

**MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014**

**NMLB ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Sauble, Chair (In Office)
Donald Martinez
Bob Frost
Effie Walker
David Kincaid

Jerrod Harral
Don "Bebo" Lee, Vice-Chair
Loren Horton, Secretary
Kevin Elfering

STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Baca, Executive Director
Allison Hedgecock, General Counsel

Dr. Ellen Mary Wilson, State Veterinarian
Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Zach Riley, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau
Gary Miles, Placitas Animal Rescue

Caren Cowan, NM Cattle Growers Association

CALL TO ORDER 1:03 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes:

Effie Walker moved to approve the August 29, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Bob Frost seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Miles:

Placitas Animal Rescue. Would like to know if the board members that are going to be appointed if they are going to continue the illegal act that the livestock board has been doing so far as allowing the public to round up horses illegally by not having the property fenced and bait trapping the horses with corral panels. He has personally been physically attacked, physically hurt. His life has been threatened his family has been threatened with death because of the livestock board's actions and the livestock board itself. He has a felony pending and two battery charges pending against him due to the fact that the livestock board continues to allow and publicly has put out press releases saying it is okay to round up horses on your own property and none of these properties have their properties fully fenced. Now under the law and under the livestock boards own website you have to have your property fully fenced before you can round up livestock. He would like to know if any of the new board members or the new appointee is going to continue this action or this board is going to continue this action against the wild horses of Placitas that we consider livestock. Now being that they are considered livestock, the property has to be fully fenced under state law and under all exceptions with the state law so he is just wondering if that will continue this way or what his appeal rights would be when we have the new appointee and does he have any conflicts of interest communicating with people and dealing with the Placitas wild horses prior to his appointment?

E-mail from Patience O'Dowd read by Chairman Sauble:

Wild Horse Observers Association. Hello New Mexico Livestock Board members. Please be aware that Mr. Alexander's possible appointment as Executive Director of the New Mexico Livestock Board for the following reasons. One. Mr. Alexander has the appearance of being personally involved in Placitas round ups per IPRA see page one attached below for just one example. Mr. Alexander will be in a revolving door situation between the BLM and the NM Livestock Board. The wild horse observers association has received multiple complaints about his possible appointment and this appears to be clear conflict of interest. 85.7% of Placitans want these horses to remain in Placitas and this also goes against the will of the people. Please take those input into consideration in your selection of the next Executive Director of the Livestock Board as this is a position of a public servant and actions and appearances should also be above reproach.

Zach Riley:

NM Farm and Livestock Bureau. NM FLB is one of the agricultural organizations in the state and it's always had an open line of dialogue with this board. They offer their support to whatever candidate is chosen and encourage that strong bond between the organizations and continued open minded dialogue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:13 P.M.

Effie Walker motions to go into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director position pursuant to 10-15-1(H). Applicants being considered are William Bunce, Kyle Hibner and Bob Alexander. David Kincaid seconded. Roll call vote:

Donald Martinez Yes	Bebo Lee Yes
Bob Frost Yes	Loren Horton Yes
Effie Walker Yes	Kevin Elfering Yes
Jerrold Harral Yes	David Kincaid Yes
Bill Sauble Yes	

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:20 P.M.

Chairman Sauble motions to return to open session noting that nothing was discussed in Executive Session except what was listed on the motion to close. Jerrod Harral seconded. Roll call vote:

Donald Martinez Yes	Loren Horton Yes
Bob Frost Yes	Kevin Elfering Yes
Effie Walker Yes	David Kincaid Yes
Jerrold Harral Yes	Bill Sauble Yes
Bebo Lee Yes	

Donald Martinez motions to appoint William Bunce to the Executive Director effective December 1. Jerrod Harral seconded. Roll call vote:

Donald Martinez Yes	Loren Horton Yes
Bob Frost Yes	Kevin Elfering Yes
Effie Walker Yes	David Kincaid Yes
Jerrold Harral Yes	Bill Sauble Yes
Bebo Lee Yes	

Motion carried. The Executive Director position will be offered to William Bunce effective December 1, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS

Donald Martinez asked about the status of the Deputy Director vacancy. Chairman Sauble stated that the position is a classified position that will go through state personnel and all their procedures and was not listed on the agenda and cannot be included in this board meeting.

Loren Horton offered his appreciation, support and acknowledgement to Mr. Ray Baca not only for his time as Executive Director but for his many years of service to the NMLB and to the industry. He thanked Mr. Baca for his work and thanked him for the leadership and guidance he has provided to the Livestock Board. Chairman Sauble and other board members seconded that statement.

ADJOURNMENT 1:25 P.M.

Loren Horton motions to adjourn. Bob Frost seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL:

Bill Sauble
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