



Minutes
State Beef Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017

During the annual Commodity Organizational Meeting held in Montgomery this year, members of the Beef Farmers Division enjoyed a morning of informational seminars that continued on the theme of management that was introduced at the summer 2016 Commodity Conference in Mobile.

Dr. Richard Machen, Professor, King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management, presented Beef Cattle Management: Decision Making. After that, Mr. Ken Stewart, Cattle Manager, Southern Cattle Company spoke about How To Successfully Transition Management on the Farm. Then Dr. Machen ended the morning session with a presentation entitled Human Resource Management on the Ranch.

During the luncheon, Mr. Mike Henry was honored with a retiring plaque after serving 9 consecutive years on the state beef committee, including two years as chairman.

After lunch the state committee elections were conducted. Newly elected to a three-year term were Mahlon Richburg, Lee County; Anthony Faggard, Mobile County; Billy Hixon, Pike County; and Dr. David Evans, St. Clair County.

A brief meeting of the 2017 State Beef Committee was held immediately following the Commodity Organizational Meeting. A discussion about the pending GIPSA Interim Final Rule regarding Competitive Injury and Tournament Pay was led by Mr. Joe Roberts of the State Poultry Committee. The committee concluded that more study was needed and agreed to schedule a conference call within 30 days.

After that, the following officers were elected to serve a two-year term: Chairman – Jim Yance, Henry County; 1st Vice Chairman – Phil Slay, Chambers County; and 2nd Vice Chairman – Tim Whitley, Blount County. A contact sheet for the newly elected committee **is included with this packet.**

Jaeger then asked for volunteers to help with the 2017 Jr. Beef Expo Showmanship Contest, sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation on Friday March 17. Richburg, Lee, Hixon and Lipscomb committed to help.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.