



## Montana Board of Livestock

### Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2016

Conference Call

Helena, Montana

#### Board Members Present

John Scully, Vice-chair (cattle producer)

Nina Baucus (cattle producer)

Lila Taylor (cattle producer)

Sue Brown (dairy and poultry)

Ed Waldner (swine producer) joined meeting after roll call

#### Staff Present

Mike Honeycutt, EO

Donna Wilham, Adm. Asst. To EO

#### Public Present

Lewis Kendall, Bozeman Chronicle

Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

9:09 AM

Vice-Chairman John Scully called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM

### OLD BUSINESS

9:09 AM

#### Consider status of proposed Milk Rule change

Vice-Chairman Scully made clear to those present that the time and date for this call was established at the BOL June 24, 2016 meeting to consider status of the proposed rule change, whose publication had passed.

- Only one official public comment was received, according to Mike Honeycutt
  - Darrell Heath made his public comment on May 20, 2016
  - Heath's comment was based upon numbers in the original proposal, not the amendment.
  - Sue Brown was in contact with Mr. Heath and he said in the MCA, the minimums and maximums are not listed and he thought that was wrong. She said he now has a copy of the newest proposal, he understands the charges and she feels the BOL can move forward.
- Mike Honeycutt gave reasons for his request to move for approval of adopting the rule as approved by the BOL at their meeting on 5/11/16 and as published.

- Only a small amount of public comment was received and will be responded to.
- Fee levels addressed by the BOL are in the proposal.
- Paperwork needed to be filed with the Secretary of State's office on July 8, 2016 to move forward and adopt.
- John Scully noted to the BOL that he had asked the staff team to have the motion prepared and ready for the BOL to accurately reflect what should be moved to adopt the rule as published.

## **MOTION/VOTE**

**9:13 AM**

**Lila Taylor moved to approve the rule as published and as approved by the BOL on May 11, 2016. Nina Baucus seconded. Motion passed.** (All four BOL members present voted in favor of the motion)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association said all her people were on board and are comfortable. There are responsibilities in going to the Legislature. She thinks this is what can be done for right now and we'll see what happens next.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nina Baucus asked Mike Honeycutt if anything else was heard from DOA regarding the proposed salary increase discussed and voted on at the BOL 6/24/16 meeting. Mr. Honeycutt's answer:
  - Budget Control Document (BCD) has been submitted and DOL is awaiting an answer to get additional authority.
  - Preliminary conversation with the Budget Office said the Legislature had put that language in and it was the leg's intent to allow the DOL the have the additional authority if needed, provided the BOL raised per capita fees, which was done.
  - The next step is when official approval is given, authority is given and then the authority is divided up within the budget to cover the salaries.
  - Salary increase comes in two pieces – An 80% of market increase raise includes a 50-cent/hour Legislative-mandated raise. The 80% of market salary increase is retroactive to July 1. The 50-cent/hour Legislative-mandated raise will not be put into place until January.
- The next BOL meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2016 at 8:00 am in Capitol Meeting Room #152.
- Thanks from BOL and staff to Krista Lee Evans, Sue Brown, Ed Waldner and others who participated in helping establish the amended Milk Rule.

## **MOTION/VOTE TO ADJOURN**

**9:18 AM**

**Lila Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Nina Baucus seconded. Motion passed.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**  
9:18 AM

  
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John Lehfeldt, Chair