

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014
9:00 A.M.

2014 JOINT STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION
MARRIOTT PYRAMID NORTH
5151 SAN FRANCISCO RD, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109
SANTA FE ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Sauble, Chair
Donald Martinez
Bob Frost
Effie Walker

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

BOARD MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

David Kincaid

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Baca, Executive Director
Allison Hedgecock, General Counsel
Dr. Ellen Mary Wilson, State Veterinarian
Shawn Davis, Area 1 Supervisor
Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor

Andrew Silva, CFO
Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator
Julie Gauman, IT
Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor
Sharon Nelson, Finance

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Von C. Stephens, High Desert Rescue
Betti Stephens, High Desert Rescue
Rick Iannucci, Horses for Heroes NM
Carlos Salazar
Cornelio Salazar
Lorenzo Salazar
Milford Denetclaw, NMBC
John Romero, NM State Land Office
Abby Lewis, Assistant AG
Susan Hemmerlee, The Horse Shelter
Dina Chacon-Reitzel, NMBC
Zach Riley, Farm Bureau

Cheri Tillman Anderson, Walkin N Circles Ranch
Debbie Coburn, Four Corners Equine Rescue
Mary Lou Bradley, Bradley 3 Ranch
Shoshana Avrishon, USDA
Mark McCollum, NMBC
Heather Willson, End of the Road Ranch
Diana Murphy, End of the Road Ranch
Ruth Andrews, Walkin N Circles Ranch
Dr. Paul Scigliabaglio, USDA
Tamara Hurt, NMBC
Gerald Chacon
William Bunce

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 A.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

In addition to the audience introductions, Chairman Sauble introduced Mr. Bill Bunce, Executive Director of NM Livestock Board effective January 1, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes:

Effie Walker moved to approve the October 24, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Jerrod Harral seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

2015 OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

Loren Horton moved to adopt the NMLB's 2015 Open Meetings Resolution. Bob Frost seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HORSE SHELTER FUND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Two years ago, the Legislature established a horse shelter fund to be funded by voluntary contributions or grants. During last year's legislative session there was an appropriation of \$250,000 put into this fund to be administered by the NM Livestock Board. It was to be designated to licensed horse rescues throughout the state. The NMLB rules require a committee to be put together to make recommendations on the disbursement of funds. The Horse Shelter Fund Committee consisted of Phil Carter, APNM, Andrew Silva, CFO and Ray Baca, Executive Director. Allison Hedgecock was asked to sit in on the meetings as legal counsel. Andrew Silva was selected as spokesperson for the group. The group determined that the most equitable and fair solution would be to look at the number of reported horses per facility. The following awards were granted based on the number of horses and requested amounts per facility.

Horse Rescue Facility	# of Equine	Requested	Awarded	Per Equine
End of the Road	30	\$ 51,095.00	\$ 24,076.50	\$ 802.55
Perfect Harmony Animal R & S	25	25,000.00	20,063.75	802.55
High Desert Rescue	18	7,600.00	7,600.00	422.22
Equine Spirit Sanctuary	12	15,300.00	9,630.60	802.55
Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary	5	6,200.00	4,012.75	802.55
Walkin N Circles Ranch	71	73,000.00	56,981.05	802.55
Cimarron Sky-Dog Wild Horse Reserve	33*	22,500.00	22,500.00	681.82
The Horse Shelter	74	127,953.00	59,388.70	802.55
Four Corners Equine Rescue	45*	69,000.00	36,114.75	802.55
McKinley County Humane Society Equine AID	4	20,129.00	3,210.20	802.55
NM Corrections Dept. Equine Rescue Prog	8	22,500.00	6,420.40	802.55
TOTAL AWARDED			\$249,998.70	

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Ruth Andrews, Walkin N Circles Ranch: Which two facilities were over capacity? Two: Cimarron and Four Corners Equine Rescue.

Susan Hemmerlee, The Horse Shelter: Is it possible to get a copy of the document? Award letters will be issued and document will be included. Would like to participate in the process next year; cost per horse incurred is very different.

Cheri Tillman-Anderson, Walkin N Circles Ranch: First year for this program and wanted to thank the board.

Ruth Andrews, Walkin N Circles Ranch: When will the funds be distributed? Administrative actions will need to occur. It may take 2 – 4 weeks. Award letters may go out next week.

Von Stephens, High Desert Rescue: In the future, perhaps send out instructions for new organizations on how to go about applying.

Effie Walker moved to approve the committee's recommendations. Jerrod Harral seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Andrew Silva, CFO: Reviewed budget projections. Andrew reviewed the mill levy 1st quarter analysis. Quarterly reports of mill levy collections will be generated for board members.

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES:

Bill drafted and carried by Senator Pat Woods clarifying and cleaning up some of the language in Chapter 77 over the definition of livestock. The bill repeals the definition of livestock in 77-9.1.1 thereby leaving the only definition of livestock in 77-2.1.1.

MS. DINA REITZEL, NM BEEF COUNCIL:

Ms. Reitzel deferred to Mark McCullum. Thanked the NMLB for collecting the funds for the Beef Council. Budget cut by \$78,000 two years ago. Beef Council will go to legislature and ask to reinstate the council assessment which would be an additional \$1. Ask the NMLB for support. \$1 assessment will stay within the NM Beef Council. Council has operated with the same \$1 per head since 1985. The \$0.04 the NMLB receives for collecting the fee for the NM Beef Council is set statutorily. If producers do not want to invest in these programs, they can request a refund in accordance with the process established. Support has been gathered from Farm Bureau. Normally the Livestock Board does not take a position on these types of issues. Carlos Salazar stated that ranchers try to be as compliant as possible. However, anymore, being compliant is killing the rancher; they are losing more and more numbers. Ability to request a refund makes all the sense in the world.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Ellen Mary Wilson, DVM: The State Veterinarian's Office continues as a staff of one. We are currently in the hiring process for a Field Veterinarian. NMLB has made significant advancements in having data accessible for traceability purposes. Trichomoniasis has taken up quite a bit of time. Increased numbers of producers are testing. Field staff has been key. New Mexico continues to be Brucellosis and Tuberculosis free. No VIA in New Mexico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Since people were still coming into the meeting after it began, Chairman Sauble asked the audience if there was any other public comment:

Cornelio Salazar: Has been having issues with their brand. It was transferred and then transferred back and would like to know if it was legal or not. Now they have a problem with the brand. Chairman Sauble suggested that he sit down with staff, Director Baca and attorney, to address that issue.

Loren Horton: Contacted by Joe Johnson, a rancher in southern New Mexico. His ranch runs the international border between the United States and Mexico. He asked Mr. Horton to bring this before the livestock board regarding issues he and others are having at the international border. He has attended numerous meetings with the Border Security Task Force set up originally by a NM Senator. There is a meeting, next Tuesday, December 9th at 10:00 on the border on Mr. Johnson's property. It is west of Columbus on highway 9. As a board member, he wants to see the livestock board become proactive in all the issues at the border. Potential for disease outbreaks and introduction into New Mexico as a producer is not acceptable. No interest from Federal Government to Border Patrol. To protect our interests as a state, it will have to come from us. Any board members and inspectors, area supervisors, new Director, Dr. Wilson are all invited to attend this meeting on Tuesday. Thank the livestock inspectors and Troy for their diligence. Would like to see a good presence and show support of the producers.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Sauble moved that the board go into Executive Session pursuant to §10-15-1(H) (7), NMSA 1978, to discuss pending litigation. Effie Walker seconded. Roll call vote:

Bill Sauble - Yes	Jerrod Harral - Yes
Donald Martinez - Yes	Don "Bebo" Lee - Yes
Bob Frost - Yes	Loren Horton - Yes
Effie Walker - Yes	Kevin Elfering - Yes

NM Livestock Board goes into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Loren Horton seconded. Roll call vote:

Bill Sauble - Yes	Jerrod Harral - Yes
Donald Martinez - Yes	Don "Bebo" Lee - Yes
Bob Frost - Yes	Loren Horton - Yes
Effie Walker - Yes	Kevin Elfering - Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Loren Horton informed the board of a meeting on Dec ember 9, at 10:00 AM, to discuss border issues between Mexico and the US with Joe Johnson. All interested were invited.

Donald Martinez brought up the issue of the building lease and finding a new location. Much discussion took place; Chairman Sauble stated all changes have to go through GSD.

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Donald Martinez brought up changing the districts. Some discussion among board members. Chairman Sauble stated they were worth putting thought into.

Jerrold Harral discussed looking at the livestock law enforcement and having a branch to do just law enforcement; inspector branch to do inspecting. Chairman Sauble stated it was an idea to explore.

Loren Horton complimented the livestock board on the new emblem, felt it would really boost image. Ray Baca stated new emblem will be on all trucks.

ADJOURNMENT Approximately 12:00 p.m.

Loren Horton motions to adjourn. Jerrold Harral seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.

APPROVAL:

Bill Sauble
5/28/15