

## AMERICAN BLACK HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting  
August 18, 2025  
6:00 PM CT

Members Present: EVP Ernie Dominguez, President Rod Garman, Vice President Matt Marsh, Secretary Dirck Hoagland, Treasurer Todd Hampton, Mark Ipsen, Mike Hamilton, Jeremiah Malone, Recording Secretary Shelley Wilds and Communications Manager Brianna Chavez.

Absent: Jacob Moreno.

- I. Meeting called to order by EVP Ernie Dominguez at 6:02 PM CDT  
Prayer: Rod Garman
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by Mark Ipsen to approve July meeting minutes as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Hampton; none opposed, no abstentions; motion passes.
- III. Approval of Finance Report
  - a. Motion by Mike Hamilton to approve finance report as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Ipsen; none opposed, no abstentions; motion passes.
- IV. Executive VP's Update
  - a. 563 paid ABHA members to date.
  - b. ABHA working on a second American Rancher episode on RFD-TV.
- V. Committee Update
  - a. National Sale Committee
- VI. Membership
- VII. Vendor Support
- VIII. EPDs – Digital Beef
- IX. Other Items—Old Business
  - a. American Rancher
  - b. ABHA Questionnaire
    - i. Discuss adding questions to the election ballot to get ABHA member feedback on select topics.
- X. Other Items—New Business
  - a. Draft 2025-2026 Budget
    - i. Motion by Matt Marsh to approve charging a fee for credit card use through Digital Beef; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dirck Hoagland. Members do have the option to pay by electronic check with no charge. Voting as follows: Rod Garman – yes, Mike Hamilton – yes, Mark Ipsen – yes, Dirck Hoagland – yes, Jeremiah Malone – yes, Todd Hampton – yes, Chad Jones – yes, Matt Marsh – yes; motion passes 8-0, no abstentions.
    - ii. Motion by Dirck Hoagland to approve registration price increase; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Marsh; Voting as follows: Rod Garman – yes, Mike Hamilton – yes, Mark Ipsen – yes, Dirck Hoagland – yes, Jeremiah Malone – yes, Todd Hampton – yes, Chad Jones – yes, Matt Marsh – yes; motion passes 8-0, no abstentions.
    - iii. Motion by Rod Garman to approve the 2025-2026 budget; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Ipsen; Voting as follows: Rod Garman – yes, Mike Hamilton – yes, Mark Ipsen – yes, Dirck Hoagland – yes,

Jeremiah Malone – yes, Todd Hampton – yes, Chad Jones – yes, Matt Marsh – yes; motion passes 8-0, no abstentions.

XI. Announcements

a. IGS Steer Profitability Competition

- i. Open to all breeds. It's a great opportunity for ABHA and ABHA members to get carcass data and will be open to all IGS partners. The University of Missouri will track feed intake, and we'll also get full carcass results.
- ii. ABHA could send some Black Hereford cattle, get dry matter intake and carcass records, and help strengthen everyone's data. Simmental Association has done this for ASA the past few years, but this year they are opening it to all IGS partners so we can all benefit.

XII. Executive Session (if necessary)

XIII. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Mark Ipsen to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hamilton; Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM CT.