

**Nevada Board of Agriculture**  
Meeting minutes  
*Wednesday, April 19, 2023—10:00 a.m.*



**Meeting Location:** Nevada Department of Agriculture  
405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89434  
775-353-3601

**Video Conference:** Nevada Department of Agriculture 2300 East St. Louis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89104 702-668-4590 Nevada Department of Agriculture 4780 East Idaho Street Elko, NV 89801 775-778-0270

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- b. Nevada Department of Agriculture: 4780 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801
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## Agenda

### 1. Open meeting - call meeting to order by Chair Woody Worthington at 10:18am

*Note: Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was not called to order until 18 minutes past the designated start time. No orders of business were conducted prior to the meeting being called to order.*

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Moment of Silent Reflection
- c. Roll call: Total attendees - 31
  - Board of Agriculture:
    - Bernard Petersen
    - Brooke Neubauer
    - Charlie Frey
    - Dave Coon
    - Dr. Craig Schank
    - Duane Coombs
    - Heather Lackey
    - Jim Snyder
    - Pete Paris
    - Woody Worthington
    - Valerie Drake
  - Nevada Department of Agriculture:
    - Director Goicoechea
    - Doug Farris
    - Ciara Ressel
    - Shanon Pascual
    - Amara Vigil
    - Andrea D'Ercole
    - Ashley Jeppson
    - Bill Stiejewske
    - Dillon Davidson
    - Jamie Thompson
    - Meghan Brown
    - Sandy Lopez
    - Scott Clifford
    - Brittany Mally
  - Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien
  - Public attendees:
    - Donna
    - Elicha
    - JMK
    - Leana Carey

- Megan Manfredi, NDOW

## 2. Public Comment

- No public comment

## 3. Director Report - J.J. Goicoechea, DVM, Director (*for discussion*)

- Next board meeting is expected to be scheduled May or June
- Between Jan. 13 and March 7, 2023, the NDA completely rebuilt and resubmitted the budget. Budget expected to close April 20, 2023.
- In depth report of budget will be available at next board meeting.
- NDA staffing update:
  - Agriculture Literacy Coordinator interviews concluding May 1, 2023.
  - Measurement Standards Administrator offer to be extended by April 21, 2023.
  - Food and Nutrition Administrator interviews will begin the first week of May 2023.
  - Executive Assistant position has been accepted by Holly Rincon with an anticipated start date of May 15, 2023.
  - Overall, the NDA has seen an increase in position interest.
- The NDA is working with emergency managers to help facilitate aid as a result of storms.
  - A letter to USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) was sent in February asking for additional support and some leniency in their programs, however we have not received an official response to this letter. On March 17, 2023, FSA issued a new drought declaration for an additional 8 months for 13 counties in Nevada.
  - FEMA does not assist with this, therefore, we are working with the USDA.
  - Last Friday Governor Lombardo requested a presidential emergency declaration from the White House.
  - We have started the NDA emergencies email and can push these emergencies to emergency management and the local level if we can.

## 4. Regulation review

- a. \*Receive and review public comment and recommend consideration by the Director for repeal/amendment of the following: – Woody Worthington, Chair (*for possible action*)
  - i. NAC 590.054
  - ii. NAC 576.110
  - iii. NAC 576.200
  - iv. NAC 576.210
  - v. NAC 576.220
  - vi. NAC 576.230
  - vii. NAC 576.240
  - viii. NAC 576.250
  - ix. NAC 576.260
  - x. NAC 576.340

### **576.340 Inspection of site indicated on application to verify production or storage of agricultural product; exceptions. ([NRS 561.301](#), [576.128](#))**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or [NAC 576.353](#) or [576.356](#), before approving an application for a certified producer's certificate, an amended certified producer's certificate or a renewed certified producer's certificate, the Department, or an authorized representative of the Department, will inspect the site that is indicated on the application to verify the production of each agricultural product that is listed on the application or the existence in storage of each agricultural product that is listed on the application which has been harvested or produced, or both.

2. The Department may, in its discretion, waive the inspection required pursuant to subsection 1 for a certified producer of an agricultural product that is not meant for human consumption.

***3. The Department may, in its discretion, allow for alternative confirmations of site production and waive the on-site inspection.***

(Added to NAC by Div. of Agriculture by R097-98, eff. 12-14-98; A by Dep't of Agriculture by R125-05, 10-31-2005; R086-15, 3-10-2016; R146-16, 1-27-2017)

- Not a repeal, rather an amendment.
- Would apply to anyone with a producer certificate.

**4. Public Comment**

- No public comment

**5. Adjournment at 10:47**