

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: March 22, 2010

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting Time: March 30, 2010 @ 10:00 am

Place of Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 775-353-3601

Tony Lesperance, Director

This meeting will be available by video-conference in Sparks, Las Vegas, Elko and Ely at the following locations:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
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Sparks, NV 89431
(775) 353-3619

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4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801-4672
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White Pine Extension Office
995 Campton Street
Ely, NV

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and 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 Alan Perazzo.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Introduction of Board members, attendees and guests.

2. Board Business

- A. Overall discussion of Department finances. (Lesperance) **Information**
- B. Financial needs of Animal Disease Division. (LaRussa) **Information**
- C. Financial needs of Plant Industry Division. (Rafferty) **Information**
- D. Financial needs of Resource Protection Division. (Jensen) **Information**
- E. Other financial needs areas. (Lesperance) **Information**
- F. Request permission to prepare a plan to restore short-term financial stability for the Divisions named above. Discussion of how and when the plan will be presented to the Interim Finance Committee for consideration. Lesperance **(Action)**

3. Public Comments

Public comment during the Board meeting will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to two minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of two minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that agenda item at the Board meeting.

The Chairman and the Board of Agriculture intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of the public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings.

The Nevada Board of Agriculture can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Board. However, responses from the Board to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for staff action, or ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda.

4. Adjournment Action

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 353-3619 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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