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**UGC Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 21st, 2022
10:00am (CST)
Virtual**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Board Members in attendance were: Patrick Wall, Ryan Boldt, Jerry Cassady, Aaron Arnett, Mark Henry, Sean McGrath, Scott Greiner, Becky Hays, Rethel King, Chip Kemp, and Collin Osbourn.

In old business, the minutes from the previous June 2, 2022 meeting were presented. Cassady moved and Arnett second to approve the minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

Increasing the Reference Tech Fees for UGC Field Certifications was discussed Henry moved and Hays second to increase interpretation & image quality scoring to \$50, interpretation & image quality minus IMF to \$40, and image quality only to \$30.

Wall presented the financial report. Current balances were: \$47,510.58 (Checking) and \$77,948.77 (Savings) McGrath moved and Greiner second to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

There was a request for additional financial outputs. Wall expressed that additional hardware and software purchases and annual licensing fees would be necessary to provide this information. Quick Books would require a \$30-200/month license fee. A new laptop dedicated to these efforts would be \$500-1,400. Access to storage servers within Iowa State Extension would no longer be an option if an out-of-network laptop was used. In 2022, there were only 23 Deposits, 9 checks written, 38 debits (airfare, fuel, meals), and 12 ACH payments. The Board agreed to continue with the current financial reports.

Wall reached out to UGC's legal representative that prepares and files our tax requirements regarding issuing a 1099 to Wall. The following response was given:

Tax Status: 1099s are not necessarily required when the entity being paid is an artificial entity and in the business of providing the services paid for. For example, you, as a farmer, would not have to issue and send a 1099 to your coop or chemical provider for spraying or to your repair shop for working on your equipment. In addition, your organization is a 501(c)(5) organization so it is tax-exempt. It is not paying any income tax, so that deduction is not saving any money on income tax. If you need anything else, please let me know.

~Ben T. Doran, Doran Law Office

Kemp agreed to reach out for additional legal advice and report back.

In new business, Wall reported on the 2022 Fall Field Certification at West Texas A&M University. There were 35 technicians who passed and 8 fails across 6 technology platforms. Lab Certifications in 2022 included an

87% pass rate with some re-takes scheduled before year-end. Software was certified for the new EVO III platform.

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Wall informed the Board of his plans to meet with the US Beef Breeds Council on February 2, 2023 during the NCBA Convention. He planned to update them on the consistency of labs across the newer technologies being used in the field, and the 3-year process to get carcass data behind every machine being used in the industry. He also planned to discuss Ether Extract vs. Camera Grading Marbling Score moving into the future as well as new research regarding IMF Model Testing for heavy Ear Influence.

King moved and Hays second to adjourn at 11:25am. Motion carried.

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