

Today's Date: March 20, 2007
Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
Date and Time of Meeting: March 6, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.
Place of Meeting: USDA Farm Service Agency
State Office Conference Room
1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 202
Reno, NV 89502
Phone: (775) 784-5411, ext. 100

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marta Agee
Harvey Barnes
George Botta
Dave Cassinelli
Alan Perazzo
Benny Romero
Deloyd Satterthwaite
Lawrence Waugh

Board Members Absent:

Dan Hetrick
Jim Johnson
Susan Ray

Others present

Gina Session, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General representing the Department of Agriculture
Roger Works, New State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture
Jack Armstrong, retired State Veterinarian
Dave Stix, Nevada Cattle Feeders
Sherry Pierson, personal interest, Nevada Deputy Brand Inspector
Kathy Lofthouse, Animal Industry
Holly Pecetti, Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry
Ron Carri, Nevada Cattleman's Association
Mike Holmes, Animal Health, Nevada Department of Agriculture
Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau
Don Alt, Nevada Livestock Association
Dellis Bone, livestock
Jackie Holmgren, Nevada Livestock Association, Mineral County Director
Ramona Morrison, Nevada Livestock Association, Washoe County
Anette Rink, Department of Agriculture
Vernon Miller, Department of Agriculture
Mark Smith, Department of Agriculture
Clyde Bundy, Clark County, Nevada Livestock Association
David Holmgren, Mineral County, Chairman of the Nevada Livestock Association
Rick Gimlin, Nevada Department of Agriculture

Steve Grabski, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Measurement Standards
Frank Steinberg, Department of Personnel, Carson City
Ed Foster, Department of Agriculture, Plant Industry Division
Peter Kreuger, Nevada Petroleum Marketers, Reno
Dawn Rafferty, Nevada Department of Agriculture
Mark Jensen, Administrator for Division of Resource Protection, Department of
Agriculture- State Director USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services
Scott Saunders, Associated Press, Reno
John O'Brien, Nevada Department of Agriculture
Jean Voigt, Nevada Livestock Association
Martin Owens, Nevada Department of Agriculture

1. Call to order by Chairman Benny Romero at 10:02 A.M.
2. Board Business
 - a. Review and consideration of Director's resignation notice
 - The Chairman read the Letter of Resignation from Don Henderson.
Deloyle Satterthwaite moved to accept the letter of resignation, seconded and passed.
 - The Chairman read the memo sent by Gina Session.
Discussion followed to clarify NRS 561.185
 - b. Development of Board procedure to fill vacant Director Position
 - The board discussed different ideas on how to proceed to fill the vacant Director Position until Dave Cassinelli made the motion to open the position nationwide that applications should be accepted for 60 days, seconded and passed.
Letters from absent members Jim Johnson and Dan Hetrick were read.
 - The notice should be posted as soon as possible
 - Interview questions were discussed
 - Department of Personnel is willing to assist and offer opinions
3. Public Comments
 - Jack Armstrong: Suggested we look back in the previous minutes for the questions and guide lines for travel, meals and lodging. He expressed his support of the board and confidence that they will take the "Ship of Agriculture through all these troubled waters very competently".
 - Dave Stix: He came to watch and when we have a Director in place he will come back to talk with the Board.
 - Anette Rink: Anette Rink read a letter into the record.
Peter Krueger: *Representing Nevada Petroleum Marketers and Petroleum Association* stated that they were against Senate Bill 105, would be fighting the bill and would keep the Board informed.
 - Don Ault: Asked the Board who the bill should be sent to for his feeding of horses branded with an "N"?
 - Gina Session: Stated that during public comment the Board could not take any action on the public comment. This was just a time to provide

information to the board. She also stated that Mr. Ault could address a letter to the Board or Department.

- Doug Busselman: *The Executive Vice-President of the Nevada Farm Bureau.* He read into the record a modified letter to the Board.
- Cliven Bundy: *Member of the Nevada Live Stock Association.* Mr. Bundy introduced himself and asked why the Department has not been involved in the Agriculture community. He requested that we take care of our problems and asked us to become more involved in the livestock community.
- David Holmgren: *Chairman of the Nevada Live Stock Association.* Mr. Holmgren stated that the Nevada Livestock Association suggests that we move into the future with an assurance that the past mistakes not be repeated. The Agriculture industry can not afford any more mistakes it is at its worst in the History of the West. With out a future agriculture is gone, keep this in mind when you hire a new Director.
- Ron Cerri: *Nevada Cattlemen's Association.* Thanked the Board and encouraged the board to work closely with the Governor; there is an opportunity now with the choosing of a new Director for the Board of Agriculture to take a broader look at the whole situation. This is a time to work on all the issues, policies and procedures and to carry them out the way the industry wants them to be done. His hope is for the best and that the Board can make the right choices.
- Jackie Holmgren: *Mineral County Director, Nevada Live Stock Association.* She wants to concur with what Dr. Anette Rink said. She would like the whole Board to resign, a complete shake up, and start looking at the law not unofficial opinions and doing what you can to support livestock. The Brand Department would be just fine if we had some livestock in Nevada, we would have money in the Department if we had more livestock.
- Ramona Morrison: *Nevada Live Stock Association.* Wants to throw her support to the staff and commend them for the courage they had to come forward. I am very disappointed that the Board has chosen to ignore both the investigation of the Director and the legislative audit. She hopes the Board will be very careful of the advice received from the Attorney General's Office and to take it under careful consideration.
- Ed Foster: *Department of Agriculture.* Expressed his concerns over decisions made in the last Board meeting and requested that the Board do their job.
- Mark Smith: *Department of Agriculture.* Just wanted to say that he finds Dr

Anette Rink extremely valuable and enjoys working for her.

- John O'Brien: *Department of Agriculture.* Administrates Plant Industry by the book and supports Ed Foster. He also supports the Board and a national search for the Director and hopes the Board will wait until they have qualified applicants. He offers the Board the use of information available from the Public Manager Program on interviewing and hiring. It might be valuable in terms of the interview process.
- Holly Pecetti: *Department of Agriculture.* Would like to affirm her support and appreciation for Dr. Anette Rink. She is a fantastic individual and she has done a good job. She would also like to support what was said about Chairman Romero and Vice Chairman Satterthwaite. This board has to look to itself, not just a new Director. We need people involved in the state of Nevada, in the industry for which they represent to be on the Board of Agriculture.
- Dave Cassinelli: Asked Anette Rink if her letter was from herself or if she spoke for people outside of the Department.
- Anette Rink: I am speaking for myself and for several employees in the Department not for any one outside of the Department.
- Marta Agee: Asked where the Board was in setting up a procedure for the Department staff to communicate with the Board.
- George Botta: Stated that per Don Henderson, he had announced at a staff meeting that any employee who wishes to could attend the Board meetings.
- Benny Romero: We do have a written policy for communication. It was decided to add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss the policy.

4. Date of next Board Meeting

The date of the next Board meeting is March 29, 2007 at the Washoe County Complex. Motion made by Dave Cassinelli to set a special meeting to go over the applications on April 30, 2007 here in Reno, seconded and passed.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Harvey Barnes to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned.