



**Nevada Board of Agriculture  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 9:00 A.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chairman Dave Stix, Jr. at 9:21 a.m**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Board: Paul Noe, Boyd Spratling, Jim Snyder, Brian Nakaguchi, Tim Duffurena, Ramona Morrison, Charlie Frey. Elko: Pete Paris. Absent: Alan Perazzo. Staff: Dale Hansen, Bart O'Toole, Shawn McFalls, Dawn Rafferty, Robert Little, Dennis Belcourt, Jerri Conrad, Jim Barbee, Donnell Barton, Robert Little, Russ Wilhelm, Flint Wright. Las Vegas: Damon Hernandez. Guests: Audrey Spratling, Mike Baughman.

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment

### **3. Minutes**

- A. \*Approve January 26, 2015 Board meeting minutes **(for possible action)**

Boyd Spratling moves to approve. Charlie Frey seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Director's Report**

- A. Director's Report – Director Barbee **(for information)**

Director mentions that bills AB 488 and 495 and SB 503 have not been released yet. AB 77 and 79 presented to Assembly Committee. NDA is working with Farm Bureau and Cattlemen's on new language regarding animal quarantine reimbursement. Director explains NAC requirement for POS cash registers price verification checks inspection but there is no funding mechanism. The Nevada Retail Association and the Chamber of Commerce would like a complaint driven system. Metro building is in discussion.

### **5. Administration**

- A. \*Virginia Range Cooperative Agreement between the Nevada Department of Agriculture and Return to Freedom, Inc., concerning estrays, for Board Approval – Flint Wright, Administrator **(for possible action)**

Flint Wright presents the agreement and points out the NDA is still responsible for public safety issues and urgent threats. Groups will have the greatest amount of impact in preventative issues.

Board discusses the efficacy and insurance, agrees that the agreement is worth trying.

Boyd Spratling moves to recommend the Director sign the Virginia Range Cooperative Agreement. Ramona Morrison seconds. Motion passes with Charlie Frey voting no.

B. \*BDR 46-483, Appropriation for Cloud Seeding – Mike Baughman, Executive Director, Humboldt River Basin Authority **(for possible action)**

Mike Baughman presents information about funding for cloud seeding in Nevada.

Board discusses how success is measured, who runs the manual systems, what organizations funding is available for.

Boyd Spratling moves that NDA support BDR 46-483. Ramona Morrison seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

C. NDA Mission – Director Barbee **(for information)**

D. Board update – Dale Hansen, Fiscal Administrator **(for information)**

Written update provided.

E. Board update – Bob Conrad, PIO II **(for information)**

Written update provided.

## 6. Plant Industry

A. \*Approval requested for the following expenditures to the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Council (BA4544) – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator **(for possible action)**

- i. -A \$5,000.00 donation to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance, to maintain membership status.
- ii. -A \$5,000.00 donation to support the research of Dr. Doug Walsh, regarding the article, “Implementing Lygus Management Strategies in Alfalfa Seed Production.”

Jim Snyder moves to transfer the funds. Paul Noe seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Board update – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator **(for information)**

Written update provided.

## **7. Consumer Equitability**

A. Board update – Bart O’Toole, Administrator **(for information)**

Written update provided.

## **8. Food & Nutrition**

A. Board update - Donnell Barton, Administrator **(for information)**

Written update provided.

## **9. Animal Industries**

A. Board update – Flint Wright, Administrator **(for information)**

Written update provided.

B. \*Permission to go to workshop and hearing on proposed trichomoniasis retest of bulls, hold order administration – Flint Wright, Administrator **(for possible action)**

Boyd Spratling would like to have a 60-day window for withdrawal from hold to quarantine for the possibility of retest. He would like to push the six months to eight months to maintain the traceability of bulls that test positive for trichomoniasis.

Ramona Morrison moves to approved as outlined by Boyd Spratling. Boyd Spratling seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

C. \*Permission to go to workshop and hearing on brucellosis calfhooed vaccination regulations – Flint Wright, Administrator **(for possible action)**

Paul Noe moves to approve. Ramona Morrison seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

D. \*Permission to go to workshop and hearing for licensed veterinarians presence on- site at Livestock Markets – Flint Wright, Administrator **(for possible action)**

Ramona Morrison moves to approve. Boyd Spratling seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

## **10. Board Member Presentations**

A. \*Reappointment oaths – Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General **(for possible action)**

Paul Anderson is sworn in.

#### **11. Public Comment**

Director Barbee gives an update on lunch plans and tour of legislature.

Dave Stix Jr., give an update on bull sale and market.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Ramona Morrison moves to adjourn. Paul Noe seconds. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.