

Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 9 a.m.



Meeting location: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 South 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
775-353-3601

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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 8:05 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Board in Las Vegas: Dave Coon. Staff in Las Vegas: Elaine Allen. Board in Sparks: Dave Stix Jr., Paul Noe, Charlie Frey, Heather Lackey, Tim Dufurrena, Woody Worthington, Paul Anderson, Boyd Spratling, Jim Snyder. Staff in Sparks: Alora Bartosz, Jim Barbee, Dennis Belcourt, Rebecca Allured, Jerri Conrad, Ashley White, Shawn McFalls, Cadence Matijevich, Debra Crowley, Jennifer Ott, Homa Anoshehpour, Anna Vickrey, Doug Farris, JJ Goicoechea. Board in Elko: Pete Paris. Staff in Elko: Meghan Brown, Dave Voth, Sidney Wintermote.

2. Public Comment

Sparks public comment:

Norma Davidson – Reno resident, enjoys the horses, thinks we can work around issues.

Therese Cline – Dayton resident, represents Wild Horse Preservation League. Horses are important for Nevada economy. Requests of board that horses be allowed to remain free. Asks board of ag to work with advocates to manage population.

Pat Colletti – Organization wants to continue working with the department and opposes giving horses up as property. Believes it will be very expensive for anybody else to own the horses. Would like a new cooperative agreement.

Susan Kauffman – Media liaison for Virginia Range Sanctuary. Concerned that no nonprofits asked any questions in the first round of Q&A. Also very concerned about a nonprofit finding insurance as well as current litigation. Please work with advocates.

Lori Ugolik – Has friends who are boycotting Nevada due to this decision. Virginia range cannot be considered open range.

Lloyd Sherman – Lives in Orovada, if NDA doesn't take care of this problem, the horses will over populate and devastate the area.

Anna Orchard – Virginia Range Sanctuary – please reconsider the RFP to transfer ownership. VRS has worked with NDA to address public safety and horse welfare. VRS has been footing bill to do diversionary feeding and watering as well as adoptions and relocations. Spent \$10,000 in food for

diversionary feeding this year. Believes that there is a good relationship between NDA and VRS and a good opportunity for collaboration.

Shannon Windle – hidden valley wild horse protection fund, read from letter addressed to board (attached). NRS 239 not public comment, official communication. Concerned that people didn't receive responses. Please return to a cooperative agreement. Invites Director Barbee to come to the table to meet with horse advocates.

Deb Armstrong - Rather than have RFP for taking ownership, open up RFP to management. State protection is the best way to go for the wild horses. Amend RFP for management, there are local groups who are ready to take on management. Also with Virginia Range Sanctuary.

Anita Strong – not with an organization. Personally concerned about the RFP transfer. The horses bring in many tourists. Horses represent freedom. Horses need to be protected.

Elko public comment: No public comment.
Las Vegas public comment: No public comment.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve December 12, 2017 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling motioned to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Paul Noe seconded this motion. The motion passed.

4. Director's Report

- A. Introduction of new administrators, Jennifer Ott and Cadence Matijevich
B. Report – Jim Barbee, Director (*for information*)

5. Animal Industry

- A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)

6. Public Comment

Sparks:

Lloyd Sherman – questions about the solvency of the animal identification program.

Susan Kauffman – reiterated her earlier comments, added point that NDA is government agency, work for people of Nevada, people of Nevada have repeatedly stated that they are opposed to the RFP.

Therese Cline – asked for clarification, NDA staff reiterated that questions must be routed through RFP process. DAG Dennis Belcourt stated that we may not discuss proposals that have been received.

Elko: No public comment.

Las Vegas: No public comment.

7. Plant Industry

- A. Board update – Jennifer Ott, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. * Request for Board input on Director amendments to NAC 587 (LCB File No. R066-17) – An amendment related to agricultural hemp seed. Director’s authority. A copy of the final language is included in the board packet – Jennifer Ott, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington motioned for the board to recommend that the Director adopt amendments to NAC 587 (LCB File No. R066-17) for final LCB approval. Charlie Frey seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 554 – An amendment to change the taxonomy of the tomato plant from Lycopersicon to Solanum based on new phylogeny studies. Draft of language changes is included in the board packet – Jennifer Ott, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling motioned that the Department of Agriculture go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 554 to change the taxonomy of the tomato plant from Lycopersicon to Solanum. Dave Stix Jr. seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Range monitoring application presentation – Dave Voth, Agriculturalist 3 (*for information*)

8. Administration

- A. Board update – Debra Crowley, Fiscal Administrator (*for information*)
- B. Board update – Rebecca Allured, Public Information Officer II (*for information*)

9. Consumer Equitability

- A. Board update – Mike Gower, Interim Administrator (*for information*)

10. Food & Nutrition

- A. Board update – Homa Anoshehpour, Administrator (*for information*)

11. Board Presentations

- A. Ethics in Government Training – Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Executive Director of the Nevada

Commission on Ethics (*for information*)

12. Public Comment

No general public comment.

13. Adjournment at 3:34 p.m.