

1 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
2 **NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION**  
3 **2 p.m. MT, February 1, 2024**

4 **Via Zoom:**

5 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86777893644>

6 Call to Order Board Meeting – Chad Kremer at 2:03 p.m.

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8 Roll Call completed by Jim Matheson

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10 Present

11 Carie Starr, Chad Kremer, Ken Klemm, Joe Graham, Ace Ward, Adam Ulbricht, Liz Riffle, Sean  
12 Graese, Jessi Deardorf, Mary Adams, Ron Miskin

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14 Absent

15 Moritz Espy

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17 Excused

18 Stuart Schrag

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20 Staff

21 Jim Matheson, Lydia Whitman, Karen Conley

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23 President's Report

24 Ken Klemm provided remarks.

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26 Approval of the Minutes

27 January 17, 2024 Board Minutes (Attachment A)

28 January 19, 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes (Attachment B)

29 January 17, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes (Attachment C) with correction made under  
30 balance sheet instead of listing "current assets" twice, switch second phrase to "current  
31 liabilities".

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33 Motion made by Ken Klemm, second by Liz Riffle. Unanimously approved.

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35 Treasurer's Report presented by Jessi Deardorf and Jim Matheson for December Financials  
36 (Attachment D). Discussion on how designated reserves are formulated.

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38 Motion made by Ace Ward to approve the financials as presented. Second by Mary Adams.  
39 Unanimously approved.

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41 2024 Proposed Budget (Attachment E) reviewed by board.

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43 Motion to approve proposed budget by ken Klemm. Seconded by Jessi Deardorf.  
44 Unanimously approved.  
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46 Membership Report provided by Jim Matheson with review of YTD Membership (Attachment  
47 F). Discussion on thoughts for growing the membership.  
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49 Motion to accept membership report by Adam Ulbricht. Second by Carie Starr. Unanimously  
50 approved.  
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52 Committee Reports  
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54 Legislative and Regulatory – Adam Ulbricht reported good discussion on 1/17 meeting.  
55 Virtual congressional meetings slated for March.  
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57 GTSS – Chair Boyd Meyer not present. Jim Matheson reported GTSS had excellent show and  
58 sale. Currently acquiring surveys from buyers and consigners. Discussion on quality of service  
59 received by NWSS.  
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61 NABR – Chair Dr. Gerald Parsons not present. No report.  
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63 Science & Research – Chair Dr. Carter Kruse not present. Doesn't appear to have time to  
64 commit to this committee.  
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66 Commercial Marketers – Chair Dick Gehring not present. Jim Matheson reported meeting  
67 held on 1/18.  
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69 Conservation – Chair Ken Klemm reported meeting held on 1/17.  
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71 State-Regional – Chair John Graves not present. Planning a meeting in February.  
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73 Winter Conference – Chair Beverly Brown not present. Jim Matheson reported will be  
74 exploring hotel opportunities for 2025.  
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76 Growth Fund - Outreach Plan presented by Jim Matheson.  
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78 Annual Report/2024 Outreach (Attachment G) presented by Jim Matheson.  
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80 2024 Winter Conference & GTSS Update and Survey Results (Attachment H) presented by Jim  
81 Matheson.  
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83 SDSU Climate Smart Grant – Karen Conley provided updates.  
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85 Center of Excellence Update provided by Jim Matheson. A seat nomination is needed from  
86 the board for the COE.

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88 Motion for Chad Kremer to be nominated for the COE Board position made by Ken Klemm,  
89 second by Adam Ulbricht. Unanimously approved.  
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91 Program Manager Report – Lydia Whitman provided the update.  
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93 Communications Report – Karen Conley reported on progress.  
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95 Legislative and Regulatory Report provided by Jim Matheson.  
96 AMS – Monthly Bison Report Changes  
97 FAS – Japan, Taiwan, Anne Dawson  
98 FSA – Adm. Ducheneaux  
99 NRCS – 2024/25 Proposed Changes  
100 NIFA – 2024 Bison Health Symposium Proposal/Funding  
101 DOI – USFWS Yellowstone Species Assessment  
102 ITBC Meeting – USDA and DOI  
103 March Congressional Outreach Plan  
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105 Executive Director Report provided by Jim Matheson.  
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107 Code of Ethics Violation filed on Brandeon Hampton Social Media Issue (Attachment I). Up  
108 for review by the ethics committee.  
109  
110 2024 NBA Board Meeting Scheduling- dates laid out for the year.  
111 Next meeting 2pm MST March 21, 2024.  
112 Future NBA Board Meetings:  
113 Thursday, May 16, 2024 2pm MST  
114 Tuesday, July 16, 2024 2pm MST  
115 Thursday, September 19, 2024 2pm MST  
116 Friday, November 22, 2024 2pm MST  
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118 Strategic Plan Date Selection - April 17 – 19 in Denver (Attachment J).  
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120 International Director Nomination – Justin Dorey nominated by the Canadian Bison  
121 Association.  
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123 Motion by Ken Klemm to appoint Justin Dorey, second by Carie Starr. Unanimously  
124 approved.  
125  
126 ITBC MOU Review (Attachment K) as presented at the Winter Conference. No concerns  
127 presented.  
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129 Recommendation from Carie Starr to explore generating a shared google drive for the NBA  
130 board, along with access to the email list for all the different regions so outreach is more  
131 accessible.

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133 Adjournment at 4:22pm MST.

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135 Motion made by Carie Starr, seconded by Adam Ulbricht to adjourn the meeting. Motion  
136 passed unanimously.

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