

Today's Date: June 18, 2007
Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
Date and time of meeting: June 14, 2006 9:00 am
June 15, 2007 8:30 am
Place of meeting: Bartley Ranch
Old Huffaker School
600 Bartley Ranch Road
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 828-6672

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marta Agee
Harvey Barnes
George Botta
Dave Cassinelli
Dan Hetrick
Jim Johnson
Alan Perazzo
Benny Romero
Lawrence Waugh

Board Members Absent:

Susan Ray
Deloyd Satterthwaite

Others present

Holly Pecetti, Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health
Mike Holmes, Department of Agriculture, Virginia Range Manager
Don Alt, Nevada Livestock Association
Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau
Rick Gimlin, Department of Agriculture, Division of Administration
Gary McCuin, Department of Agriculture, Rangeland Specialist
Dennis Hellwinkel, Ag Council
Jim Connelley, Department of Agriculture, Division of Livestock Identification
Kirk Gustad, USDA- APHIS- Wildlife Services
Gary Littauer, USDA- APHIS- Wildlife Services
Mark Jensen, USDA- APHIS- Wildlife Services
Roger Works, Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry
Anette Rink, Department of Agriculture, Animal Disease Laboratory
Sherril Pierson, Department of Agriculture, Brands
Dennis Stoddard, Division of Internal Audits

Mike Colburn, Division of Internal Audits
Steve Schultz, Department of Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards
Steve Grabski, Department of Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards
Donna Rise, Department of Agriculture, Director
Wendy Stewart, Department of Agriculture, Division of Administration

1. Call to Order by Lawrence Waugh
2. Introduction and Welcome to New Director, Donna Rise
 - A. Self- introductions for meeting attendees
3. Board Business
 - A. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2007, March 29, 2007 and April 5 & 6, 2007 Meetings. **Benny Romero moved to approve all minutes, motion seconded, and passed.**
 - B. Board goals and objectives **Marta Agee made a motion to make a new short term goal (11) to reach out to young people in the Agricultural areas and to make an agenda item to allow for presentations from our youth, seconded, and passed.**
 - C. Communication between the Board, the Director and the Department. **Dave Cassinelli made a motion to set up a committee to study communication between the employees, the Director and the Board and to table the discussion until next meeting, seconded, and passed.**
4. Animal Industry Division
 - A. Animal Disease Update
 1. Trichomonosis Regulations
 2. Tuberculosis Update
 3. National Finals Rodeo and Bull Sale
 - B. Lab Update
 1. West Nile Virus
 2. Avian Influenza
 3. Big Horn Sheep
 4. Animal Disease Laboratory Advisory Panel
 5. "Trich" Fetus Testing
 - C. National Animal Identification System (NAIS)

D. Virginia Range Estray (VRE)

5. Resource Protection

A. Division Update

B. Nevada Wildlife Services Program Review

6. Division of Administration

A. Employee Recognition

1. Mike Holmes, Employee of The Quarter
2. Steve Grabski, was elected at the past National Conference of Weights and Measures meeting to be on the Board of Directors. Steve will also serve as the next President of the Western Weight and Measures Association.

B. Update from Las Vegas and Winnemucca

1. Director's visit to Las Vegas Office
2. Growth in Las Vegas Area, long term planning for staffing and building space
3. Recruitment for the regional manager position
4. Martin Larreneta's pending retirement
5. USDA certified hay inspector needed in the Winnemucca Branch

C. Update 2007 Legislature

1. Awaiting final budgets
2. SB 528 Sparks Headquarters
3. AB 539 One Shot
4. SB79 Organic Advisory Council
5. AB29 Emergency Vehicles List
6. AB42 Accept and Make Grants
7. AB91 Governing Explosives
8. AB150 Methamphetamine and Other Controlled Substances
9. AB228 Pest Control Revisions
10. AB230 Jurisdictions of Justice Courts
11. AB 548 Budget Short Falls
12. AB 624 Dyed Fuel Bill
13. SB 47 Head Tax
14. SB 48 Agricultural Inspection Officers
15. SB 105 Motor Vehicle Fuel
16. SB 268 Original Organic Advisory Bill
17. SB 324 Funding for Highway Projects

18. SB 366 Australian Red Clawed Cray Fish as Alternative Livestock

19. SB 486 Address Audit

20. SB 488 Weed Abatement

D. Updates on Audits and Program Review

1. EPA
2. Organic Program
3. LCB Audit LA06-12
4. Division of Internal Audits

E. Division Report

1. Judy Baughman's Retirement
2. Contract Manager Course
3. Close Carson City Office
4. Applicability of Programs in Our Agency
5. Grant Policies and Procedures
6. Fee Policies and Procedures
7. Policy and Procedure Manual
8. Appreciation for Dave Walch
9. Appreciation for Rick Gimlin

7. Measurement Standards Division

A. Weights and Measures

1. Measurement Standards License and Payment (MSLP) Program
2. Inspection Progress
3. Appreciation Letter for Bob Green and Les Smith
4. National Conference on Weights and Measures, Salt Lake City, Utah
5. Western Weights and Measures Association Group Meeting, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
6. Western Regional Assurance Program(WRAP) meeting held in Reno

B. Petroleum Technology

1. SB105

C. Elko, Capitol Improvement Project

1. Walk in Cooler
2. Winch

- D. Sparks Headquarter, Capitol Improvement Project (CIP)
 - 1. Successful, Currently Being Reviewed
 - 2. Approximately 540 Days For Construction
 - 3. Water issues
 - 4. Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Concerns

8. Plant Industry Division

- A. Division Update
 - 1. Steve Marty's Promotion To Seed Position
 - 2. Shouhua Wang and Steve Marty Have Been Out On White Rot Survey
 - 3. Las Vegas Office Regional Managers Position- 2 New Applicants
 - 4. Nursery Program-Licensing Landscapers
 - 5. Gophers
 - 6. Strychnine Paste

B. Medical Marijuana Update

- C. Request to Conduct Workshop and Hearing to Add Nevada Noxious Weeds (NAC 555.101) by Reference into Prohibited Noxious Weed Seeds List (NAC 587.173) and to Update the Restricted Noxious Weed Seed List (NAC 587.175), **Harvey Barnes made a motion to go to workshop and hearing, Seconded, and passed.**

D. Noxious Weed Update

- 1. Noxious Weed Mapping Position- Kim Williams
- 2. Tina Mudd's Thesis
- 3. Abatement Program
- 4. Biological Control Program
- 5. CWMA's and Weed Districts
- 6. Grants Awarded
- 7. Weed Free Forage

E. CPM Project Update

- 1. Capstone Project

- F. Request Permission to go to Workshop and Hearing to Adjust Fees for the Inspection of Agricultural Products (NAC 587.340) **Jim Johnson made a motion to go to workshop and hearing, Seconded, and passed.**

G. Certified Producers, Fee Exemption Update

H. Entomology Update

1. Seed Position
2. Mormon Crickets
3. Light Brown Apple Moth Infestation in California
4. Imported Fire Ants Survey
5. Banks Grass Mite and Spider Mites
6. Biological Releases
7. Salt Cedar Beetles
8. West Nile Mosquitoes
9. Honey Bees
10. Africanized Bees

I. Organic Council Member Appointment, **Harvey Barnes made a motion that the Nevada Board of Agriculture officially appoints Virginia Johnson to the Organic Advisory Council Board, Seconded, and passed.**

J. Emergency Table Top Exercises With USDA

K. EPA Second Quarter Report

1. Reported Pesticide Poisoning
2. Certification Position At The University
3. Recertification Education/ Possible Regulation Changes

L. Ground Water Monitoring Report

9. Livestock Identification Division

A. Division Update

1. Cattle Movement
2. Fire Rehabilitation
3. Brand Re-recording Process
4. Staffing Changes
5. Brands Budget

B. Head Tax Assessment

1. Discovery of Livestock
2. Lifetime Horse Transportation Permits
3. Assessment of Dairy Cow vs. Beef Cow

C. Legislative Agenda

1. AB29 Vehicles with Red and Blue Lights
2. SB47 Head Tax Bill
3. SB486 Transfer of Brand
4. AB230 Jurisdiction of Justice Courts
5. SB48 Change Names of Officers

D. Agriculture Enforcement

1. Brand Inspector II- 4546-5 Officers
2. Agriculture Enforcement Officers- 4540- 6 Officers
3. Challenge of 4th Amendment
4. Guidelines for Road Stops
5. Statistics
6. Hay Trucks- Noxious Weed
7. Idaho Training Program
8. Staffing Report
9. Industry Meetings- Harvey Barnes and Jim Connelly

E. Running Iron

10. Employee Comments and Suggestions

- A. Donna Rise- Junior Agriculture Loan
- B. Donna Rise- Board Appointments
- C. Rick Gimlin- Very Important That the Board Ask Questions of the Staff. History is Very Useful.
- D. Benny Romero- Big changes, Director, Board and Staff
- E. Dennis Stoddard- The audit is meant to be objective in nature and solution based. Presentation in September and posted to the Web site when complete. Agency may look at draft before submitted. Auditors would not be against coming back to Board to discuss audit. If they can not, Donna Rise and Rick Gimlin will present audit findings to the Board.

11. Public Comment

12. Travel Claims and Salary

13. Scheduling and Arrangements for Next Board Meeting

- A. **Harvey Barnes made a motion to have the next meeting in Elko, Nevada on September 20 and 21, 2007. Both days will start at 8:30am. Motion seconded, and passed.**

14. Adjournment

- A. **Benny Romero made a motion to adjourn, Motion seconded, and passed.**