

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD (NMLB) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
1:00 P.M.

IN PERSON ONLY



CALL TO ORDER: Chair Molly Manzanaras at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Molly Manzanaras, Chair - Present	Kathy Longinaker, Board Member – Present
Tobin Dolan, Vice Chair - Present	Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Board Member - Present
John Conniff, Secretary - Present	Michael Perez, Board Member – Present
Tony Casados Jr., Board Member - Present	Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member - Not Present
Milford Denetclaw, Board Member - Present	

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Belinda Garland, Executive Director	Julie Gauman, CIO
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director	Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager
Ralph Zimmerman, State Vet	Andrew Silva, CFO
Leif Rasmussen, Chief Legal Counsel	Bobby Hernandez, IT
Tim Hanosh, MPI Director	Troy Patterson, Area 4 ROM
Daniel Trujillo, IPRA Coordinator	Barry Allen, Area 1 ROM
Steven Howard, Livestock Inspector Supervisor	Justin Gray, Area 1 Regional Supervisor
Dennis Alarid, NMLB Special Agent	Tyson Henry, Livestock Inspector

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Loren Patterson	Julie Carter
L.J. Hooton	Laura Conniff
Nancy Henry	Troy Sauble
Nick Frazzini	Barbara Romero
Lauren Aguirre	Marshal Wilson
Jeff Decker	
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve the agenda for the December 14, 2022, Board Meeting.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Longinaker -Yes
Board Member Casados – Not Present	Board Member Perez – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw - Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve the December 14, 2022 Agenda passes 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 22, 2022, Board Meeting presented.

Board Member Casados moves to approve the September 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan-Yes	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw-Yes	Board Member Perez – Yes
Board Member Longinaker – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve the September 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes passes 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Henry

*Full comments are available in the recording for the December 14, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

APPEAL OF ESTRAY: RUBEN O LUCERO – 196-13-00411:

Mr. Lucero stated to the Board, via telephone, the reason he believes the heifer is his and why she was not branded. He requested that the Board approve payment to him for the heifer.

NMLB Inspector Henry advised the Board the of how the heifer was estrayed and why he is recommending no payment to Mr. Lucero.

Board Member Casados moves to not pay Mr. Lucero for the heifer. Vice Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff - Yes	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – No
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Perez – No
Board Member Longinaker - Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley -Not Present

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Motion to not pay Mr. Lucero for the estray heifer passes 5-2.

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DISBURSEMENT OF HORSE RESCUE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS

Deputy Director Shawn Davis presented the 2023 Horse Rescue Proposed Disbursement.

Vice Chair Dolan moves to disburse the Horse Rescue Funds as proposed. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Casados - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Board Member Longinaker - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley -Not Present

Motion to disburse the 2023 Horse Rescue Fund passes 7-0.

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2022 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- A. MPI Program – Required to meet one of the FSIS nine (9) components
- B. 2023 Possible Legislative Proposals – No new proposals.

*Full comments are available in the recording for the December 14, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

CFO Silva presented the following items:

Overview of FY22 Audit

Review of FY24 Proposed Budget

Review of FY24 Special Appropriations Request

**Copies of the information presented may be requested by contacting the NMLB.

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RESOLUTION 03-2022:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve Resolution 03-2022-Open Meeting Act. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan - Yes

Board Member Longinaker – Yes

Board Member Casados - Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley -Not Present

Motion to approve Resolution 03-2022-Open Meetings Act passes 7-0.

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MEETING DATES FOR 2023

Director Garland discussed having the meetings set for 2023. Chair Manzanares stated a meeting date will be set for February 2023 and Board Members will be notified.

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NOTICE FROM US FOREST SERVICE-GILA CATTLE

Director Garland presented an update on the Gila Cattle.

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PURSUANT TO NMSA 30-18-1(J) Pursuant to NMSA §30-18-1(J): " If there is a dispute as to what constitutes commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practices or commonly accepted rodeo practices, the New Mexico livestock board shall hold a hearing to determine if the practice in question is a commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practice or commonly accepted rodeo practice."

J Hearing Conducted to:

1. Determine if the gunning of the cattle in the Gila Wilderness was outside commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practices or commonly accepted rodeo practices.

Testimony and evidence was provided to the Board by NMLB employees Deputy Director Shawn Davis and Regional Supervisor Just Gray.

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Board Member Casados moves to determine the action of gunning the cattle was outside commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practices or commonly accepted rodeo practices. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan - Yes	Board Member Padilla Gutierrez - Yes
Board Member Denetclaw - Yes	Board Member Perez – Yes
Board Member Longinaker – Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley -Not Present

Motion to determine the action of gunning the cattle was outside commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practices or commonly accepted rodeo practices. passes 6-0.

2. Determine if the action of gunning the cattle in the Gila Wilderness constitutes cruelty to animals and involved inhumane euthanasia practices.

Secretary Conniff moves to approve the action does constitute as cruelty to animals and involved inhumane euthanasia practices. Vice Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Casados - Yes	Board Member Padilla Gutierrez - Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Perez – Yes
Board Member Longinaker - Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley - Not Present

Motion to approve the action does constitute as cruelty to animals and involved inhumane euthanasia practices passes 7-0.

*Full recording of the J Hearing is available by contacting the NMLB.

10 Minute Break

OVERVIEW OF 2022 GOVERNOR’S REPORT

*Full comments are available in the recording for the December 14, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Secretary Conniff moves to go into Closed Executive Session at 3:47pm.
Vice Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

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Board Member Longinaker – Yes

Board Member Padilla Gutierrez -Yes
Board Member Perez- Yes
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to go into Executive Session passes 7-0.

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RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Secretary Conniff moves to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda.

Vice Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Casados - Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Longinaker - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda passes 7-0.

Meeting re-opens at 4:09 p.m.

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BOARD CONCERNS:

No Board Concerns presented.

ADJOURNMENT:


Chair Molly Manzanares adjourned meeting at 4:11 p.m.

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APPROVAL:


John Conniff, Secretary

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Molly Manzanara, Chair