

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK  
TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017  
10:00 A.M.

NMLB ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
300 SAN MATEO BLVD. NE, ST. 1000  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108

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**CALL TO ORDER**            10:05 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

**ROLL CALL:**

**TELEPHONICALLY PRESENT**

Chairman Bill Sauble	Effie Walker
Bebo Lee	Bob Frost
Loren Horton	Kevin Elfering
David Kincaid	

**NOT PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:** Donald Martinez

**NMLB STAFF:**

P. Robert Alexander, Interim Executive Director	Gary Mora, Area 1 Supervisor, Telephonically
Ray E. Baca, Deputy Director	Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff, Field Veterinarian
Allison Hedgecock, Legal Counsel	Joseph Holloway, Legal Counsel
Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer	April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor, Telephonically
Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator	

**VISITORS:**

No Visitors

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

No changes to agenda. Mr. Lee moves to approve the agenda. Mr. Horton seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the February 7, 2017 Board meeting minutes presented. Ms. Walker moves to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lee seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

Review of District 9, 24 and 26 lines. Mr. Alexander stated that getting public feedback is critical. Presented the community meetings scheduled in the districts. Public comments can be submitted on website as well. The meetings will be advertised in newspapers, one in each county, and on our website. Mr. Baca stated that fliers will be given to inspectors to put out in the community. Mr. Sauble stated that the purpose of the meetings is to take public comment and not necessarily to debate the issue. Listen and take in the concerns of the public. Any action would be scheduled at a future board meeting. Send notice to Northern NM Stock Growers? Through Cattle Growers? Farm Bureau? Some board members should attend to listen. As long as no one is acting as a board or making decision or

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discussing amongst yourselves as a board in anticipation of making a decision it should not be a problem.

Mr. Lee moves to approve the meeting dates of April 18<sup>th</sup> in Taos, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Abiquiu and April 20<sup>th</sup> in Cuba to gather public input on the consolidation of Districts 9, 26 and 24. Mr. Kincaid seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**2017 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Mr. Silva stated that our budget for FY 2018 with a \$300k reduction has yet to be signed by the Governor. The agency can do a budget adjustment if necessary. In 2017 we are receiving \$850,000 in General Funds. In 2018 the proposed is \$550,000 in General Funds.

Mr. Silva reported that the agency has not received any information on furloughs. However, there is a hiring freeze in place. Freeze for all hiring other than law enforcement, public safety/health and revenue generating positions.

Ms. Hedgecock discussed four bills that passed through both houses and are sitting on her desk now. HB 459 and SB 378 are identical bills regarding Beef Council Assessment Opt Out.

SB349 submitted by Senator Carlos Cisneros is the Livestock Running At Large Bill. HB390 submitted by Representative Small regarding Equine Rescue and Shelter First Right of Refusal bill. The bills that did not pass were put up by Senator Pat Woods were SB126 was the change of livestock definition and SB284 trespassing wild horses. Two other bills that did not pass were put up by Senator Ferrari HB 446 and Joint Memorial 17. Neither bills passed.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

Ms. Hedgecock announced that she has been reassigned by the Governor's Office to be at the Department of Veteran's Services full time. Thankfully, we have a wonderful replacement, Mr. Joseph Holloway will start on Monday. Mr. Holloway has a wealth of knowledge and skills. Chairman Sauble expressed appreciation to Ms. Hedgecock for all she has done for the NMLB. Ms. Walker also expressed appreciation to Ms. Hedgecock. We look forward to working with Mr. Holloway.

No Further Concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Walker moves to adjourn. Mr. Frost seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

APPROVAL:

