

Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 10 a.m.



Meeting location: Nevada Department of Agriculture
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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 10:05

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Sparks: Jim Snyder, Dave Stix, Jr., Paul Anderson, Heather Lackey, Charlie Frey, Woody Worthington, Pete Paris. Staff: Jerri Conrad, Doug Farris, JJ Goicoechea, Debra Crowley, Cadence Matijevich, Homa Anooshehpour, Alora Bartosz, Dennis Belcourt, Jim Barbee, Shawn McFalls, Ashley White. Elko: Boyd Spratling, Tim Dufurrena. Staff: Meghan Brown. Las Vegas: Paul Noe, Dave Coon.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve March 14, 2018 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes. Heather Lackey seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Administration

- A. *The board to consider appointing Dr. J.J. Goicoechea as the Nevada Department of Agriculture's Interim Director, in unclassified service, beginning Monday, May 21, 2018, per NRS 561.115 (*for possible action*)

Dr. JJ Goicoechea withdrew his name for the Interim Director position. No action was taken by the board on this agenda item.

- B. *The board to consider the search and selection process for a permanent Nevada Department of Agriculture Director, in unclassified service, per NRS 561.115 and NRS 561.125 (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling moved that the Deputy Director, upon whom by statute the duties and powers of the Director will devolve when the Director position becomes vacant, be tasked with planning out and undertaking the search and selection process for a permanent replacement, (set forth any specific directions for the Deputy Director) and, recognizing that she will be undertaking double or triple duty in doing so, that the board support any statutorily authorized increase in her salary up to the amount authorized for a director in the law.

Dave Stix, Jr. seconded this motion.

Chairman Paul Anderson called for questions from the board. A short discussion took place, at which time, Dave Stix, Jr. made the motion to amend the original motion to include that NDA staff work with expediency to fill the Director position, and to report back on progress at the June board meeting as well as how the process for selection will look.

Jim Snyder seconded the motion to amend the original motion to include the expediency clause.

The motion to amend the original motion passed unanimously.

The original motion, with included amendment, passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Paul Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:07.