

**Nevada Board of Agriculture**  
Meeting minutes  
*Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9 a.m.*



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

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## Agenda

### 1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 9:00 AM

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Sparks Board: Pete Paris, Paul Noe, Jim Snyder, Heather Lackey, Boyd Spratling, Paul Anderson, Varlin Higbee, Charlie Frey, Woody Worthington, Tim Dufurrena. Sparks Staff: Jennifer Ott, Dennis Belcourt, Jerri Conrad, Doug Farris, Cadence Matijevich, Andre Urruty, Rebecca Allured, Dillon Davidson, Jay Ludlow, Ashley Jeppson, Homa Anooshepoor, Amber Smyer. Public: Audrey Spratling, Marie Duncan, Gary Kulaszewski.

Las Vegas Board: Dave Coon. Public: Mark French.

Elko Public: Lili Wolf, Neil McQueary, Jennifer Garrett.

### 2. Public Comment

Sparks – Marie Duncan: Requested help with getting a name changed on a brand.

### 3. Minutes

- A. \*Approve June 5, 2019 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moved to approve the June 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Heather Lackey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### 4. Director's Report

- A. Report – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)
- B. \*Department governance policy approval – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington moved to approve the governance policy. Paul Noe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### 5. Food & Nutrition

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

### 6. Plant Industry

- A. Board update – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. \*Nevada Seed Council requests authority to expend \$2,951.01 from the 4544-10\* alfalfa seed research and promotion account, per NRS 587.151, in order to maintain membership accreditation with the

National Alfalfa Forage Alliance – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,951.01 from the alfalfa seed research and promotion account to maintain membership with the National Alfalfa Forage Alliance. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **7. Administration**

- A. Board update – Jerri Conrad, Deputy Director (*for information*)
- B. \*Department uniform policy revision approval – Jerri Conrad, Deputy Director (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling made a motion to approve the uniform policy revision. Heather Lackey seconded this motion. Motion passed.

- C. \*Request to expend \$695.00 from the 4544-10\* alfalfa seed research and promotion account, per NRS 587.151, for the Global and Industry Trade Coordinator to attend the 2019 Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium on November 19-21 in Reno in order to better the promotion and marketing efforts of Nevada alfalfa – Dillon Davison, Global and Industry Trade Coordinator (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$695.00 from the alfalfa seed research and promotion account for the Global and Industry Trade Coordinator to attend the 2019 Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium. Charlie Frey seconded this motion. Motion passed.

## **8. Board Management**

- A. \*Board discussion and possible suggested revision of bylaw draft (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey made a motion to adopt the bylaws as presented to the board. Varlin Higbee seconded this motion. Motion passed.

## **9. Consumer Equitability**

- A. Board update – Cadence Matijevec, Administrator (*for information*)

## **10. Animal Industry**

- A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. Update on trichomoniasis law and board discussion – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)
- C. \*Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 573 – Amendments related to public sales of livestock, based on changes to NRS 573 due to the passage of SB417 in the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the Nevada Legislature – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey made a motion to approve the request for NDA staff to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC

573. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**11. Public Comment**

Elko – Neil McQueary: Requests that the State Veterinarian remain based in Elko and also spoke to the need for stronger trichomonosis regulation.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Paul Anderson at 12:00 PM.

\*Note that the original agenda contained incorrect budget account information in agenda items 6B and 7C. The budget account originally listed was budget account 4554-01. This account has been changed in these minutes to reflect the correct budget account number, 4544-10.