

Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 9:00am



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Agenda

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Woody Worthington

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Silent Reflection
- C. Roll call

Members in attendance: Woody Worthington, Varlin Higbee, Charlie Frey, Jim Snyder, Pete Paris, Duane Coombs, Paul Noe, Dave Coon, Heather Lackey

NDA staff in attendance: Jennifer Ott, Samantha Bellwood, Doug Farris, Cadence Matijevich, Homa Anooshehpour, Jerri Conrad, Ciara Ressel, Amber Smyer, Dillon Davidson, Ashley Jeppson, William Striejewske, Audrey Blondfield, Sandy Lopez

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

2. Public Comment

Written public comment was submitted by Jon Griggs, representing the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, regarding regulations for bovine trichomoniasis.

Written public comment was submitted by Maureen Weishaupt regarding regulations for bovine trichomoniasis.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve June 8, 2022 minutes (*for possible action*)

Duane Coombs motioned to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Varlin Higbee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Updates on Represented Industries

- A. Industry updates – Board Members (*for information only*)

5. Director's Report

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

6. Plant Health and Compliance

- A. Board update – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information only*)
- B. 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Award – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information only*)

7. Animal Industry

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

8. Measurement Standards

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

9. Food and Nutrition

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

10. Administrative Services

A. Board update – Jerri Williams-Conrad, Deputy Director (*for information only*)

11. Public Comment

Leana Carey provided public comment regarding the purchase of ranches by the Nevada Department of Wildlife and requested the Nevada Department of Agriculture check to ensure that the purchase of these properties includes the payment of taxes.

Varlin Higbee provided public comment regarding the purchase of land in Lincoln County that University of Nevada, Reno’s Cooperative Extension will manage that will be a great opportunity for the Board of Agriculture to work in conjunction with to provide agricultural education to Nevada youth.

Duane Coombs provided public comment regarding concerns about the purchase of agricultural properties for conservation purposes and the effect it has on the local communities.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.

16. Tour of Nevada Goldmines Native Seed Projects

A. The tour is limited to Board of Agriculture Members (*for information only*)