

Louisiana Beef Industry Council
Minutes
November 3, 2023

Members Present: John Thompson, Nickey Smith, Jarett Daigle and Vendal Fairchild

There were not enough Council members to have a quorum.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

Financial Report:

Peter Barrios presented the financial report to the Council. The Council asked Peter to bring a project list to the next meeting showing all approved projects and denote whether they have been paid or not paid.

Public Comment:

Mike Bove, Associated Grocers, spoke to the Council about potential meat cutting classes and expressed his interest on getting more information on this topic.

Funding Requests:

Dr. Christine Navarre, LSU AgCenter, presented a proposal for a bovine injection and ear implant simulator for the Louisiana Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification Program. The Louisiana BQA Certification Program certifies approximately two hundred cattle producers per year. A cornerstone of the BQA Program is proper injection techniques and ear implantation techniques. Live cattle demonstrations are used whenever possible but are not always feasible. The Bovine Injection Simulator will allow participants in the program to practice proper injection techniques when live animals are not available. The model is realistic yet small enough to be portable and taken to any venue. This injection simulator will enhance the learning experience for Louisiana cattlemen participating in the BQA Program. She will attend the next meeting to propose the funding request.

2024 Ag Expo will take place on January 12th & 13th at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe. The LBIC will share a booth with LCA.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Next, Amy McInnis, LDAF, spoke to the Council about Act 393. This Act refers to the way open meetings can take place. If a board or commission meets six times a year 2/3rds of their meetings can be virtual. If a member of the ADA or a Council member requests to participate in a meeting the Council will be obligated to offer a virtual meeting. A request would need to be made in advance to provide this accommodation. For recordkeeping purposes for any meetings that took place virtually, the recordings need to remain on the Council's site for 2 years.

Peter Barrios discussed the legislative audit. The LLA needs ratification of the audit in the meeting minutes.

John Thompson reviewed the questions from Ashley Hughes for a spotlight of the Council project. If a member agrees to participate in this, their answers will be on the LBIC page to help increase Council awareness to the public.

Next, John Thompson gave a report on the activities of the CBB.

Other Business:

Dylan LaCour, LDAF, gave an update to the Council.

Public Comment:

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Friday, March 1st, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.