



# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

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| From: Tahnee Szymanski  |  | Division/Program: Animal Health Bureau |       |    | Meeting Date: 2/5/2020 |  |       |    |
| <b><u>Agenda Item: New Business</u></b>   |  |  |       |    |                        |  |       |    |
| Background Info:  |  |  |       |    |                        |  |       |    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss Individual Request for Exemption from ARM 32.3.2001, Brands and Earmarks</li><li>• Discussion on Public Records Request Related to CWD-Positive Game Farm</li></ul> |  |  |       |    |                        |  |       |    |
| Recommendation: N/A   |  |  |       |    |                        |  |       |    |
| Time needed: 45 minutes   |  | Attachments:                           | Yes X | No | Board vote required?   |  | Yes X | No |
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| Time needed:  |  | Attachments:                           | Yes   | No | Board vote required    |  | Yes   | No |
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to apply for a brand exemption. We are importing 3 purebred Angus cows into the State of Montana for the purpose of flushing embryos from them. Currently these cows will have to be hot branded with a CAN on their right hip even though they will only be in the state for less than 30 days and then will be returned to Canada. We are bringing the cows into Montana from Alberta so that we can have access to semen from bulls that currently do not qualify for Canada due to health restrictions. The cows will be taken directly to Milk River Genetics located at Havre, Montana and then returned home to Alberta after the flushing is completed. Since these cows will not be staying in Montana we would like to avoid branding these cows again.

Sincerely,  
Mat Bolduc



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February 4, 2020

Dr. Tahnee Szymanski  
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Dear Dr. Szymanski:

Pursuant to the Montana Public Records Act, MCA § 2-6-1001 et seq., I hereby request the following information: The name of the game farm where an elk tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease, as announced by the Montana Department of Livestock on January 31, 2020.

I am requesting these records as a member of the news media. I request a waiver of fees because my interest in the records is not primarily commercial, and disclosure of this information will contribute to the public's understanding of Chronic Wasting Disease in Montana.

If you deny this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information. In our telephone conversation on February 3, 2020 you had cited MCA 81-2-115 as justification to withhold the name of the game farm. Attorney Peter Michael Meloy with the Montana Freedom of Information Hotline has since advised me that this statute is "patently unconstitutional" and that the name of the farm should be released.

Electronic delivery is preferred. If providing this information will not be possible by Friday, February 8, 2020, please let me know when I might expect it.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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