fee increases within each division. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

1:48 PM Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved that a process for IT review be started including hardware, software, and equipment citing age, functionality and needs of the department. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

1:52 PM Motion/Vote: Nina Baucus moved to end the employee furlough process May 1. Brett DeBruyker seconded. The motion carried.

1:54 PM Motion/Vote: Nina Baucus moved to send a letter thanking employees and informing them of the end of furloughs. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

2:06 PM Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved that the board authorize advertising of the vacant IT position at the adjusted level. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion carried.

Next Board Meeting:
May 18 and 19, 2015   Location to be determined

2:08 PM Motion/Vote: Jeff Lewis moved to resolve into Executive Session for discussion of trial strategy. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried.

3:16 PM Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved to adjourn. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

John Scully, Vice-Chair