

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: June 1, 2010

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting Time: June 15, 2010 @ 8:30 am
June 16, 2010 @ 8:30 am

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

Tony Lesperance, Director

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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. *Approval of minutes from the March 2, 2010, March 3, 2010, and March 30, 2010. Board meetings. (Foley) **Action**
- B. *Approval of the inclusion of additional minutes from the December 9, 2009, Board meeting as transcribed by Nancy Long, Jones Vargas Law Firm. This inclusion was requested by John Sande, III and approved by Deputy Attorney General Katie Armstrong under the Open Meeting Law. Note: Minutes from the December 9, 2009 Board meeting were approved by the Board on March 3, 2010. (Foley) **Action**
- C. *Introduction of and Oath of Office for new Board member Grady Jones. (Lesperance/Armstrong) **Action**
- D. Introduction of Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to the Board of Agriculture. **Information**
- E. Chairman Perazzo's presentation to the Board on a recent article that appeared in the Edible Reno-Tahoe Magazine. **Information**
 - 1. *'Meet Your Meat' written by Nancy Horn, Publisher and Editor of Edible Reno-Tahoe Magazine.
 - 2. *Letter from Kenneth E. Petersen, Assistant Administrator, Office of Field Operations, USDA.
 - 3. *Letter written to Governor Gibbons by Amanda Burden, Publisher/ Editor of Edible Reno-Tahoe magazine, dated April 27, 2010.
- F. *Attorney General's opinion regarding whether "special sales" fees may be charged by the Department of Agriculture for cattle sales. (Lesperance) **Information**
- G. *Request permission of the Board to proceed with the collection from Jack Payne, Owner, Nevada Livestock Marketing, LLC, for services rendered by the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Brands Division, to include all past due and current charges. (Lesperance) **Action**
- H. *Request approval by the Board of the "draft" letter composed by Director Lesperance, addressed to the Department of the Interior, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture as directed by the Board in the March 2, 2010, meeting reiterating the Department's and Board's position on all federal and state policy decisions and land use plans that may affect the Nevada agriculture industry. (Lesperance) **Action**
- I. *Request to go to workshop and hearing with proposed changes to NAC 564 and NAC 565; the proposed changes to brand inspections. (Busselman) **Action**

3. **Director's Report**

- A. *Director's report (Lesperance) **Information**
- B. *General Fund Allocation from 6/30/2009 – 7/1/2010. (Lesperance) **Information**

4. **Division of Administration**

- A. Budget Update (Scheid) **Information**
- B. Request permission from the Board to move forward with Bill Draft Request for the 2011 Legislative Session regarding the separation of general fund monies and monies resulting from fee based and federally funded activities. This would also include a fee based component in Budget 4546 (EIA testing) which should also be moved into this new proposed budget. (Scheid) **Action**

5. **Plant Industry**

- A. Division Update (Rafferty) **Information**
- B. Update of Chemist's position. (Foster) **Information**
- C. Update on season's vertebrate pest activity. (Foster) **Information**
- D. *EPA second quarter 2010 update. (Moses) **Information**
- E. *Information on Bill Draft Request for the 2011 Legislative Session regarding NRS Chapter 555, Custom Application of Pesticides. (Lawrence) **Information**
- F. *Update on Canary Island Date Palm Wilt Disease in Las Vegas/Henderson. (Wang) **Information**
- G. *Entomolgy Update (Knight) **Information**
 - 1. Cricket Maps
 - 2. *Spotted Wing Drosphila
 - 3. *The Green Alder Sawfly
 - 4. *European Grapevine Moth
- H. Program Updates (Marty) **Information**
 - 1. Seed Certification
 - 2. Organic Certification
 - 3. Allium Quarantine Program

I. Program Updates (Mudd) **Information**

1. Speciality Crop Block Grant Program
2. NDOA ARRA Programs

J. Weed Program Update (Marsh) **Information**

6. **Livestock Identification Division** (Mothershead/Northrop) **Information**

A. *Division Update

7. **Petroleum Technology Bureau** (Striejewske)

- A. *Request permission to submit a draft to LCB and then go to workshop and hearing to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to NAC 590 (Petroleum Products and Antifreeze). **Action**
- B. Information on recent inquiries about 'Mid-Blend' gasoline-ethanol blends. **Information**
- C. Information on the update to the Clark County County Maintenance Plan. **Information**

8. **Animal Industry**

A. Division Update

1. Animal Disease Traceability (LaRussa) **Information**
2. USAHA Bighorn Sheep Working Group (Rink) **Information**
3. Laboratory Update/National Animal Health Laboratory Network (Rink) **Information**
4. *Request approval from the Board of Agriculture to approve the proposed ADL fee schedule effective July 1, 2010. (Rink) **Action**

9. **Resource Protection Division** (Jensen) **Information**

A. Division Update

10. **Measurement Standards Division** (Beal) **Information**

A. *Division Update

11. Department employee comments and suggestions to the Board of Agriculture.

Information

12. Public Comments

Information

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.

13. Date of next meeting

Action

14. 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.

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please call Sandie Foley at the Nevada Department of Agriculture (775) 353-3619 as soon as possible.

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