

**MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD  
MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014  
TUCUMCARI CONVENTION CENTER, LIBERTY ROOM  
CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M.**

Call to Order by Chairman Sauble at 10:05 a.m.

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

Not Present: Don (Bebo) Lee

NMLB Staff members present were: Ray Baca, NMLB Executive Director; Allison Hedgecock, NMLB General Counsel; Julie Gauman, IT Lead Support Technician; Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator.

Guests attending were: Debbie Coburn, Four Corners Equine Rescue; Jane Frost.

**Approval of last board meeting minutes:**

Mr. Kincaid motions to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting as presented. Mr. Horton seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Chairman requests to move agenda item number 6 up, Public Comment.

Ms. Debbie Coburn was given an opportunity to make public comment. Ms. Coburn stated that the Rescue Alliance has submitted a mission statement. No further comment.

**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. Horton seconds. Roll call vote taken:

Effie Walker – Yes  
Kevin Elfering - Yes  
Loren Horton - Yes  
Bob Frost - Yes  
David Kincaid - Yes  
Jarrod Harral – Yes

Donald Martinez - Yes

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

At approximately 2:30 p.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 and no action was taken during the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kincaid. Roll call vote taken.

Effie Walker – Yes

Kevin Elfering - Yes

Loren Horton - Yes

Bob Frost - Yes

David Kincaid - Yes

Jarrold Harral – Yes

Donald Martinez – Yes

Back in open session.

**Other:**

Mr. Kincaid asked for information regarding the State Veterinarian's vacancy. The State Veterinarian is advertised through April 14<sup>th</sup>; closing was extended to get more applicants. Spread word through USDA and NMSU to try and get more applicants.

Mr. Horton stated that he had been in contact with individuals who had conducted the training exercise in Socorro a couple of weeks ago. For the record, all the feedback he received about the inspectors, the staff was nothing but positive. Congratulations to the NM Livestock Board, all the staff and all the Inspectors for a very exemplary training. Everyone handled themselves very professionally.

Mr. Lee requested that the Chairman mention on his behalf that within the last few days he has received several phone calls from the southwest part of the state appreciative of our efforts to enforce the trichomoniasis regulations. Producers are saying it is about time that we stepped in and took action. Chairman stated he also had two very supportive calls regarding this issue.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Chairman Sauble motioned to adjourn. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.

Bill Sauble  
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