

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015
9:00 A.M.

ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTER
100 WEST 11TH STREET
ROSWELL, NM 88201

CALL TO ORDER 9:06 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Kincaid	Bill Sauble
Jerrod Harral	Don "Bebo" Lee
Bob Frost	Effie Walker
Loren Horton	Kevin Elfering

BOARD MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

Donald Martinez

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

William Bunce, Executive Director	Ray E. Baca, Deputy Director
Shannon Murdock, General Counsel	Julie Gauman, IT
Andrew Silva, CFO	Ellen Mary Wilson, D.V.M., State Veterinarian
Priscilla Peña-Johnson, HR Manager/Administrator	

VISITORS:

Ms. Jane Frost

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Sauble moves Item #6, Mill Levy Rate, on the agenda to follow Item #10, the Financial Report. Mr. Lee motions to approve the agenda. Ms. Walker seconds the motion. All in favor. Agenda with change is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Walker moves to approve the May 27th and 28th, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Loren Horton seconds. The motion carried unanimously. The May 27th and 28th, 2015 Board Meeting minutes are approved.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Sauble moves to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) (7) for a legal update on Regensburg Tort Case, WHOA Case and possible other Tort Claims.

Bob Frost seconds. Roll Call vote:

Kevin Elfering - Yes	Loren Horton - Yes
Effie Walker - Yes	Bob Frost - Yes

Bebo Lee - Yes
Bill Sauble - Yes

Jerrod Harral - Yes
David Kincaid - Yes

The NM Livestock Board goes into closed executive session at approximately 9:10 a.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Sauble motions to return to open session at approximately 9:40 a.m. noting that nothing was discussed in Executive Session except what was listed on the motion to close and no action was taken. Mr. Lee seconds the motion.

Roll call vote:

Kevin Elfering – Yes
Effie Walker - Yes
Bebo Lee - Yes
Bill Sauble - Yes

Loren Horton - Yes
Bob Frost – Yes
Jerrod Harral - Yes
David Kincaid - Yes

NM Livestock Board goes back into open session at approximately 9:40 a.m.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Ray Baca, Deputy Director, reviewed statistics for road stops and incidents. Three inspectors graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in May. Mr. Steven Howard in Farmington, Mr. Justin Gray in Cuba and Mr. Rowdy Smith in Clovis all graduated with honors. Mr. Baca also reviewed an on-going investigation with the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. William Bunce, Executive Director, reviewed legislative activities; read an excerpt of a biography on Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff, Field Veterinarian, and discussed the need for additional veterinary staff; discussed the recent Law Enforcement training; and introduced General Counsel Shannon Murdock.

Ms. Murdock discussed the J Hearing held on May 27th and 28th. She also discussed the IPRA requests and that she is drafting an agency policy on how best to handle the IPRA requests. Form will be online with an email address to simplify the process.

Mr. Bunce discussed the man hours spent on IPRA requests. Mr. Bunce also discussed a letter from the NM Beef Council. No Board action required.

Mr. Bunce reviewed a historical listing of beef cattle numbers in NM. Numbers of cattle has increased since January 2015. Also passed out the minimum value of livestock by species issued by NMSU.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Andrew Silva presented the unqualified FY 14 Audit; one finding for not maintaining quotes associated with the purchase of services over \$10,000 for FY2014.

Mr. Silva reviewed budget projections for current year, FY15.

Mr. Silva presented FY2013, FY2014 and FY2015 Mill Levy data.

FY16 MILL LEVY RATE:

Currently at 10 mills for cattle and 5 mills for dairy.

Mr. Loren Horten moves to set the FY16 mill levy for livestock, including but not limited to horses, asses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, bison, ratites, camelids and such other livestock that are subject to property taxation, shall be set at 10 mills, with the exception of the mill levy for dairy cattle, which will be set at 5 mills. Seconded by Mr. Kevin Elfering.

The statute requires that the NM Livestock Board set the rate.

Roll call vote:

Kevin Elfering – Yes

Loren Horton - Yes

Effie Walker - Yes

Bob Frost – Yes

Bebo Lee - Yes

Jerrod Harral - No

Bill Sauble - Yes

David Kincaid - Yes

By a 7-1 vote, the FY16 Mill Levy Rate is approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT:

Ms. Pena-Johnson discussed vacancy rate of 20%. 11 positions vacant in the field. Recruitment testing will be conducted on June 16th.

Discussed movements in salary. Average salaries for Livestock Inspectors and Brand Inspectors has increased. Pay Bands are appropriate.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Wilson reviewed and had training materials on TB and Trich certification testing revised. May conduct remedial training for private practitioners in the future to try to enhance capabilities.

Animal Disease Traceability: Advancements have been made by the department for the documentation and enhancement of the databases thanks to Mr. Ron Hofius and the IT team. Data entry person has done excellent job in terms of review and scanning of the documents.

Disease Issues: Two active brucellosis trace investigations in progress; free of bovine TB; bovine Trich is an ongoing priority. A thorough review and evaluation of the Trich rule must be undertaken. Mr. Horton stated that enforcement of the rule is an issue. Plan to bring authors of the current rule together to reevaluate the rule and modify the rule. VS confirmed in horses in two counties – Grant and Otero. No VSV vaccine is licensed and there is only palliative treatment of the disease. The first PEDv case in New Mexico was confirmed in March 2015 with no evidence of disease

spread. H5 Avian Influenza virus was detected in a sample from a duck at the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in April 2015. HPAI outreach efforts will be redoubled. Dr. Wilson also reviewed concerns on Scrapie surveillance in New Mexico and the potential for loss of Scrapie-Consistent Status, which could impact the interstate trade of sheep from New Mexico. There is a need to do outreach to stakeholders on the National Scrapie Eradication Program. A decision on whether New Mexico should cancel the poultry show season due to the HPAI incident in the US is under consideration and will be made soon. The effect cancellation of poultry shows would have on exhibitors, with a full appreciation for the effect on the children participating in poultry projects, is being given consideration. The need and support for an additional field veterinarian was expressed by Mr. Elfering.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Mr. Elfering commented that in the Evans case heard last month, the people involved in the field did an excellent job and made some very difficult decisions. The staff could use more consistency on how evidence is used and gathered. Photographs should have been documented better. Easier to remember.

Mr. Harral asked if the investigative branch had been reviewed further. Mr. Bunce stated that it has been brainstormed and discussed. Two concepts have been discussed. Each area with an investigator vs. one or two positions travel and cover the state. Looking at numbers of Inspector II and I.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kincaid motions to adjourn. Mr. Horton seconds. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 pm.

APPROVAL:

Bill Saults
8/15/15