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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION**

January 18, 2023

Via Zoom/ In Person at the Westin Westminster in Westminster, Colorado

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Bison Association was convened at 2:09 p.m. MST, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in person at the Westin Westminster in Westminster, Colorado, and via the Zoom virtual platform pursuant to the bylaws and at the request of the NBA President and Executive Director.

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Board Members Present:

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Donnis Baggett	Chad Kremer
Robert Johnson	Ken Klemm
Elizabeth Riffle	Mimi Hillenbrand
Boyd Meyer	Moritz Espy
Carie Starr	Mary Adams
Stuart Schrag	Kevin Leier

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Board Members Absent/Excused:

Campbell Burgess	Jeremy Allerman
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Staff/ Guests Present:

Jim Matheson	Lydia Whitman
Joe Graham	Adam Ulbricht- Region V Elect
Jamie Moulton	Matthew Koth

Call to Order Board Meeting

Donnis Baggett called the January 18, 2023 regular Executive Board meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Jim Matheson.

President's Report

President's reported delivered by Chad Kremer. Recognized the spectacular job Jim has done in the last year, and pride at how NBA as an organization is maturing. Identified goals, especially helping membership step up and get involved in the organization.

Approval of the Minutes

Three minutes were reviewed by board: November 18, 2022 Board Minutes (Attachment A), Finance Committee December 2, 2022 (Attachment B), Finance Committee December 22, 2022 (Attachment C). No additions or corrections identified.

45 Motion to approve November 18, 2022 Board Minutes (Attachment A), Finance Committee
46 December 2, 2022 (Attachment B), Finance Committee December 22, 2022 (Attachment C)
47 made by Ken Klemm, second by Liz Riffle. Motion carried unanimously.

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49 **Treasurer's Report**

50 Reviewed December YTD Financial Report (Attachment D). Update provide by Jim Matheson
51 regarding 2021 Audit.

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53 Motion to approve December Financial Report made by Ken Klemm, seconded by Liz Riffle,
54 motion carried unanimously.

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56 2021 Audit results reported. Final report completed by Cutler and Associates.

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58 Motion to accept 2021 Audit made by Mimi Hillenbrand, second by Ken Klemm, motion carried
59 unanimously.

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61 Update on Raymond James agreement. Introduction of Jamie Moulton and Matthew Koth,
62 Raymond James account managers for the National Bison Association. Matthew and Jamie
63 invited to be part of next board meeting to walk through the cash results of the board requested
64 reports to be provided at each BOD meeting. Jamie and Matthew also identified that they would
65 like to offer the same financial services to all NBA members.

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67 2023 Budget (Attachment E) report by Jim Matheson.

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69 Motion to table action on 2023 budget until 2023 board meeting made by Mortiz Espy,
70 seconded by Carie Starr. Motion carried unanimously.

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72 **Membership Report**

73 Year to Date Membership count from January 14th, and reflected in Attachment F.

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75 Fall membership drive discussed. Board discussion on analytics and outreach opportunities.
76 Recommendation to rename the "Youth" category to "Student". Discussion on advertising "free
77 consulting" with assigned parameters, which would be offered by regional directors. Directors
78 discussion on participation in regional level meetings and intentionally speaking on the value of
79 membership.

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81 **Grants**

82 NCSARE – Regenerative Field Days progress reported by Jim Matheson. Three field days
83 completed for 2022, three planned for 2023.

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85 Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Proposal was submitted October 6th, waiting to hear if
86 selected.

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88 Climate Smart Ag Grant – Delayed to March- 3.6 million over 5 years with most of award going to
89 growers as incentive for using climate smart strategies in raising their bison.

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91 NIFA International Bison Health Symposium- exploring opportunities for 2024.

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93 **Committee Reports**

94 Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS) – Boyd Meyer reported on progress for GTSS.

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96 NABR-Connor Elliott: Conner not at meeting. Corresponded with Jim, nothing new to report.

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98 Science & Research – Carter Kruse: Carter not at meeting. Jim reported there are some 2023
99 plans.

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101 Commercial Marketers – Dick Gehring: Dick not at meeting. Jim reported 1.19.23 an in person
102 Commercial Marketers meeting would be held with live reports from USDA agency
103 representatives.

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105 Conservation – Ken Klemm: Reported ongoing discussions for CMP program with different
106 players.

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108 State-Regional – John Graves: John not at meeting. Jim reported next meeting would be held at
109 the end of January/ beginning of February. Goal is to hold quarterly meetings.

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111 Winter Conference – Beverly Brown: Bev reported progress and encouraged board members to
112 be present for introductions at the mentor session.

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114 **Program Manager Report**

115 Lydia Whitman reported work products (Attachment G) achieved covering legislative work,
116 membership drive, event planning, and support for members and committees.

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118 **Winter Conference Update**

119 Jim Matheson reported registration exceeded goals, coming in close to 400.

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121 Reported that the Continental Bison Working Group meetings were going well, wrapping up this
122 evening with the joint reception. Jim and Mimi serve on the steering committee for this group,
123 and Ken Klemm assisted with one of the discussion sessions.

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125 Reported on ITBC collaboration, and meeting to review and sign the revised MOU.

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127 **Executive Director Report**

128 Jim Matheson provided report (Attachment H). Highlighted Japanese government delegation
129 tour of bison processing facilities.

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131 Reviewed Flower Hill Institute MOU request.

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133 Motion made for the final approval of the Flower Hill Institute MOU request made by Mimi
134 Hillenbrand, seconded by Liz Riffle. Motion carried unanimously.

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136 **Other Business**

137 Intertribal Buffalo Council MOU (Attachment J) and meet and greet.

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139 **Adjournment**

140 Motion to adjourn made at 3:53 p.m. MT by Ken Klemm. Seconded by Moritz Espy. Motion
141 carried unanimously.

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143 Respectfully Submitted,

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Kevin Leier, Secretary

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Lydia Whitman

150 Recording Secretary