

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
350 Capitol Hill Avenue
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NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

TODAY'S DATE: August 13, 2008

MEETING TIME: August 26, 2008 @8:30 am
August 27, 2008 @8:30 am

PLACE: Nevada Farm Bureau
2165 Green Vista Drive, Suite 205
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 1-800-992-1106 or (775) 674-4000

Tony Lesperance, Director

AGENDA

This meeting will be available by videoconference in Las Vegas, Elko, Ely, and Winnemucca, Nevada at the following locations:

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
8050 Paradise Road - Room A
Las Vegas, NV

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
1500 College Parkway
Greenhaw Technical Art Center (off Elm Street) - Room 124
Elko, NV

Humboldt Extension Office
1085 Fairgrounds Road
Winnemucca, NV

White Pine Extension Office
995 Campton Street
Ely, NV

The following items will be discussed and/or acted upon, but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending.

1. Call to order by Chairman Lawrence Waugh
 - A. Introduction of Board members and guests.

2. **Board Business**

- A. *Approval of minutes from May 21, 2008 meeting. (Foley) **Action**
- B. Charlie Frey, Nevada Viticulture Industry **Information**
- C. Doug Busselman, Farm Bureau regarding Fallon dairymen. **Information**
- D. Dan Gralian, Nevada Cattlemen's Association. **Information**
- E. Dean Thawley, UNR College of Agriculture. **Information**
Update of College and experiment activities. (Will present 8/27/08).
- F. Marty Owens, Director, Nevada Agriculture Statistics. **Information**
- G. John O'Brien, retired Plant Administrator, Nevada Department of Agriculture and Alan DiStefano, Nevada Commission on Economic Development reporting on Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA) and their trip to China. **Information**
- H. John O'Brien, retired Plant Administrator, Nevada Department of Agriculture will report on trip to Monterey, CA. **Information**
- I. Appoint a committee to review and revise the Director's annual evaluation. **ACTION**
- J. Conduct the Director's annual evaluation at the first Board meeting of each calendar year. **ACTION**
- K. Department Goals and Objectives update. (Director Lesperance) **Information**

3. **Director's Report** (Lesperance) **Information**

- A. Department Update
 - 1. Budget considerations
 - 2. Viticulture
 - 3. Livestock impoundments
 - 4. Department of Wildlife
 - 5. SAGE (Spending and Government Efficiency) Committee
 - 6. Recent meetings
 - 7. Future plans
 - 8. Summary
- B. *Nevada Board of Agriculture Water Policy Statement.

4. **Division of Administration** (Groach) **Information**

- A. *FY2008 Department summary of revenue and expenditures.
- B. FY2010-2011 budget summary.

5. **Division of Animal Industry** (LaRussa) **Information**

- A. *Brucellosis vaccination
- B. *Virginia Range Estray Project
- C. *Request permission to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to to NAC 571. **ACTION**

A regulation relating to cattle; providing identification, testing and quarantine procedures for cattle to help control and eradicate trichomonosis, revising provisions governing entry of cattle into this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Permanent regulation changes currently under consideration pertain to the inclusion of lease bulls, open adult cows, current protocol for issuance of VS 127, and other industry concerns.

- D. Pasture to pasture permits
- E. *NAHLN Avian Influenza regional table top exercise (Rink) **Information**
- F. Arbovirus update (Rink) **Information**

6. **Measurement Standards Division** (Grabksi) **Information**

- A. Weights and Measures update
 - 1. FY 08
 - 2. Consumer complaints
- B. Comments on the GL Suite program
- C. Direction of Metrology Lab
- D. Cost savings
- E. New staff
- F. CIP project

7. **Petroleum Technology Division** (Striejewske) **Information**

- A. *Information regarding SB324, Establishing a Fuel Variance Procedure
- B. Information regarding R111-08, Gas-Ethanol Blends
 - 1. *Text of proposed change from the Legislative Counsel Bureau LCB File No. R111-08; NAC 590.065
 - 2. *Comment statement from Western States Petroleum Association.
 - 3. *Comment statement from Herman and Associates.
 - 4. *Collected Gas-Ethanol Comments received by Vernon Miller.
- C. *Information regarding R210-08, Change to NAC 590.051 (Specifications for Biodiesel).

8. Resource Protection Division (Jensen) **Information**

- A. Program update
- B. *Southern Nevada Water Authority - request for assistance.

9. Plant Industry Division (Rafferty) **Information**

- A. Division update
- B. *Letter of appreciation.
- C. *2008 Summary of current insect surveys (Knight) **Information**
- D. *EPA quarterly report (Moses) **Information**
- E. Summary of Workshop and Hearings on certification regulation changes. (Moses) **Information**
 - 1. *LCB R148-08: NAC 555.690 ~ \$25.00 penalty for loss, stolen or destroyed cards.
 - 2. *LCB R147.08: NAC 555.410.5 ~ suspension of monthly RUP report submission for non-agricultural licensed applicants.
 - 3. *LCB R146-08: NAC 555.670 ~ 6-month wait period for person caught using an unauthorized testing aid for certification tests.
- F. *Request adoption of regulations LCB File Number R156-08: a regulation relating to agriculture; establishing a series of administrative fines for violation of NAC 555.125. (McKie) **Action**
- G. *Request adoption of regulations LCB File Number R168-08: a regulation relating to agriculture; establishing a requirement that balled-and-burlap nursery stock be labeled as such to distinguish it from container-grown stock. (McKie) **Action**
- H. *Request adoption of regulations LCB File Number R079-08: a regulation relating to agriculture; establishing a requirement that container-grown stock be well-rooted in the container at the point of sale such that the rootball is sufficiently developed to stay reasonably intact on removal from the container in which it is being sold. (McKie) **Action**
- I. *Discussion of and possible decision to pursue requiring shippers of nursery stock located in other states to notify the Nevada Department of Agriculture prior to shipping nursery stock into Nevada. (McKie/Johnson) **Action**

10. Livestock Identification Division (Chris Collis) **Information**

- A. BLM livestock impoundment.
 - *1. Letter from US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to Jim Connelley, Administrator of Livestock Identification
 - *2. Letters releasing impounded livestock.
 - *3. Memo to Director Lesperance from Chris Collis dated July 22, 2008.
 - *4. Copies of letters of Demand for Payment from the Bureau of Land Management.

- B. *Letter from Chris Collis titled Livestock Welfare & Cruelty to Animals.
- C. *National Animal Identification System (NAIS)
- D. *Abandoned Horses

9. Department employee comments and suggestions to the Board of Agriculture.
INFORMATION

10. Public Comments **INFORMATION**

11. Travel Claims and Salary **INFORMATION**

12. Date of Next Meeting **ACTION**

13. Adjournment **ACTION**

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 688-1180 x 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Denotes supporting documents in the board packet.

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. Please ensure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the Board members to review.

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Nevada Department of Agriculture
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Las Vegas, NV 89104

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