

Nevada Board of Agriculture

Meeting minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1 p.m.



Meeting location: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 South 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
775-353-3601

Video conference: Nevada Department of Agriculture Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 East St. Louis Avenue 4780 East Idaho Street
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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 1:02 PM

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Sparks board: Jim Snyder, Tim Dufurrena, Heather Lackey, Paul Anderson, Boyd Spratling, Charlie Frey, Varlin Higbee, Dave Coon, Woody Worthington. Sparks staff: Jerri Conrad, Brandee Mooneyhan, Gennie Hudson, Rebecca Allured, Alora Bartosz, Mark Jensen, Debra Crowley, Homa Anooshehpour, Cadence Matijevich, Doug Farris, Jennifer Ott. Sparks guests: Bill Payne, Doug Busselman, Deonne Contine. Las Vegas board: Paul Noe. Las Vegas staff: Patricia Hoppe. Elko board: Pete Paris. Elko staff: Meghan Brown.

2. Public Comment

Sparks: Doug Busselman looks forward to a good relationship with a new NDA director and encourages a new director to work closely with industry partners.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve December 12, 2018 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made a motion to approve the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Heather Lackey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Board Business

- A. Discussion regarding the recruitment/selection process to appoint a new Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (*for information*)
- B. Applicant interviews for position of the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Listed times may be subject to adjustment. (*for information*)
 - i. Applicants:
 - 1. 1:30 – Deonne Contine
 - 2. 3:30 – Jennifer Ott
- C. *Discussion and possible action regarding appointment (from among the above two applicants) of the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, subject to the Governor’s approval, pursuant to NRS 561.115 (*for possible action*)

Boyd Spratling made the motion for the board to appoint Jennifer Ott as the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, subject to the Governor’s approval. Charlie Frey seconded this motion. The motion passed 9-2.

5. Board Presentations

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- A. *The Nevada Board of Agriculture directs the Nevada Department of Agriculture, pursuant to NRS 561.105, to draft a letter on behalf of the board to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Finance, and Governor Steve Sisolak requesting consideration that all Nevada POST certified sworn peace officer positions within the NDA's Livestock Enforcement program and all associated position equipment be funded by the state general fund – Paul Anderson, Chair (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made the motion for the Nevada Board of Agriculture to direct the Nevada Department of Agriculture to draft a letter on behalf of the board to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Finance, and Governor Steve Sisolak. Heather Lackey seconded this motion. The motion passed.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Paul Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.