

SUMMER MEETING

JUNE 15-16, 2018

Cattle Health and Well-Being Committee

June 15, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Jerry Bob “J.B.” Daniel – Chair

J.D. Cage – Vice Chair

MINUTES

- I. Call to order
 - The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Bob Daniel.
- II. Approval of minutes from last committee meeting
 - Austin Brown III moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2017 meeting
 - Gilly Riojas seconded the motion
 - The minutes were unanimously approved
- III. Fever Tick Subcommittee Special Report
 - Dr. Hallie Hasel, Asst. Director of USDA’s Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program
 - Dr. Hasel gave a special report on the status of cattle fever ticks in Texas. She diligently outlined current outbreaks in the state and identified challenges faced by ranchers trying to eradicate the tick. Dr. Hasel also informed the committee that USDA is conducting an external review of the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program that may result in changes to the program.
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - Hughes Abell, TSCRA First Vice President
 - Mr. Abell gave an update on the Texas Source Verification Project that TSCRA is working on with Texas Cattle Feeders Association. This project was initiated in response to interest expressed by ranchers, consumers, and foreign markets to have better identification and records on U.S. cattle.
 - Dr. TR Lansford III, TAHC Region 8 Director of Texas Animal Health Commission
 - Dr. Lansford gave a presentation on Texas’ trichomoniasis program. He explained why mitigating the spread of trich is so crucial to the cattle industry and what rules TAHC currently has in place to control the disease.
- V. New business
 - Following Dr. Lansford’s presentation, Chairman Daniel talked about his own struggle with trichomoniasis and reiterated the importance of controlling the disease. Mr. Daniel then established a trichomoniasis working group to review TSCRA’s trich policy and recommend revisions to the policy that allow TSCRA to be more proactive.
- VI. Adjourn
 - With no other business being brought before the committee, Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:27 p.m.
 - Freddy Nieto made the motion to adjourn
 - Coleman Locke seconded the motion
 - The vote on the motion to adjourn was unanimous