

**Wyoming Beef Council**  
Monday, December 4, Conference Call

**Officio:** Lacey Sims, Chairman  
Lynn George, Vice Chairman  
Timmery Hellyer  
Leslie Hendry  
Tom Wright

**Designees:** Jon Kirkbride, Director, U.S. Meat Export Federation

**Liaison:** Stacia Berry, Deputy Director, WY Department of Ag

**Staff:** Ann Wittmann, Executive Director

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*Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called roll to identify conference call participants.*

**Business—Financial Audits**

***McGee, Hearn & Paiz, LLP***

Wayne Herr, partner, MHP presented the independent audit of the Wyoming Beef Council FY 2017 cash basis financials. Discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Wright, seconded by Hellyer, to accept the FY 2017 audit report presented by McGee, Hearn & Paiz, LLP. Discussion. Motion passed. Unanimous.

***National Cattlemen's Beef Association***

Wittmann presented the FY 2016 NCBA financials which were reviewed during the August 17, 2017 meeting but not acted upon. Discussion.

***U.S. Meat Export Federation***

Wittmann presented the FY 2016 USMEF financials which were reviewed during the August 17, 2017 meeting but not acted upon. Discussion.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by George, seconded by Wright, to acknowledge receipt and review of the FY 2016 audit reports from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the U.S. Meat Export Federation. Discussion. Motion passed. Unanimous.

**Business—Updates**

***U.S. Meat Export Federation***

Jon Kirkbride, Wyoming Director to the U.S. Meat Export Federation summarized the activities underway by USMEF and the learnings from the November meeting held in Tucson, AZ.

***Program Director Vacancy***

Wittmann advised that the vacancy notice for the Wyoming Beef Council Program Director will be ready to be posted after January 1, 2018.

***Producer Attitude Survey***

Wittmann advised that the quote from Aspen Media for the 2018 Producer Attitude Survey heavy-up came in within budget. Questions are being developed to ascertain data comparable to prior surveys and to analyze progress toward goals specified in the WBC long range plan. Results should be available in early April.

*The December 4, 2017 Wyoming Beef Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.*



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Lacey Sims, FY 2018 Chairman

The next meeting of the Wyoming Beef Council will be held in late March or early April with the location and dates to be determined at a later date.

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| Jan 31-Feb 2      | Cattle Industry Convention—Phoenix, Arizona—Officio, Fed. Directors, Wittmann |
| February 6, 2018  | Annie’s project beef marketing presentation by Wittmann—Casper                |
| Week of March 23  | New director orientation, Denver—new employee                                 |
| <b><i>TBD</i></b> | <b><i>Spring WBC funding request meeting</i></b>                              |
| May 1-3, 2018     | SBC Execs professional development workshop, Chicago—Wittmann                 |

**Guests:**

Wayne Herr, partner, McGee, Hearn & Paiz, LLP.