

BYLAWS OF  
**BLACKFEET NATION STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Amendment of February 3, 2000 Bylaws**

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**PREAMBLE**

We the undersigned livestock operators of the Blackfeet Reservation organize for mutual benefit in order to promote the development and growth of the livestock industry in this area, to provide financial support for furthering activities beneficial to meeting our common goals and objectives as stockman in this area, and hereby agree to work together without capitol stock for the purpose of forming the Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association.

**ARTICLE 1 – ESTABLISHMENT**

Pursuant to Blackfeet Tribal Business Council Resolution #166-2000 which recognizes the Blackfeet Nation Stock Grower Association, these Bylaws shall govern the Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association.

**ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**

The nature of the business of the Association and its objectives and purpose for which this association is formed are:

1. To further development and growth of the livestock industry in this area and to provide a means of association for mutual growth and protection of individual members of this association.
2. To provide a forum for members to exchange ideas and information on matters relevant to livestock production.
3. This Association shall not endorse, take part in, the activities of any political party, nor shall it take part in any purely political controversies, or endorse any individual candidate. This provision, however, shall not prohibit the Association from engaging in political activity for the purpose of obtaining the passage or adoption of any livestock programs fostered by it.

**ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association is open to anyone regardless of race, religion, color, sex, disability or national origin.
2. Dues: There are no dues.
3. Membership Year: The membership shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
4. Membership in good standing: Member in good standing must own livestock.

**ARTICLE 4 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

1. Membership is entitled to participate in various forms, symposia, meetings and committees, as well as receive the proceedings of the meetings and materials sent to the membership by the Board.
2. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Must be present to vote.

**ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS**

Elected from the membership of the Association, the Executive Board shall be comprised of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer, none of which shall receive any compensation.

**ARTICLE 6 – TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office of all officers shall be one year and shall be elected in December of each year. Members nominated for office must be members in good standing.

**ARTICLE 7 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Chairperson:** The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Association and designate the meeting place of the Association. The Chairperson shall ensure that all activities of the Association are carried out in accordance with these Bylaws and with the rules of order adopted by the Association. Act as the official spokesperson for the Association. And encourage all elected officer to perform their respective duties.

**Vice-Chairperson:** The duties and responsibilities of the Vice-Chairperson is to preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep current the correspondence of the Association, maintain accurate and complete minutes of all official meetings and mail/email a copy of the said minutes to each member in good standing. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare news articles of events and advertisements of meetings and place in public places and social media. Shall keep an accurate account of all funds, receipts and disbursements of funds of the Association. Submit a financial report that includes income, expenses and a balance of funds quarterly.

**ARTICLE 8 – REMOVAL**

Any officer of the Association may be removed from office at any time, with just cause, including continued neglect of his or her duties, three (3) unexplained/unexcused absences, or conduct which is derogatory to the best interest of the Association upon a vote in favor of not less than majority of the membership.

**ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATION**

Regular meetings of the Association shall be convened at lease every other month. Public notice of each meeting will be made five days prior to the date of the meeting. The location of the meetings shall be determined by the Chairperson and provided in the public notice. All meetings shall be open to the public.

**ARTICLE 10 – QUORUM**

Seven members of the Association including two officers shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present for the transaction of any Association business.

**ARTICLE 11 – RULES OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Association shall adopt Roberts Rules of Order to conduct the meetings of the Association.

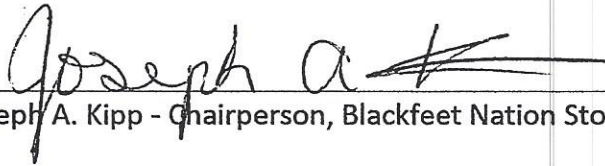
**ARTICLE 12 – SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws, including separate Articles contained within, may be amended or suspended by the majority of the quorum of the Blackfeet Nations Stock Growers Association members.

**ARTICLE 13 – FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF ASSOCIATION**

No member or officer, or any group shall be empowered to incur any debt for or on behalf of the Association. The Officers, at their meetings shall, by resolution, authorize the expenditure of moneys necessary for the operation of the Association.

We, the membership of the Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association, have reviewed, discussed and approved these Bylaws at a duly schedule meeting held on the July 19, 2017.



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Joseph A. Kipp - Chairperson, Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association



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Verna Billedeaux - Secretary/Treasurer, Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association