

**Nevada Board of Agriculture Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:00 A.M.



**Meeting location: Nevada Department of Agriculture**  
**4780 East Idaho Street**  
**Elko, NV 89801**  
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## AGENDA

### 1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson 9:02am

- A. Pledge of allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Board in Elko: Boyd Spratling, Pete Paris, Heather Lackey, Tim Dufurrena, Woody Worthington, Paul Anderson. Staff: Jim Barbee, Jerri Conrad, Doug Farris, Alora Bartosz, Rebecca Allured, Meghan Brown, Jessica Fagundes. Board in LV: Paul Noe, Dave Coon. Staff: Ron Balsamo. Board in Sparks: Jim Snyder, Charlie Frey. Staff: Dennis Belcourt, Shawn McFalls, Ashley White, Lynn Hettrick, Anna Vickrey, Debra Crowley, Bart O'Toole, Ashley Jeppson.

### 2. Public Comment

None.

### 3. Minutes

- A. \*Approve June 7, 2017 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington motioned to approve the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Heather Lackey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Director's Report

- A. Director's Report – Director Jim Barbee (*for information*)
- B. New Nevada Workforce Development – Director Jim Barbee (*for information*)

### 5. Administration

- A. Board update – Fiscal Administrator Debra Crowley (*for information*)
- B. Board update – Public Information Officer II Rebecca Allured (*for information*)
- C. \*Department public record request policy revision approval – Public Information Officer II Rebecca Allured (*for possible action*)

Pete Paris motioned to approve the revisions to the public record request policy. Woody Worthington seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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### 6. Consumer Equitability

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

### 7. Food & Nutrition

- A. Board update – Director Jim Barbee read for Administrator Homa Anooshehpoor (*for information*)
- B. \*Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 583 regarding meat, fish, produce, poultry and eggs – Food Safety Operations Manager Anna Vickrey (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington motioned to approve the request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 583. Heather Lackey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8. Animal Industry

- A. Board update - Administrator Doug Farris (*for information*)

### 9. Plant Industry

- A. Board update – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for information*)
- B. Update on adoption of amendments to NAC Chapter 587, relating to the general standards for certification of seed as adopted by the Department and NAC 587.931 to 587.937, inclusive, governing the standards for the certification of industrial hemp seed – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for information*)
- C. Update on adoption of amendments to NAC Chapter 557, relating to hemp fee clarification – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for information*)
- D. \*Request from the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Association to expend \$5,000 from the assessment budget as a donation to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance to support the research and development of alfalfa seed technologies – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

Jim Snyder made a motion to approve a \$5,000 donation from the assessment budget to the National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance to support the research and development of alfalfa seed technologies. Charlie Frey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. \*Request to review amendments to NAC 552, relating to unlawful removal of diseased bees without permit. Director’s authority – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

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Heather Lackey made a motion to recommend that the Director approve amendments to NAC 552, relating to unlawful removal of diseased bees without permit. Charlie Frey seconded the recommendation. The motion to recommend that the director approve amendments passed unanimously.

- F. \*Request to go to workshop and hearing to make amendments to NAC 576, relating to certified producer's certificates – Agriculturist Ashley Jeppson (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made a motion to approve the request to go to workshop and hearing to make amendments to NAC 576. Boyd Spratling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. \*Request to go to workshop and hearing for SB 396, a bill revising provisions relating to the sale of industrial hemp – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey made a motion to approve the request to go to workshop and hearing for SB 396. Jim Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention from Boyd Spratling.

- H. Presentation on NAC 555, regulations related to the control of insects, pests, and noxious weeds – Pest Control Operator Program Manager Ron Balsamo (*for information*)
- I. \*Request to review amendments to NAC Chapter 555, relating to pesticide regulation. Director's authority – Administrator Lynn Hettrick (*for possible action*)

*(Note for clarification: Two votes were held under this agenda item regarding separate sections under NAC Chapter 555. The first vote was taken on request to approve amendments under LCB file number R093-15, the second vote was taken on request to go to workshop and hearing for LCB file number R006-17.)*

Heather Lackey motioned to recommend that the Director approve the amendments under R093-15 and to approve the request to go to workshop and hearing for R006-17. Woody Worthington seconded this motion. The motion to have the board recommend that the Director approve changes to R093-15 and approve the request to go to workshop and hearing for R006-17 passed unanimously.

### 10. Public Comment

Public comment from Sparks: Elizabeth Ashby, the Senior Executive Grant Analyst for the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination, and Management under the Nevada Department of Administration made comment. She stated that she would be attending board meetings for the foreseeable future in order to gain information about the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA). It is the goal of her office to better coordinate state

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agency collaboration, and to help NDA search and apply for grant funding. She also made note that her office has recently received funding for an improved grant management system, the details of which she would like to share with our fiscal department.

Board comment: Boyd Spratling made comment on NAC Chapter 555, regarding pesticide labeling and regulation. There was discussion about whether similar regulations and requirements could be applied to animal health products and registration. The Director and the State Veterinarian will continue this conversation with the board moving forward.

### **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.