

1   **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
2   **OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
3   **OF THE NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION**  
4   **August 13, 2020**  
5   **Via Telephone Conference Call**  
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7           The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Bison Association was  
8 convened at 5 p.m. MDT, Thursday, August 13, 2020 via telephone conference call pursuant to  
9 the bylaws and notification by the Executive Director.

10          Present were:

11          Donnis Baggett	Dick Gehring
12          Joe Graham	Robert Johnson
13          Jeremy Allemann	Alan Douglass
14          Kristopher Kelley	Chad Kremer
15          Mimi Hillenbrand	Mary Adams
16          Ken Klemm	Boyd Meyer

17          Absent were Brian Grubb and Campbell Burgess. Also present was Dave Carter. Dick  
18 Gehring presided and Dave Carter served as recording secretary.

19          The Chair noted that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a member to serve as  
20 Vice President for the remainder of the current term, which vacancy was created by Alan  
21 Douglass's announcement that he would be stepping down from that position. Mr. Douglass  
22 made some remarks and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve.

23          President Baggett noted that the Executive Committee met on August 5, 2020 and had  
24 unanimously voted to nominate Chad Kremer to fill that position. Mr. Baggett made a motion to  
25 appoint Chad Kremer as Vice President. Said motion was seconded by Ken Klemm. Mr.  
26 Kremer made brief remarks to the board. The motion was put to a vote and carried.

27          Mr. Baggett reported that the Executive Committee had convened on August 11, 2020 and  
28 had unanimously voted to nominate Mimi Hillenbrand to serve as Director at Large for the  
29 balance of the current term in the event that Mr. Kremer was appointed as Vice President. A  
30 motion was made by Donnis Baggett to appoint Mimi Hillenbrand as Director at Large for the  
31 National Bison Association. Said motion was seconded by Mary Adams. The motion was put to  
32 a vote and carried.

1 The appointment of Mimi Hillenbrand as Director at Large leaves Region III vacant. Mary  
2 Adams made a motion that the winner of the September Regional election for Region III be  
3 automatically appointed as Region III Director beginning October 1, 2020. Said motion was  
4 seconded by Mimi Hillenbrand. The motion was put to a vote and carried.

5 The board agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled board meeting on September 17,  
6 2020.

7 Mr. Carter reported that bison producers were once again excluded from eligibility in the  
8 latest round of COVID-19 assistance. He said that the NBA will continue to push for eligibility  
9 under any future COVID-19 relief package. Boyd Meyer mentioned that the NBA may want to  
10 consider submitting a request for a USDA Section 32 purchase of bison meat. Donnis Baggett  
11 recommended that the NBA survey the Commercial Marketers' Committee regarding their  
12 opinion of a Section 32 Program. Mr. Carter noted that he could conduct a survey of the  
13 commercial marketers fairly rapid. Jeremy Allemann suggested that the board act upon the  
14 information provided by the marketers promptly. The Chair said that the board may meet next  
15 week to consider the feedback from the marketers.

16 There being no additional business to come before the board, and upon motion made,  
17 seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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20 Joe Graham, Secretary

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24 Dave Carter, Recording Secretary