

Name of Organization: Nevada Board of Agriculture
Date and Time of Meeting: July 31, 2012
Place of Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, Nevada 89431
775-353-3601

Minutes

July 31, 2012

Board Members Present:

Alan Perazzo, Chairman
Ramona Morrison, Vice Chair
Paul Anderson
Charlie Frey
Grady Jones
Paul Noe
Jim Snyder
Boyd Spratling
Dave Stix, Jr.
Tim Dufurrena

Staff Members Present:

Jim Barbee
Dennis Belcourt, Deputy A.G.
Mark Jensen
Jay Ludlow
Joann Mothershead, Elko
Jodi Protopappas
Dave Jones
Bill Striejewske

Board Members Absent:

Hank Vogler

Guests:

Peter Krueger, NPM & CSA
Charlie Frey, Frey Ranch
Don Molde, Reno
Alan Sheperd, BLM
Mike Iietmeyer, BLM
Lea Tauchen, Retail Association
Carla Bowers, WHB
Tray Abney, The Chamber
Laura Leigh, Wild Horse Advocate
Nick Economider, Chevron
Michael Hillerby
Don Alt

1. Call to order by Chairman Perazzo

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

- C. Dennis Belcourt administers Oath to re-appointed Board members Paul Noe, Charles Frey and Jim Snyder.
- D. Introduction of staff and guests.
- E. Approval of May 1, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
- F. Public Comment – Don Molde from the Hidden Valley Homeowners Association spoke regarding feral and astray horses.

2. **Director's Report**

Director Barbee gave his report and answered questions regarding various issues.

3. **Division of Administration Report**

Update by John McCuin ASOIII, on the following Budget accounts:

BA 4537 Gas Pollution Standards
BA 4540 Plant Health & Quarantine
BA 4541 Grade and Cert Agriculture Prod
BA 4545 Agriculture Registration/Enforcement
BA 4546 Livestock Inspection
BA 4550 Veterinary Medical Services
BA 4551 Weights and Measures
BA 4452 Pest, Plant Disease, Noxious Weeds
BA 4554 Agriculture Administration
BA 4556 Rangeland Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket
BA 4600 Predatory Animal/Rodent Control

4. **Weights and Measures**

- A. Dave Jones, Administrator for W & M, updated the Board on the workshop for NAC 581.285.
- B. Update given by Dave Jones on the Operational Livestock Scale.
- C. Dave Jones asked the Board to approve the Manganese regulation proposal signage to put this from workshop to hearing.

Discussion was held and a motion was made and passed by simple majority.

- D. Public Comment – no public comment at this time.

5. **Plant Industry**

- A. Request to appoint Robert Holley to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council per NRS 587.810 to fill current position vacancy under the category of non-organic agriculture representative.
Passed
- B. Request to appoint Nicole Sallaberry to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council per NRS 587.810 to fill current position vacancy under the category of industry/consumer representative.
No Action Taken
- C. Request to appoint Kunall Patel to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council per NRS 587.810 to fill current position vacancy under the category of organic producer/handler representative.
Passed
- D. Request to reappoint Rick Lattin to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council per NRS 587.810 under the category of organic producer/handler representative.
Passed
- E. Request to reappoint Mark O'Farrell to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council per NRS 587.810 under the category of organic producer/handler representative.
Passed

6. **Nevada Wildlife Services**

- A. Mark Jensen, State Director of Nevada Wildlife Services updated the Board on the Sage Grouse Committee meetings.
- B. Update given by Mark Jensen on the WEG lawsuit.

7. **Animal Industries**

- A. Dr. Anette Rink updated the Board on the EPA investigation in Eureka.

8. **Board member Presentations**

- A. Update given by Alan Perazzo on the Fallon Milk Plant.
- B. Update by Dr. Boyd Spratling on discussion on drought management for cattle grazing and wild horses in the Battle Mt. BLM district.

Dave Stix, Jr. makes motion to move for the Director to draft and send a letter from the Board of Agriculture to Secretary Salazar consolidating the points made in the paper provided by Dr. Boyd Spratling. Motion is seconded by Grady Jones. Motion Passed.

- C. Update by Ramona Morrison on ruling of Judge Jones in U.S. vs. Hage.
- D. Policy statement regarding the seizure of privately owned animals by Governmental entities.

Ramona Morrison moved that the Director Inform the Board of Agriculture of an impending Governmental Seizure request put forth to the NDA. Motion is seconded and passed.

9. **Election of Board Officers**

- A. Chairman

Boyd Spratling nominated Dave Stix Jr., to serve as the next Board of Agriculture Chairman. No other nominations were made. Motion is seconded and passed.

- B. Vice-Chairman

Grady Jones nominated Paul Anderson to serve as the next board of Agriculture Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were made. Motion is seconded and passed.

10. **Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

11. **Adjournment**

Next meeting was scheduled for December 11, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm