

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO
LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMLB) MEETING
RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
1:00P.M.

JOIN IN-PERSON:
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
NM CATTLE GROWERS SUMMER CONFERENCE
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CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Toby Dolan at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Molly Manzanares, Chair –Not Present
Toby Dolan, Vice Chair –Present
John Conniff, Secretary – Present
Tony Casados, Board Member – Not Present
Milford Denetclaw, Board Member - Present
Michael Perez, Board Member – Present
Victor Reyes – Not Present
Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member – Not Present
Anthony Gilbert Tafoya, Board Member - Present

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Garland, Executive Director
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director
Samantha Uhrig, State Veterinarian
Matthew Romero, Area 2 ROM
Justin Gray, Area 3 ROM
Bobby Hernandez, IT
Michele Ingram, Special Agent

Chris Machin, Legal Counsel
Dennis Alarid, SA Supervisor
Barry Allen, Area 1 ROM
Troy Patterson, Area 4 ROM
Eddie Behrends, MPI Director
Alexandra Eckhoff, Field Veterinarian
Cheyenne Maes, NMLB Vet Intern

OTHER ATTENDEES

Beverly Idsinga – Dairy Producers
George Sims
Antonio Manzanares
Preston Stone
Joe Bill Nunn
Tiffany Rivera
Audry Dolan

Laura Conniff
Becky King-Spindle
Loren Patterson – Past NMCGA President
Phil Bidegain
Jared Harral
Marshal Wilson

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Tafoya moves to approve the agenda for the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve the June 10, 2024, Agenda passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 1, 2024, Board Meeting presented.

Secretary Conniff moves to approve the March 1, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.
Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve the March 1, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

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Public Hearing

Consideration/ Discussion/Act on Adoption of Proposed Rule Changes

Deputy Director Shawn Davis explained the NM Livestock Board Address will be changed in Proposed Rules and the remainder of the changes to rules are the addition of electronic ID Tags to existing Ag Rules and addition of the definition of the Tags in Rule.

21.30.2 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.30.2 NMAC. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.30.2 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.30.3 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.30.3 NMAC. Member Denetclaw seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.30.3 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.30.4 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.30.4 NMAC. Member Perez seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.30.4 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.30.7 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.30.7 NMAC. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.30.7 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.32.2 NMAC EID Tags

Public Comment made by Beverly Idsinga, Executive Director of Dairy producers of NM. Dairy Producers in agreement with the changes.

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.32.2 NMAC. Member Denetclaw seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.32.2 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

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21.32.3 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.32.3 NMAC. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.32.3 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.32.4 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.32.4 NMAC. Member Denetclaw seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.32.4 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.32.10 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.32.10 NMAC. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

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Motion to repeal and replace 21.32.10 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.34.20 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.34.20 NMAC. Member Denetclaw seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.34.20 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.35.3 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.35.3 NMAC. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.35.3 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

21.35.4 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.35.4 NMAC. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.35.4 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

21.35.5 NMAC

No Public Comment

Member Tafoya moves to repeal and replace 21.35.5 NMAC. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to repeal and replace 21.35.5 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

**Copies of the information presented, and a recording of the proceedings may be requested by contacting the NMLB.

Appointment of Horse Rescue Fund Committee

Upon recommendation made by Deputy Director Davis, member Tafoya moves to table the recommendation of the Horse Committee. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

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Motion to table the recommendation of the Horse Rescue Fund Committee passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

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FINANCE:

Mill Levy Rates

Director Garland explained to the Board that Mill Levy Comparisons were completed. Mill Levy Rates are capped out except for Dairy Cows. Director Garland Recommends no changes be made to the Mill Levy.

Member Tafoya moves to keep Mill Levy rates the same. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

Public Comment made by Beverly Idsinga, Executive Director of Dairy producers of NM. Dairy Producers in agreement with Director Garland.

Public Comment made by Anthony Manzanares. He wanted to know where the Mill Levy Money goes, Director Garland explained the process

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to keep Mill Levy Rates the same passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

**Copies of the information presented, and a recording of the proceedings may be requested by contacting the NMLB.

Review of FY25 Projected Budget

Director Garland presented information regarding the projected FY25 budget.

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Clothing Allowance – Field Staff

Director Garland asked for approval of the FY25 Clothing allowance

Secretary Conniff moves to approve the Clothing Allowance. Member Tafoya seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member Perez – Yes

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve Clothing Allowance for Field Staff passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: 2025 Possible Legislative Proposals

Brand Fees Increase

Deputy Director Shawn Davis presented information to increase the Fees for the NMLB, he stated it is a good time to try and increase. Director Garland presented the idea of an investment fund to help cover operating costs for the agency.

Public Comment made by Beverly Indsinga, Executive Producer Dairy Producers of NM. They don't have a stance on this item yet but appreciate the transparency from Director Garland and Deputy Director Davis.

Public Comment made by Jared Herral, his recommendation to sell it to the industry, whatever it is going to be raised ask the Legislators to match what the increase is.

Public Comment made by Anthony Manzanares he agrees with idea of Jared Herral.

Discussion and Proposed Amounts:

Inspection Fees: Cattle & Horses – Cap of \$2.50

Sheep & Goats – Cap of \$1.00

Permanent Papers for Equine – Cap of \$50.00

Service Charge – Cap of \$50.00

Brands (All) – Cap of \$200.00

Estrays – Cap of \$75.00

Limitations of annual increase already set in statute will remain.

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Secretary Conniff moves to approve the Proposed Fee Increases and present them in a bill at the next Legislative Session. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes
Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present
Board Member – Casados – Not Present
Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to approve the Proposed Fee Increases and present them in a bill at the next Legislative Session passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

September 2024 Regular Board Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting sometime in September during the State Fair, if a meeting is needed.

Verbal Updates:

State Veterinarian Update

Dr. Uhrug presented updates on

- Trich,
- HIN5
- EID Tags

Deputy Director Update

Deputy Director Davis presented updates on

- Strike Teams- Dairy and Poultry
- EID- At Sale Barns
- ALIRT training
- Special Agents team of 4
- Ashley Martinez developing trainings
- 344 Body Cam Recordings
- 68 Cases
- Road Stops
- Geo Fence Warrants
- Working with other states

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MPI Director Update

MPI Director Behrends introduced as he had just began his new job duties.
He spoke about his initial plans to stand up the new MPI Program.

Executive Director Update

Executive Director Garland spoke briefly about the CFO position being vacant and hopes to hire someone soon.

Acknowledgement of all Administrative and Field Staff for jobs well done.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Tafoya moves to go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H) (7) Threatened and Pending Litigation at 2:48 pm.

Board Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Motion to go into Executive Session passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-0.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

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 by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

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Meeting re-convenes at 3:16 p.m.

BOARD CONCERNS

No Board Concerns

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Conniff moves to adjourn the NMLB Board Meeting. Board Member Tafoya seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Yes

Chair Manzanares – Not Present

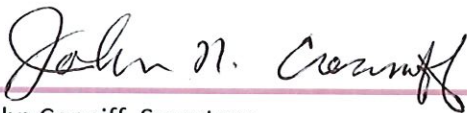
Board Member – Casados – Not Present

Board Member Reyes – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Vice Chair Dolan adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

APPROVAL:



John Conniff, Secretary



Toby Dolan, Vice Chair