

# Montana Board of Livestock Conference Call Minutes

April 19, 2018 Montana Department of Livestock Helena, Montana

#### **Board Members Present**

John Lehfeldt, Chairman (sheep producer)
Lila Taylor (cattle producer)
Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)
Ed Waldner was not present

John Scully, Vice-chair (cattle producer) Nina Baucus (cattle producer) Sue Brown (dairy and poultry)

#### **Staff Present**

Mike Honeycutt, EO Donna Wilham, Adm. Assistant to EO George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

**Public Present** 

Jim Brown

#### SET DATE FOR NEXT BOL MEETING

1:05 PM

The next BOL Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2018

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

1:08 PM

Chairman John Lehfeldt called the conference call to order at 1:08 PM

# DISCUSSION OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION 1:09 PM

John Lehfeldt opened up the floor for discussion of the Deputy Executive Officer position:

- Mike Honeycutt said he used a mathematical process to pare down the list of 19 applicants to seven candidates
- Mr. Honeycutt said that a couple of the seven candidates do not have a CPA but have equivalent experience or educational background and all meet the requirements for the length of time in service of an accountant requested and also have the required bachelor's degree
- John Scully said the job description called for more of a CFO-type person because most of the serious troubles in the DOL have been in the financial arena
- The BOL decided to choose four out of the seven candidates to be interviewed who would not be referred to by name at this stage of the hiring process, but only by number
- It was decided by the BOL to interview the top four candidates in front of the whole board, in a public setting on a date that will be set before the May 23, 2018 BOL meeting

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1:45 PM

John Lehfeldt did not receive any comments from the public on non-agenda items after asking for them twice

MEETING ADJOURNED

1:45 PM

John Lehfeldt, Chairman