



**Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 9:00 A.M.**

Meeting location: Nevada Department of Agriculture, Conference Room
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AGENDA

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chairman Dave Stix, Jr. at 9:01 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Board: Dave Stix, Jr., Paul Noe, Paul Anderson, Charlie Frey, Alan Perazzo, Tim Dufurrena, Pete Paris, Brian Nakaguchi, Ramona Morrison, Jim Snyder, Boyd Spratling (via video from Elko) Staff: Robert Leavitt, Dennis Belcourt, Jim Barbee, Jerri Conrad, Shawn McFalls, Chris Miller, Dale Hansen, Bart O'Toole, Ashley Jeppsen, Flint Wright, Rebecca Allured Guests: Pat and David Barrett, Bob Roper, Mark O'Farrell, Rob Holley, Ann Louhela, Jacob O'Farrell, Emmett Esnard, Clint Koble, Mark Jensen, Karla Mendoza, Mike Orlovich, Sandy Rowley, Bryan McPhil, Rick Lattin, Amber Sallaberry, Nicole Sallaberry, Bret Henderson

2. Public Comment – public comment heard

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve March 4, 2015 Board meeting minutes (**for possible action**) - Ramona Morrison motions to approve, Pete Paris seconds, motion passes unanimous.

4. Director's Report

- A. Director's Report – Director Barbee (**for information**), **including, but not limited to:**
 - i. Legislative update – update includes bills, metro building, FSMA, drought forum

5. Administration

- A. Introduce new PIO II – Jerri Conrad, Executive Assistant (**for information**)
- B. Nevada Department of Forestry update and Rangeland Fire Protection Association's legislation (AB 163) - Robert Roper, Nevada State Forester (**for information**)
- C. *Review and approval of NDA Mission – Director Barbee (**for possible action**) – Ramona Morrison motions to approve, Paul Anderson seconds, motion passes unanimous.
- D. *Review and approval of Travel Policy and Procedure – Dale Hansen (**for possible action**) – Ramona Morrison motions to approves, Alan Perazzo seconds, motion passes unanimous.
- E. Board update – Dale Hansen, Fiscal Administrator (**for information**)
- F. Board update – Rebecca Allured, PIO II (**for information**)

6. Plant Industry

- A. Organic Advisory Council organic certification program presentation (**for information**)
 - i. **Rob Holley**
 - ii. **Rick Latin**
 - iii. **Nicole Sallaberry**

Public comment heard

- B. *Consideration and possible approval of changes to the Organic Certification Program, including but not limited to, measures to eliminate the program or make the program sustainable – Director Barbee (**for possible action**)

Director Barbee references packet materials related to the 6A and 6B and mentions options staff looked at:

- increase fees double - triple
- increase amount of producers/handlers that take advantage of state program
- pursue general fund
- transition to third party certifiers with support from NDA

Director Barbee recommends to the board to dissolve organic program at the end of handlers and producers' certificates – March 30, 2016 - and have NDA staff assist them in transitioning to third party certifiers.

Charlie Frey motions to approve Director Barbee's recommendation due to funding short fall, Tim Duffurena seconds.

Paul Anderson motions to table the item and give members of the program more time to come up with another option, Pete Paris seconds.

Discussion regarding loss of staff and funding short fall.

Board members in favor of tabling the item, two yeses and nine nays, motion dies.

Board members in favor of Director Barbee's recommendation, two nays and 9 yeses, motion passes.

- C. *Approval of Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook – Tina Mudd (**for possible action**) – No action taken
- D. Environmental Impact Statement Cooperative Agency Review Update - Tina Mudd (**for information**)
- E. Board update – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator (**for information**)

7. Consumer Equitability

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

8. Food & Nutrition

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

9. Animal Industries

- A. *NAC 571.030 change requirements for EIA (Coggins) testing to 12 months instead of the current 6 months – Flint Wright, Administrator *(for possible action)* – Ramona Morrison motions to approve to go to workshop and hearing regarding increasing EIA testing from six months to 12 months and change to certificate of veterinarian health, Jim Snyder, motion passes unanimous.
- B. Board update – Flint Wright, Administrator *(for information)*

10. Board Member Presentations

Discussion regarding wet spring in north eastern Nevada, sheep head tax and H2-A letter of support from Governor Sandoval.

11. Public Comment – No public comment

12. Adjournment – Paul Noe motions to adjourn, Alan Perrazo seconds, motion passes unanimous.