I. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm MST by Chairman Jimmy Holliman. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes for the 2017 Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting in Denver, CO were approved without objection.

II. Speakers:

Opening Remarks – Greg Ibach, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

World Perspectives Inc. Traceability Study – David Gregg, Consulting Projects Manager, WPI.

The Value of an Expanded U.S. FMD Vaccine Bank for the Beef Cattle Industry – Dr. Jim Roth, Presidential Chair in Veterinary Microbiology and Preventative Medicine, Clarence Hartley Covault Distinguished Professor, Director of Center for Food Security and Public Health, and Executive Director of Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Progress and Future Plans for the Secure Beef Supply Plan – Dr. Mike Sanderson, Professor, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Update on the NAHMS Cow-Calf Survey and the Antimicrobial Drug Use in Cattle on Feed Survey – Dr. Chuck Fossler, Veterinary Epidemiologist, National Animal Health Monitoring System, USDA, APHIS, VS, CEAH.

III. Reports:


The BQA Feedyard Assessment Task Force is working on a gap analysis of the assessment and developing a scoring system. The Task Force plans to present a report of their work at the 2018 Cattle Industry Summer Business meeting.

IV. New Business:

Chairman Holliman opened the floor to new business. Dr. Tom Portillo, representing the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, brought the following directive on key inputs in cattle production before the committee for their consideration and made a motion for adoption:
WHEREAS, in late 2017, a manufacturing plant in Germany that produces almost 50 percent of the world’s supply of raw ingredients necessary to manufacture Vitamins A and E caught fire and ceased production operations for several months, and

WHEREAS, the other primary manufacturer of raw ingredients is located in China and also experienced supply chain disruptions, and

WHEREAS, the unexpected and unanticipated shortage of Vitamins A and E has resulted in a significant increase in the cost of mineral and vitamin premixes for cattle, and in some cases supplement suppliers have indicated that the vitamins will not be available at all, and

WHEREAS, excessive regulation in the United States (U.S.) has helped drive manufacturing of all types overseas, and

WHEREAS, there have been other examples in recent years of interruptions in supply chains that have affected the availability of key inputs and/or increased the costs incurred by cattlemen, such as growth promotants, biologicals and pharmaceuticals,

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, NCBA work with industry, university experts, nutritionists, and veterinary groups to develop a strategy for assessing supplies of key inputs for U.S. cattle production, including a literature review and stakeholder forum, to make recommendations for next steps at the Cattle Health and Well-being Committee at Summer Conference 2018.

Dr. Portillo’s motion was seconded and no discussion of the proposed directive took place. The directive was approved by unanimous vote by the CHWB membership present at the meeting.

No other business was brought before the committee.

V. Chairman Holliman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm MST.