

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
December 3, 2008  
Conference Call

Present: Juan Reyes  
Jack Corson  
Jim Mickelson  
Joe Thomas  
Dave Graham  
Gene Hardy  
Patrick Zimmerer  
Bridget Kukowski  
Dalín Winters

Absent: Jim Bennage  
John Hansen

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary  
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director

Guests: Matt Mead and Cindy Garretson-Weibel from the WBC

### **Tail Docking Issue**

Gene Hardy talked about re-considering the decision made on the policy at State Fair. Since the board needs to have a motion from someone who voted against the adoption of a new policy, he opened it up for just that. Discussion: Jack said we're going to have most of those lambs not be able to show at State Fair based on the current ruling. He feels it would be counterproductive for State Fair stand by the ruling. Jim Mickelson asked if anyone had heard from Dr. Barlow regarding the use of ultra sound before entrance to the fair. Jason said he thinks Dr. Barlow is reconsidering because the testing can't be done as quickly as he had originally thought. **Jim Mickelson made a motion to put the issue on the agenda at the next face-to-face meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Graham.** Motion carried.

### **Issues**

Gene said in talking with some producers, there is a group of cattle purchased. The seller paid the predator fees at the time of the sale. The new owner rebranded and sold them within a year. That new owner doesn't feel he should have to pay the predator fees again. The statutes said the predator fees have to be paid every twelve months and does not say anything about the same owner.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gene Hardy, President

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Date