

Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9 a.m.



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

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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 8:59 am.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

Elko board: Dr. Boyd Spratling. Elko staff: Logan Woodfall, Meghan Brown.

Las Vegas board: Dave Coon, Paul Noe. Las Vegas staff: Dennis Belcourt.

Sparks board: Varlin Higbee, Jim Snyder, Pete Paris, Paul Anderson, Charlie Frey, Woody Worthington, Tim Dufurrena. Sparks staff: Ashley Jeppson, Cadence Matijevich, Homa Anoshehpour, Rebecca Allured, Ciara Ressel, Dillon Davidson, Jennifer Ott, Doug Farris, Jerri Conrad, Alora Bartosz.

2. Public Comment

Elko: Jennifer Garrett gave public comment regarding her opposition to mandatory trich testing.

Sparks: Greg Hendricks, of AWHC, gave public comment regarding the recent cooperative agreement signed between NDA and AWHC for fertility control management of the Virginia Range Estray horses.

Hank Vogler gave public comment regarding the process of crossing district lines with cattle. He requested that the process become more modern.

All public comments are attached to these minutes.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve March 6, 2019 meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Woody Worthington made the motion to approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Charlie Frey made a second to that motion. The motion carried.

4. Director's Report

- A. Introduction of new Plant Industry Administrator Ashley Jeppson
- B. Report – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)
- C. Brand inspection update – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)

5. Administration

- A. Fiscal update – Elizabeth Watson, Administrative Services Officer 3 (*for information*)
- B. Communications and promotions update – Rebecca Allured, Public Information Officer II (*for*

information)

C. Economic analysis – Jennifer Ott, Director (*for information*)

6. Animal Industry

A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)

7. Consumer Equitability

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

8. Food & Nutrition

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

9. Plant Industry

A. Board update – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information*)

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

Public comment
All divisions



First and last name: Jennifer Garrett Today's date: 6/5/19

Organization: _____

Email address: heoper_ranch@yahoo.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Public comment

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item? Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
 - In opposition
 - Neutral
- Yes
 - No

Comments: _____



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Organization:

Email address:

Physical address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Agenda item you are commenting on (Please select the number and letter)

Number: Letter:

Are you in favor, in opposition, or neutral regarding the agenda item? (Please select one)

In Favor In Opposition Neutral

Do you wish to speak at the board meeting? (Please select one)

Yes No

Comment:

June 5, 2019

To Jennifer Ott, NV Director of Agriculture, and the NV State Board of Agriculture

Hello, I am Jennifer Garrett. I am here to voice my opposition to mandatory Trich testing in Nevada for the following reasons.

FIRST; It is not needed. The current law requires that the state be notified if a positive Trich bull is found. That bull and its herd is then placed under a hold order until it is deemed free of Trich. The bulls in all neighboring herds are then supposed to be tested. This regulation was enacted to alleviate reinfection of Trich from a neighbor's bull and to clean up problem Trich areas. These regulations are a good compromise between no regulations vs yearly mandatory testing. The State Vet has stated that enforcement is difficult because the regulation's wording may not be strong enough. Modifying the wording to ensure that the current regulations can be enforced may be needed and would be the wiser, more realistic path to take before requiring yearly Trich testing.

SECOND; Yearly mandatory Trich testing will put a financial and logistical burden on ranchers. Current costs to Trich test range from \$25 to \$80/bull. This cost is only for the vet and testing. It doesn't include the labor and maintenance of the facilities to test the bulls. This adds another yearly mandatory cost to an industry that cannot raise its prices to pay for these extra costs.

Also, the logistics of gathering and testing the bulls can be very problematic. In central and southern Nevada, many herds are not all gathered and worked at the same time. This regulation would be very hard for these producers to comply with because gathering their bulls to a central location is never done and facilities that vets would be willing to test at are scarce.

THIRD; Mandatory testing will not eradicate Trich. The states that have mandatory testing continue to have positive bulls because the cows still carry it. Therefore, if Trich testing becomes law, it will be forever. Brucellosis testing had an end and NV became a free state. This will not happen with Trich. Why should everyone be burdened to test yearly without end in areas that have produced no positive bulls?

Lastly, in the previous six years, 99.2% of the Nevada bulls tested have not been infected. This low incidence of positive bulls shows that producers are succeeding in controlling Trich through voluntary testing and management. This proves that government forced testing is not needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opposition to mandatory Trich testing and make you aware that many other producers are against it. It would be costly and burdensome for both producers and the state. Stronger enforcement of the current law will help producers clean up Trich and is the better option.

I emailed a letter requesting this topic be put on the agenda for the September meeting and also a copy of the petition that we are getting signatures on.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.



Public comment

All divisions

First and last name: Greg Hendricks Today's date: 6-5

Organization: American Wild Horse Campaign

Email address: greghendricks@americanwildhorsecampaign.org

Agenda item you are speaking on: ~~Virginia Range PZP Program~~ Virginia Range Mgt. Horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____



Public comment

All divisions

First and last name: Henry Vogler Today's date: _____

Organization: Need more Sheep Co

Email address: NeedmoreSheepCo@yahoo.com

Agenda item you are speaking on: Crossing district lines with cattle

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____
