

KHSI Board of Directors Special Meeting Teleconference September 13, 2020

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM EST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, Robert Walker, John Dyer, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Jane Smith stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) grant application to advance genomic EBV's for the Katahdin breed.

Dan Turner began by thanking the NSIP committee and those who assisted in preparing the grant application. Alan Culham noted that the application evolved as a result of Tuesday's NSIP committee meeting. During that meeting, Lynn Fahrmeier, Dan Turner and Caleb Pirc were very helpful explaining the goals and objectives of the proposed grant.

Several board members expressed the following concerns:

- The short amount of time available to write the grant and, in turn, for board members to make an informed decision
- How the finances are disbursed and expenditures recovered
- How and where the samples would be gathered and stored (Howard Covington learned from Roxanne Newton that the earlier samples were stored in Idaho)
- The life span of the grant
- If Alan Culham would have adequate time to administer the grant, given that he would assume responsibility for all management duties as of January 1, 2021

Dan Turner and Alan Culham addressed the questions, with assistance from Robert Walker regarding the disbursement process. Larry Weeks emphasized that there would be no financial risk to KHSI.

Dan Turner moved that the board approve the NSIP Committee's grant application to the NSIIC for genomic research. Larry Weeks seconded the motion and Jane called for a vote. The motion was approved 4-3. Dan Turner, Larry Weeks, Robert Walker and Jane Smith voted in favor. Howard Covington, John Dyer and Cindy DeOrnellis were not in favor of the motion.

Alan Culham, Jane Smith and Dan Turner need to provide biographies to complete the application process.

Jane Smith reminded everyone that the board was scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 17, at 8:00 PM EST. Agenda items should be forwarded to Alan Culham by noon on Wednesday.

Howard Covington moved to adjourn the meeting and Larry Weeks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0 and Jane Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy DeOrnellis