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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Board members in attendance: Tim Duffurena, Heather Lackey, Paul Anderson, Boyd Spratling, Charlie Frey, Woody Worthington, Pete Paris, Varlin Higbee, Paul Noe, Dave Coon
Staff in attendance: Cadence Matijevich, Doug Farris, Homa Anoooshehpour, Ashley Jeppson, Samantha Bellwood, Jennifer Ott, Richard Yien, Brandee Mooneyham

2. Public Comment

No public comment submitted.

3. Minutes

A. *Approve June 3, 2020 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moved to approve the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Woody Worthington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Director's Report

A. Report – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)

5. Plant Industry

- A. Board update – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. *Purchase order approval to use funds from 4544-10, Assessment for Alfalfa Seed Research for payment to the National Alfalfa Forage Alliance and Western Alfalfa Seed

Growers Association (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey moved to approve the purchase order using funds from 4544-10, Assessment for Alfalfa Seed Research for payment to the National Alfalfa Forage Alliance and Western Alfalfa Seed Growers Association. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- C. Presentation on Budget Account 4544 and strategies for engaging allium seed industry involving project recommendations – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information*)

6. Consumer Equitability

- A. Board update – Cadence Matijevich, Administrator (*for information*)

7. Administration

- A. Board update – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)
- B. *Department Personal Appearance policy revision (*for possible action*)
- C. *Department Ethical Behavior policy revision (*for possible action*)
- D. *Department Employee Termination policy revision (*for possible action*)
- E. *Department Recruitment and Hiring policy revision (*for possible action*)
- F. *Department Employee Development and Training policy revision (*for possible action*)

Paul Noe moved to approve the policy revisions listed in agenda items 7B – 7F. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Animal Industry

- A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. *Proposed revisions to NAC 571 to update language regarding brucellosis vaccinations (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moved to approve the proposed revision to NAC 571 to update language regarding brucellosis vaccinations. Heather Lackey seconded the motion. Varlin Higbee opposed the motion. The motion passed.

- C. * Proposed revisions to NAC 573 to update language and increase licensure fee to operate livestock sales or auctions (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moved to approve the proposed revision to NAC 573 to update and increase the licensure fee to operate livestock sales or auctions. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Food and Nutrition

- A. Board update – Homa Anooshehpour, Administrator (*for information*)

10. Public Comment

Varlin Higbee: In response to language changes for NAC 571 to update language regarding brucellosis vaccinations, if you require vaccinations at the sale yard, already stressed animals are more likely to get sick once they reach their destination feedlots. The language change closes doors to different options.

11. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Chairman Anderson and Dr. Spratling announced that they will be stepping down from the board after this meeting. Chairman Anderson will be present at the December meeting to facilitate the vote for a new chair and vice chair.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:51am.