

**MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014  
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 321  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M.**

Call to Order by Chairman Sauble at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Members present: Bill Sauble; Don (Bebo) Lee; Loren Horton; Kevin Elfering; Effie Walker; Bob Frost; David Kincaid; Donald Martinez; Jerrod Harral.

NMLB Staff members present were: Ray Baca, NMLB Executive Director; Allison Hedgecock, NMLB General Counsel; Ron Hofius, IT; Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator.

Guests: Susan Hemmerle, The Horse Shelter; Dr. Stuart McCall; Ms. Jane Frost.

**Approval of last board meeting minutes:**

Mr. Elfering motioned to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2014 meeting as presented. Ms. Walker seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Stuart McCall stated that he was very interested in the State Veterinarian position with the board and had been unsuccessful in applying for the position. Ask Board to consider re-opening the position. Other applicants also had issues. Chairman Sauble stated that the position would be re-advertised.

**Closed Executive Session:**

Chairman Sauble moved that the board go into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(7) to proceed with the scheduled interviews for Governor Exempt Position. Mr. Lee seconds the motion. Roll call vote:

Jarrod Harral - Yes  
Donald Martinez - Yes  
David Kincaid – Yes  
Loren Horton – Yes  
Bebo Lee - Yes  
Effie Walker – Yes  
Bob Frost – Yes  
Kevin Elfering - Yes

Motion Carries. Board goes into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

At approximately 10:39 a.m. Chairman Sauble moved to return to open session. Stated that nothing was discussed in Executive Session except what was listed on the agenda to close the session. Roll call vote taken.

Jarrold Harral – Yes

Donald Martinez – Yes

Loren Horton - Yes

Bob Frost - Yes

David Kincaid - Yes

Effie Walker – Yes

Kevin Elfering - Yes

Back in open session.

Mr. Elfering moves to re-open and advertise the Executive Director position. Although all the candidates interviewed had good qualifications in many areas, none of the three remaining candidates met the criteria for the effective management of the NMLB. Mr. Horton seconds.

In favor 8; opposed 1.

Motion Carries. The Executive Director position will be re-opened and advertised.

**Other:**

Ms. Susan Hemmerle from The Horse Shelter made a statement regarding her hope to meet and discuss the horse issues with the Executive Director. They have many questions about horse intake and why things have changed over the years. How can we work together for the welfare of the horses? June meeting is a rule-making meeting and on that agenda is the horse shelter fund and the rules governing horse rescues.

Mr. Ray Baca distributed a memo to board members regarding their reimbursements and two different options the board members have to choose from when attending board meetings where minutes are taken. The topic will be placed on the June meeting agenda for action.

The June meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Las Cruces at the Convention Center in conjunction with the New Mexico Cattle Growers and New Mexico Farm Bureau meeting.

Ms. Allison Hedgecock, General Counsel, addressed the board to say that the attorneys in the Collier case will present their requests for the procedure and depth of questions to be presented to the board at the actual hearing. This is a pre-hearing meeting on what the board is willing to hear to make a determination if what occurred is in fact a commonly accepted animal husbandry practice.

There will be a Financial, Deputy Director and a Director's Report.

Board Member Martinez proposed a discussion on eliminating the Area Supervisor positions. Chairman Sauble recommended that that topic be placed on an agenda after the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; perhaps for the September board meeting.

Rule changes are on the agenda. Proposed changes are on the website. Trich and 2 on horse rescue and exhibition rules are being reviewed.

Ms. Walker asked if there were any health issues going on in the state right now. Mr. Baca spoke about a slight problem with some goats with sore mouth that came in to the northeast corner of New Mexico. Already confined and looking for any more exposure that may have occurred. On the exhibition side, there is some concern on the pig issues that have come up. Inspectors are well trained and prepared to handle the issue.

Board member asked if there are any recommendations on exhibition of pigs being tagged and weighed. Everything is on the website with recommendations and precautions on how to handle swine. The information has been sent out to New Mexico State and exhibition people. At this time, they are only recommendations.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Mr. Horton motioned to adjourn. Ms Walker seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:56 a.m.

Bill Sauble  
6/9/14