



Montana Board of Livestock

Meeting Minutes

(This Meeting was Open to the Public & By ZOOM)

May 27, 2025

Copper King Convention Center
466 Harrison Ave., Butte, Montana

Board Members Present

Gene Curry (cattle producer)

Alan Redfield (cattle producer)

Greg Wichman (sheep producer)

Lily Anderson (dairy & poultry)

Jake Feddes (cattle producer)

Eric Moore (cattle producer)

(William Kleinsasser was not present. Lily Anderson and Alan Redfield attended the meeting by ZOOM.)

Staff Present

Mike Honeycutt, EO

Jay Bodner, Brands Enforcement

Dale Haylett, Centralized Services

Kim Dallas, Brands Enforcement

Lindsey Simon, Legal Counsel

Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, MT State Vet

Dan Bugni, Brands Enforcement

Public Present

Barry McCoy

Brandon Blackstock

Hannah Feaser

Beth Carmain

Ben Reed

Unidentified Attendee 1

Unidentified Attendee 3

Kon Peters

Brittney Jones

Trudy Dawson

Makae Reed

Les Graham

Unidentified Attendee 2

Unidentified Attendee 4

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

(0:00:12) 1:30 PM

Chairman Gene Curry called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

INTRODUCTIONS

(0:00:35) 1:31 PM

Lindsey Simon introduced herself as the Hearing Assistant. Board members Eric Moore, Lily Anderson (via ZOOM), Jake Feddes, Greg Wichman (via ZOOM), Alan Redfield (via ZOOM) introduced themselves.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING *In re Dillon Livestock Auction, LLC*

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

(0:04:10) 1:34 PM

Hearing Assistant Simon gave an overview of the proceedings and applicable law.

WITNESS ATTENDANCE

(0:06:30) 1:37 PM

Neither Dillon Livestock Auction, LLC (Dillon) nor Headwater Livestock Auction (Headwaters) had legal counsel present. Barry McCoy and Kon Peters expressed intent to testify for Dillon. Hannah Feaser and Brittney Jones expressed intent to testify for Dillon. Department Brands Administrator Jay Bodner and public member Trudy Dawson expressed intent to provide information testimony.

TESTIMONY FROM DILLON LIVESTOCK AUCTION, LLC

(0:09:38) 1:40 PM

McCoy and Peters provided narrative testimony for Dillon.

TESTIMONY FROM HEADWATERS LIVESTOCK AUCTION

(0:35:00) 2:05 PM

Hannah Feaser and Brittney Jones provided narrative testimony for Headwaters.

GREG WICHMAN ARRIVES IN PERSON

(0:36:10) 2:16 PM

INFORMATIONAL WITNESSES/PUBLIC COMMENT

(0:57:35) 2:28 PM

Bodner and Dawson provided informational testimony and public comment.

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

(1:18:13) 2:48 PM

McCoy provided rebuttal testimony. Feaser provided rebuttal testimony. Bodner provided rebuttal testimony. McCoy provided additional rebuttal testimony.

BOARD DISCUSSION

(1:45:15) 3:15 PM

Board members discussed whether to deliberate on the contested case hearing now or to wait until the May 28, 2025 Board meeting. The Board members elected to deliberate at the May 28, 2025 meeting.

ADDITIONAL REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

(1:55:00) 3:25 PM

McCoy provided additional testimony upon questions from Board members.

MEETING ADJOURNED

(1:59:00) 3:29 PM



Gene Curry, Chairman