



**Nevada Board of Agriculture
Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2014 9:00 A.M.**

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Board Present: Brian Nakaguchi, Pete Paris, Boyd Spratling, Jim Snyder, Paul Anderson, Dave Stix Jr.,
Via Video: Alan Perazzo, Charlie Frey, Jim Snyder, Ramona Morrison, Paul Noe, Absent: Tim Dufferena
Staff Present: Jim Barbee, Tina Mudd, Bart O’Toole, Flint Wright, Jerri Conrad, Mike Gower, Jaime
Greer, Jim Cooney. Via video: Dennis Belcourt, Dale Hansen, Gennie Hudson, Debra Harris, Jenelle
Gimlin, Bob Conrad, Robert Little, Dawn Rafferty, Lynn Hettrick, Damon Hernandez
Guests: Mark Jensen, Bernard Petersen, Ron Torell, Via Video: Leana Stitzel

Minutes

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chairman Dave Stix, Jr. at 9:06 a.m

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve March 4, 2014 Board meeting minutes (**for possible action**) – Approved. Boyd Spratling moves to approve, Paul Anderson seconds. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. *Approve June 4, 2014 Board meeting minutes (**for possible action**) Approved. Pete Paris moves to approve, Brain Nakaguchi seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Director’s Report

- A. Director’s Report – Director Barbee (**for information**)
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Consumer Equitability Administrator search

Director reviews report and discusses RACC, CABNR and Livestock Events Center meetings, SWCAP, PARC and FSMA and thanks Interim CE Division Administrator Mike Gower and introduces the new CE Division Administrator Bart O’Toole.

Break at 10:42

Return at 10:57

Items 6a and b heard next

Lunch at 12:20

Return at 12:57

5. Administration

- A. *Prohibitions and Penalties revised to be aligned with other State agencies – Director Barbee **(for possible action)** – Director explains color code, Debra Harris explains the alignment with other Departments and the process for approval including review by NDA staff. Approved. Paul Anderson moves to approve an update that is in line with other Departments. Boyd Spratling seconds. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Division Goals – Director Barbee **(for information)**
Division goals will be presented at December meeting.
- C. Board update – Dale Hansen, Administrator **(for information)**
Dale Hansen updates Board on incorporating LPG Board and food processing contract position.
- D. Marketing & Communications update – Bob Conrad, PIO II **(for information)**
Bob Conrad updates Board on BuyNevada program, the agriculture license plate and the media agri-tourism tour.

6. Plant Industry

- A. Range Ecology position and NDAs engagement on federal land – Director Barbee **(for information)**
Director introduces Tina Mudd and her role
- B. Nevada EDD Maps – Director Barbee **(for information)**
Tina Mudd and Jaime Greer demonstrate map program
- C. Board update – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator **(for information)**
Update on record, no presentation given
- D. *We request permission to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 554 sections 055, 730, 765 to remove the street address of the department (old address listed and no long necessary to have in code); and to update the nomenclature for tomato – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator **(for possible action)** – Dawn clarifies location of tomato nomenclature. Pete Paris moves to approve. Charlie Frey seconds. Motion approved unanimously.
- E. *We request a change in NAC 588 for the agricultural mineral tonnage fees we suggest charging the same fee charges, no matter how many tons sold or what kind of package used – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator **(for possible action)**
 - a. NAC 588.025 (b) For agricultural minerals:
 - (1) If sold in packages, for quarterly sales or distribution of 20 tons or more, 25 cents per ton; and

- (2) If sold in bulk, for quarterly sales or distribution of 100 tons or more, 5 cents per ton.

Dawn clarifies this is to go to workshop and hearing. Questions about landscape materials. Director reads description of minerals and discusses how that applies. Paul Anderson moves to approve workshop and hearing on NAC 588 on agriculture mineral tonnage fees. Charlie Frey seconds. Motion approve unanimously.

7. Consumer Equitability

- A. Board update – Bart O’Toole, Administrator *(for information)*
Bart updates the Board on CE priorities.

8. Food & Nutrition

- A. Board update - Donnell Barton, Administrator *(for information)*
Update on record. No presentation given.

9. Animal Industries

- A. Board update – Flint Wright, Administrator *(for information)*
Flint updates include Utah’s brand ID program, ADT rule that may go into effect in early 2015. Flint and Dave Cooney demonstrate the Brand ID program.
- B. Federal Grazing /resource management plans – Flint Wright *(for information)*
Flint discusses area west Nile virus cases.

10. Board Member Presentations

- A. *US Bighorn Sheep disease transfer issue – Pete Paris *(for possible action)*
Pete points out Bighorn Sheep letter on record. Board discusses letter, impact on Nevada. Director points out that Governor Sandoval’s office is responding with a letter to USDA. Boyd Spratling moves to approve a letter from the Board to Governor Sandoval expressing support of his letter to USDA and a letter to USDA also expressing support of Governor’s letter. Ramona Morrison seconds. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Open Range Issue in the courts (ref. Estate of Adams v. Fallini) - Ramona Morrison *(for information)*
The Board discusses the open range case.
- C. Nevada Cattlemen’s Association/NACO – Ramona Morrison *(for information)*
The Board discusses the NACO lawsuit

11. Public Comment

No public comment

12. Adjournment

Next meeting is December 3, 2014 in Las Vegas

Pete Paris moves to adjourn. Paul Anderson seconds. Meeting adjourned at 3:35.