

Julian Joseph (J.J.) Goicoechea, DVM

Summary

- Experienced mixed animal veterinary with over 20 years of practice experience in rural America, 20 years of practice ownership and management in central Nevada and 3 and ½ years regulatory experience as highest-ranking animal disease official in Nevada. Serving a third term as Eureka County Commissioner, and a fourth-generation agriculturist.

Education

1999 | COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- Major: Doctorate Veterinary Medicine
- Earned my Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine while tracking General Animal my junior year and Large Animal my senior year.

1995 | UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-RENO

- Major: N/A (was accepted to professional school after 3rd year)
- Studied Veterinary Science
- I served as president of the Aggie Club, was voted Outstanding Senior as a Junior in College of Agriculture, and served as Nevada FFA Association President during my freshman year.

1992 | EUREKA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Diploma General
- Graduated as Valedictorian, served as Student Body President, and was an all-state athlete in football and basketball

Highlights

- Experienced in managing multi-million-dollar budgets
- Proven leadership as local elected official, Governor appointed board chair, and national organization chairmanships
- Experienced in Regulatory Work
- Experience in Public Health
- Experienced in regulatory and legislative processes at local, state and federal levels
 - Testimony offered at the Nevada Legislature and in both houses of Congress in various committees

Accomplishments

- Eureka County Commission Chair 2012-present
- Eureka County Health Officer May 2020-present
- Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Chair 2012-present
- NCBA Federal Lands Committee Chair 2018-2020
- NCBA Region 6 Policy Division Vice President 2021-present
- Public Lands Council BLM Committee Vice-Chair, Wild Horse and Burro Working Group Chair, Grazing Regulation Working Group Chair 2018-present, Multiple Use Committee Chair 2020-present

- Nevada State Veterinarian February 2016 through August 2019
- Nevada State Veterinarian Interim September 2022-present
- Nevada Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Industry Deputy Administrator February 2016 through August 2019
- NDA Animal Industry Brand Inspector February 2016-present
- Certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician
- Certified at National Veterinary Services Laboratory
- Initiated Eureka Veterinary Service in 2000, owned and operated the practice with my wife until 2016 and restarted practice in 2019.
- Awards won include the Max Deets Leadership Award from National Cattlemen's Beef Association, NCBA's Young Cattlemen's Conference Chairman 2011.
- Past President Nevada Cattlemen's Association
- Past President of Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
- Serving third term as Eureka County Commissioner
- Eureka County Fire Department (Nevada State Firefighter I/Advanced-EMT) 2000-present
- Nevada Association of Counties Board 2016 to present
- Nevada Association of Counties Hall of Fame Inductee 2021

Experience

PARTNER/OPERATOR | GOICOECHEA RANCHES/CROSS 7 LIVESTOCK | JUNE 2000 - CURRENT

- I am actively involved in the day to day operations and decision making on the family ranching operation. Provide veterinary services needed to operate the operation. I purchase all breeding bulls, all mineral supplementation, and manage two employees.

EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR | JANUARY 2012 - PRESENT

- I was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners during my first year in office. I have maintained that seat for 10 years and am serving a third term as County Commissioner. Eureka County has no County Manager, so most of the day to day operations of the county and oversight of appointed positions is the responsibility of the chair. The economy of Eureka County is almost entirely natural resource based and as a result I am deeply involved in all aspects of natural resource management, especially dealing with Federal land management agencies. In addition, the Board manages a multi-million dollar budget annually, again in the absence of a County Manager, allowing the Chairman to have an integral part in budget management.

NEVADA STATE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL CHAIR | STATE OF NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES | FEBRUARY 2012 - PRESENT

- Appointed by Governor of Nevada to represent Local Government on the Legislatively created Sagebrush Ecosystem Council. I was elected chair of the Council at its first meeting and continue to serve in that capacity. This Council consists of 9 appointed members and other Ex-Officio members including and not limited to, the Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This Council oversees and manages the Nevada Conservation Credit System in addition to meeting with wildlife groups, outdoor recreation groups, ranching groups, and mining groups to promote environmental stewardship of our western ecosystems while protecting the economies of rural Nevada.

STATE VETERINARIAN/DEPUTY ANIMAL ADMINISTRATOR | STATE OF NEVADA DEPT. OF AG. | FEBRUARY 2016 - AUGUST 2019

- Served as the Nevada State Veterinarian for the Nevada Department of Agriculture. This position was responsible for overseeing all regulatory animal health statutes and regulations in the State of Nevada. In addition, this position supervised the Agriculture Enforcement Officers of the State of Nevada, the staff in two state diagnostic laboratories,

and staff in the Animal Identification Division. I was a certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician by the United States Department of Agriculture and was responsible for investigating disease outbreaks, public health risks, and maintaining the health and well-being of Nevada citizens and the agricultural industry of Nevada.

VETERINARY OWNER | EUREKA VETERINARY SERVICE | JUNE 2000 – FEBRUARY 2016 AND SEPTEMBER 2019-CURRENT

- I established Eureka Veterinary Service to provide service to the underserved areas of central Nevada. I provided small animal medicine and surgery opportunities until 2014 as well as serving the equine community. The vast majority of my work entailed food animal production concentrating on beef cattle production and range sheep medicine. I have bled for brucellosis and tested for tuberculosis on numerous occasions in order to remove hold orders due to improper importation into the state. I have worked extensively in monitoring for and trying to control *Brucella Ovis* in Nevada rangeland sheep operations. I also have a tremendous amount of experience in working with, blood testing, inoculating, and treating both feral and wild horse and burros. I continue to work in limited private practice providing care for all animals from pets, to livestock and poultry all across Nevada.

ASSOCIATE VETERINARY | GORDON VET CLINIC, LLC | MAY 1999 – JUNE 2000

- I managed the mixed animal practice as a sole practitioner. During my time at the practice, I bled and tested thousands of cattle for brucellosis. With the practice located on the border of Nebraska and South Dakota, rabies, tuberculosis, and testing were common practice as companion animals and cattle crossed state borders and moved in and out of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Much of my work experience was obtained on the reservation working on many species of animals including elk (for which I was federally accredited to perform TB tests) and bison. I was also federally accredited to perform work at two sale barns (Sheridan Livestock Auction Company and Gordon Livestock Market) including performing “card tests” for brucellosis.

Affiliations

- Member, American Association of Bovine Practitioners (1999 – Current)
- Member, American Veterinary Medical Association (1999 – Current)
- Member, Nevada Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) (1999 – Current)
- President, Nevada Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) (2016 – Current)
- District 3 Representative, NVMA Board (2011 – 2015)
- Member, Public Lands Council (2000-current)
- Board Member, Public Lands Council (2018-2020)
- Member, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) (2006 – Current)
- Chairman, NCBA Federal Lands Committee (2018-2020)
- Member, NCBA Cattle Health and Well Being Committee (2010 – Current)
- Member, Nevada Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) (1999 – Current)
- Member, NCA Board (2005 – Current)
- President, NCA (2011 – 2013)
- NCA Animal Health and Livestock Issues Committee Chair (2007-2011)
- NCA Federal Lands Committee Chair (2014-present)
- United States Animal Health Association Board of Directors (2016-2019)
- Western States Livestock Health Association (WSLHA) (2016-2019)
- WSLHA Livestock/Wildlife Interaction Committee (2016-2019)
- USDA/APHIS Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician
- Public Lands Council Multiple Use Committee Chair (2020-Current)
- National Association of Counties Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Member (2020-Current)