

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Today's Date: December 1, 2010

Name of Organization: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting Time: December 14th, 2010 @ 8:30 am
December 15th, 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 September 21, 2010 and October 13, 2010 Board Meetings (Foley) **Action**

B. Election of officers for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Nevada Board of Agriculture. (Perazzo) **Action**

C. *Resignation letter to the Board from Martin Plaskett. (Lesperance) **Information**

D. Oath of Office for newly appointed member Charles Frey and reappointments to the Board of Agriculture including Hank Vogler, Ramona Morrison, and Alan Perazzo. (Lesperance) **Action**

E. *Discussion and action by the Board to write a statement objecting to wild horse use of water in the absence of a designated beneficial use. (Stremler) **Action**

F. Discussion of the Bureau of Land Management Range Improvement Fund (8100) money and its availability. (Stremler) **Information**

G. Discussion and possible action regarding Winnemucca Farms request to the Board to take a position on the Interruptible Energy Schedule and rates for irrigation users being proposed by NV Energy. (Lesperance and Busselman) **Action**

H. *Request to disburse monies pursuant to NRS 562.170 and NRS 567.110 to the Woolgrowers Association in the amount of \$6,113.58. (Vogler) **Action**

I. Presentation about the Nevada CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Pesticide Program. (Lanza) **Information**

J. Discussion about the rationale for requiring florists to have Nevada nursery licenses (NRS 555.236). (Jones & Noe) **Information**

K. Presentation to the Board of the Climate study results that was conducted in November by the Nevada Department of Personnel. (Harvey & Grogan) **Information**

(This item will be discussed by the Board at the Wednesday, December 15, 2010 meeting)

L. Director's evaluation. (Perazzo) **Action**

(This item will be discussed by the Board at the Wednesday, December 15, 2010 meeting).

3. Director's Report

- A. *Director's report (Lesperance) **Information**
- B. *List of Director's activities. (Lesperance) **Information**

4. Division of Administration

- A. Division Update (Scheid) **Information**

5. Resource Protection Division

- A. *Program Update (Jensen) **Information**

6. Animal Industry Division

- A. *USAHA Update (LaRussa) **Information**
- B. Laboratory Update (Rink) **Information**
 - 1. AAVLD meeting update (Q-fever in dairy cattle, piroplasmosis in horses, etc.)
 - 2. *Bighorn Sheep Scientific Publication (October 2010)
 - 3. Miscellaneous

7. Plant Industry Division

- A. Division Update (Foster) **Information**
- B. Request to the Board for the reappointment of Bruce Quinlan, Marcia Litsinger, and Dave Hall to the Nevada Organic Advisory Council. (Marty) **Action**
- C. *EPA 4th quarter 2010 update (Moses) **Information**
- D. Report on the Workshop and Hearings for the revisions to NAC 555, LCB File No. R-062-10. The revisions include the addition and deletion of text and increase of some fees. (Lawrence) **Information**
- E. *Request the Board of Agriculture to adopt as permanent, proposed changes to NAC 555, (LCB File No. R-062-10) as discussed in Item 7.D (Moses) **Action**

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

No report at this time.

9. **Weights & Measures Division**

A. *Division Update (Beal) **Information**

10. **Livestock Identification Division** (Mothershead) **Information**

A. *Division Update

1. Movement Permits
2. VRE horses
3. Update on sale yard activities
4. Enforcement activities
5. NAC changes

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.

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