

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Bill Sauble
Bebo Lee
Loren Horton
David Kincaid

Effie Walker
Dwain Nunez
Donald Martinez
Molly Manzanares

NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Elfering

NMLB STAFF:

P. Robert Alexander, Interim Executive Director
Joseph Holloway, Chief General Counsel
Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff, Field Veterinarian
Andrew Silva, CFO
Shawn Davis, Area 1 Supervisor

Ray E. Baca, Deputy Director
Julie Guaman, IT
Priscilla Peña-Johnson, HR Mgr/Administrator
April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor

VISITORS:

John Wenzel, NMSU

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda tabling item number ten, amendment to the Trich Rule. Last year at this time the board passed the amendments but the changes in the statutes were not recorded. Legal is working with compilation commission to see what the required process is. Mr. Nunez motions to approve the agenda tabling item ten. Mr. Kincaid seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 26, 2017 Board Meeting presented. Ms. Walker moves to approve the October 10th meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Horton seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

2018 OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION:

Mr. Kincaid motions to approve the 2018 Open Meetings Resolution. Ms. Walker seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Tabled until Mr. Silva's arrival.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff presented the State Veterinarian's report on behalf of Dr. Zimmerman. Traceability of Mexican origin cattle crossing into New Mexico at Santa Teresa results have been excellent. A meeting was held on October 11 and we started receiving the required information the next day. Many of our state counterparts are pleased with the changes. New Mexico is still Bovine Tuberculosis Free Status despite having two dairy herds under quarantine for bovine TB. New Mexico also maintains Brucellosis Free Status. The State Veterinarian's office had an excellent NPIP meeting in Roswell and had a good turnout with some good speakers. New Mexico once again exceeded our Scrapie surveillance number with 453 negative sheep tests run and 59 negative goat samples. There were 4 suspected Vesicular Stomatitis cases in New Mexico this year but all tested virus free. Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Eckhoff also represented NM at the USAHA meeting and learned about modifications in federal government. Short falls on federal side will impact states.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Silva presented information on the Mill Levy over the past three years and effect on the agency's revenues. 2015, 2016 and 2017 breakdowns presented. Numbers increased, values did not decrease as much as expected and yield control did not kick in as much as we expected. FY18 got off to a slow start. Mill levy is only at \$95,000 to date. Not sounding the alarm yet, but we also have information that our values are going down also. Fund balance to deal with it. November last year we had \$600,000. There really is no pattern to it. Audit completed in October but has not been approved yet. Fund balance is 3.6 million at the end of FY17.

SHEEP INSPECTION / TRACEABILITY DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinez requested to appoint 3, 4, 5 members to discuss and see what we are going to do with sheep inspection. In his area, it has made a lot of small producers go out of business. Not feasible for them to continue. Look around New Mexico at other states and there is not sheep inspection. The board should focus more on cattle than sheep. There is very little sheep. The districts not being consolidated also contributes to this. Chairman Sauble pointed out that this is a discussion item only. He also stated that in 2017, the agency conducted 52530 sheep and lamb inspections. This not only about ownership, but about health. Mr. Martinez also stated that our inspectors need to be trained on tags and brands as well. Dr. Eckhoff recognizes that the sheep and goat industries in New Mexico have been heavily affected by the scrapie program. Livestock rules apply to small ruminants as well. Scrapie tags in New Mexico are linked to the brand. In order to receive scrapie tags from the federal government they require NM sheep producers to have a current brand. Scrapie is a program that is federally mandated. Part of the program is for the animals to be identified. Federal government rules are the minimum requirements. Required to have scrapie tags. As a state we are allowed to have higher standards than that. NM has determined that all animals are required to have scrapie tags. We are protecting our sheep and goat industry. It may be a hardship and we may have to revisit but it is our requirement. Inspectors are upholding the law.

Next meeting, Chairman Sauble stated the agenda will include an item to discuss a committee to look into sheep inspection. Chairman Sauble has reached out to Sheep Growers Association in the southern

part of the state to get their feedback and participation but has not heard back yet. Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled in late January or mid-February in Santa Fe during the legislative session. Mr. Kincaid pointed out that the cost of these inspections is high not just to the producer but to the agency as well. The state needs the traceability. This is a result of the brand. Ms. Manzanares stated that we shouldn't look to other states for answers because New Mexico has the best brand laws.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Sauble moves to go into closed executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters and 10-15-1 (H) (7) Pending Litigation – Nancy Henry v. NMLB I and II, WHOA v. NMLB – ALTO, Office of Attorney General IPRA Complaints from Nancy Henry. Mr. Horton seconds the motion.

Roll Call vote:

David Kincaid - Y

Effie Walker - Y

Dwain Nunez - Y

Donald Martinez - Y

Molly Manzanares - Y

Chairman Bill Sauble - Y

Bebo Lee - Y

Loren Horton - Y

The NM Livestock Board goes into closed executive session at approximately 9:40 a.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Sauble moves to return to open session noting that nothing was discussed in Executive Session except what was listed on the motion to close. Mr. Horton seconds the motion.

Roll Call vote:

Loren Horton - Y

David Kincaid - Y

Effie Walker - Y

Dwain Nunez - Y

Donald Martinez - Y

Molly Manzanares - Y

Chairman Sauble - Y

The NM Livestock Board returns from Executive Session at approximately 11:01 a.m.

SELECT NMLB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Ms. Walker moves to appoint Mr. Robert Alexander as the NMLB's Executive Director. Mr. Kincaid seconds the motion. Roll call vote:

Roll Call vote:

Chairman Sauble - Y

Bebo Lee - Y

Loren Horton - Y

David Kincaid - Y

Effie Walker - Y

Dwain Nunez - Y

Donald Martinez - Y

Molly Manzanares - Abstain

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
9:00 A.M.

2017 JOINT STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
1901 UNIVERSITY BLVD NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

Mr. P. Robert Alexander is appointed the Executive Director of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Report only. No questions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Alexander distributed the 2017 Governor's report. He reviewed the report with the board. Time reporting, outside employment and rerecord were topics in the report and discussed by Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Nunez asked if the inspectors had satellite phones assigned to them. Due to safety and knowing that they are out in areas that don't have coverage. Mr. Baca stated that the agency is going through dispatch training with State Police. Satellite phones are costly but we can look at it.

BOARD CONCERNS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Horton moves to adjourn. Ms. Walker seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

APPROVAL:

R. D. Z. and/or