



MINUTES
BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MEETING
May 18 and 19, 2015
Capitol Meeting Room 472
Helena, MT

Monday May 18, 2015

Call to Order: Chair John Lehfeldt at 1:00 PM

Members Present:

John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer)
Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)
Jeffery Lewis (dairy producer)
Ed Waldner (swine producer)
John Scully, Vice-chair (cattle producer)
Nina Baucus (cattle producer)
Lila Taylor (cattle producer)

Staff Present:

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer
Sherry Rust, board assistant, minute taker
Dan Turcotte, Milk & Egg Bureau
Dr. Zaluski, Animal Health
George Harris, Centralized Services
Gary Hamel, Meat Inspection
John Grainger, Brands Enforcement
Dr. Layton, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Nye Howey, Brands Enforcement
Shawn Hondo, Brands Enforcement
Paul Johnson, Brands Enforcement
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

Public Present:

Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Les Graham, Montana Livestock Market Association
Gene Curry, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Tim Gill, Montana Livestock
Eric Sommer, USDA NASS
Pat Murdo, Legislative Services
John Steuber, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Senator Brad Hamlett, State Senate SD - 15
Senator Taylor Brown
Jim Brown, Montana Woolgrowers Association

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each action taken is provided for clarification. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Department of Livestock website, liv.mt.gov listed under *Agency Information*, then click on *Board of Livestock*.

1:00 PM Action Item: Approval of Board of Livestock meeting minutes.
Motion/Vote: John Scully moved to approve the March 23 and 24, 2015 board meeting minutes as corrected:

1. Page 1: change Ed Waldner, *wine producer* to *swine producer*.
2. Page 2: regarding letters from Jan French resignation and Governor Appointment of John Lehfeldt to chair " ... be attached to the January BOL meeting minutes".
3. Page 3 second motion: regarding bullet numbers of the advisory committee Plan Going Forward clarify what bullet numbers are referring to.
4. Page 4 second motion: clarify phrasing regarding incremental pay increases and HB 13 pay increases should the bill pass. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1:25 PM **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus move to approve the April minutes as written. The motion carried without a second.

1:31 PM **Chair Interim Actions:** There were no interim actions by the Chair, therefore no vote.

3:08 PM Recess

3:19 PM Reconvene

4:30 PM Action Item: Board Travel Policy
No vote was taken on this item.

Agenda Change

Veterinary Diagnostic Lab items were moved to Tuesday and Meat Inspection items were moved to Monday

6:00 PM Action Item: Request to fill Chinook Inspector position
Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved to authorize the hiring of a new meat inspector as replacement for an employee who is deceased. Lila Taylor seconded. The motion carried.

6:04 PM Action Item: Out of State Travel Request to attend a meeting in Denver July 8 through 10.
Motion/Vote: Lila Taylor moved to authorize Gary Hamel's request to travel to attend a meeting in Denver July 8 through 10. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion carried.

6:10 PM Comments from the Public:
Pat Murdo, Economic Affairs Committee
Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Senator Taylor Brown

6:26 PM Adjourned

Tuesday May 19, 2015

Call to Order: Chair John Lehfeldt at 8:00 AM

Board Members Present:

John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer)
Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)
Jeffery Lewis (dairy producer)
Ed Waldner (swine producer)
John Scully, Vice chair (cattle producer)
Nina Baucus (cattle producer)
Lila Taylor (cattle producer)

Staff Present:

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer
Sherry Rust, board assistant, minute taker
Dan Turcotte, Milk & Egg Bureau
Dr. Zaluski, Animal Health
Dr. Szymanski, Animal Health
Eric Liska, Animal Health
George Harris, Centralized Services
Gary Hamel, Meat Inspection
Dr. Layton, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (by phone)
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
Chad Lee, Board of Milk Control

Public Present:

Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Les Graham, Montana Livestock Market Association
Gene Curry, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
John Steuber, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Senator Taylor Brown
John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
Rob Stutz, Department of Justice-ALSB

8:10 AM Action Item: Veterinary Diagnostic Lab position advertisements
No Action taken - deferred until new budget

9:23 AM Action Item: Animal Health request to Update DSA Administrative Rule
No Action taken -deferred to see what the Wyoming Board does.

9:59 AM Public Comment on this issue:

Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

- 10:05 AM Action Item: Animal Health request for modified position.
Motion/Vote: Lila Taylor moved to authorize creation of a modified animal health position for traceability. The position will include benefits and will be paid for with federal traceability funds. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried.
- 10:26 AM Recess
10:41 AM Reconvene
- 12:01 PM Public Comment
Senator Taylor Brown
Rob Stutz, Attorney for Department of Justice
- 12:18 PM Recess
12:26 PM Reconvene
- 1:10 PM Explanation: Milk Control Board rule vs. department fee. The fee collected to pay for the department milk laboratory and Milk & Egg maintenance is presently included in Milk Control Board administrative rules. Discussion included how and why this department fee should be removed from MCB rules and placed within department fees where it should be.
Motion/Vote: Jeff Lewis moved that the Board of Livestock coordinate with the Board of Milk Control to enact a rule under 81-23-232 (4)(a), MCA while the Milk Control Board repeals its rule 32.23.301(1)(e). Brett DeBruycker seconded. Voting for the motion: Brett DeBruycker, John Scully, Lila Taylor, Nina Baucus and Jeff Lewis. Against: Ed Waldner.
- 2:20 PM Comments from the Industry
Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Senator Taylor Brown
Ed Waldner, Board Member: Western Dairy Association Meeting May 28 at the Holiday Inn, Great Falls. Everyone invited to attend.
John Lehfeltdt, Board Member: Sheep Industry: H2A revision timeline extended to July 1. Governor will probably comment for the industry.
- 2:30 PM Board meeting set for: June 22, 2015 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Room 472, Capitol
- 2:40 PM Executive Session - Legal strategy
- 3:30 PM Adjourned

John Lehfeltdt, Chair