



**BOARD OF LIVESTOCK  
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2010**

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10:10 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

**Board Present**

Jan French  
Brett DeBruycker  
Ed Waldner

Jeff Lewis  
Stan Boone  
John Lehfeldt -joined the discussion at 10:50

**Public Present:**

Tom Geary

Action Items

**01.12.10**

1. Request for Import of non-OCV females for research study at Fort Keogh from state of Texas

- Dr Tom Geary requests authorization bring in 36-40 adult females
- were part of a reproductive gene study at Texas A & M
- all are approximately 2.5 yrs old to be used in further reproduction research

Dr. Zaluski noted that about 1/2 are not vaccinated because they originated from a group of animals not intended for breeding

- all animals will be brucellosis tested, held in quarantine at Ft Keogh for about 4 months
- and adult vaccinated upon arrival as part of the ongoing study
- they will go directly to slaughter at the end of the study

Dr Geary added

- 22 are non-OCV'd out of the 36
- the herd they originated from is a certified brucellosis free herd

Christian Mackay clarified administrative rules pertaining to import requests

- administrative rule 32.3.212 allows for board discretion in section (1)(d) "non-vaccinated cattle from those class free states or areas designated by the Board of Livestock."

**Stan Boon moved to allow the import of the female cattle for research as presented. Jeff Lewis seconded. A roll call vote was taken:**

<b><u>Jeff Lewis</u></b>	<b><u>yes</u></b>
<b><u>Brett DeBruycker</u></b>	<b><u>yes</u></b>
<b><u>Stan Boone</u></b>	<b><u>yes</u></b>
<b><u>Ed Waldner</u></b>	<b><u>yes</u></b>

2. Request for import of non-OCV cows to a Charlo MT dairy
  - Mr. Troy Helman requests to import 47 pregnant jersey cows from Wisconsin to build a dairy herd



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- the cows are current on all vaccinations except for Brucellosis which is not required in Wisconsin
- does not want to vaccinate cows until after they calve out
- the animals will be used as dairy cattle and breeding stock

Dr. Zaluski said the owner would be happy to brucellosis test the animals prior to shipment into Montana

- the risk is negligible with them coming from Wisconsin (a class free state)
- and with brucellosis testing prior to arrival and test and vaccination after calving
- also suggests a quarantine with any movement or contact with other herds requiring state vet notification prior to moving

**Ed Waldner moved that the board request more information regarding the proposed operation and to mandate testing prior to movement. Jeff Lewis seconded. A roll call vote was taken.**

<u>Jeff Lewis</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Stan Boone</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Brett DeBruycker</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Ed Waldner</u>	<u>yes</u>

The board will look at the request again when more information is provided.

#### 2.12.10

##### Recording of Scatter Brands

John Grainger explained what a scatter brand noting the differences between "or" and "and" scatter brands.

- the problem is with the "or" scatter brands which allow the brand holder to use up to 3 positions on an animal rather than one location per species for normal brands
- thus allowing an "or" brand owner 3 positions for \$100
- the brand recorder office has identified 431 "scatter brands" with an "or"
- the proposed solution to the "or" scatter brand issues is to split them into separate brands
  - only the current owner can record them
  - the split brands would be for 3 species one position per certificate (an with any regular brand)
  - the owner would pay \$100 per "split" brand
  - this proposal would eliminate some conflicts and provide the owners with more security on each brand
  - one issue is a new statute in the 90's mandated no more than 5 brands be recorded per person - generally not enforceable because of the many brands grandfathered in



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**Brett DeBruycker moved to change scatter brands that contain "or" so they be split into separate brands with the current brand owner provided with the option of picking up any or all of those brands. Stan Bone seconded.**

**Brett withdrew the motion requesting the full board study the issue and take it up at the January board meeting. Stan Boone seconded.**

The board discussed predator control funding and budget shortfalls. Woolgrowers and Cattlemen are asking the department to find more money for that budget.

Possible solution is to increase per capita by the maximum allowed by statute and/or approaching Fish, Wildlife and Parks for more funding. The Wildlife Services budget is \$130,000 down from 2002 funding.

Another suggestion is for the industry to seek help through the legislature. Christian Mackay and George Harris were asked to work on possible solutions. The board will wait for figures and possibly schedule a conference call if needed.

John Lehfeltdt will spearhead the follow up on this issue with the industry.

PUBLIC COMMENT

11:20 a.m. ADJOURNMENT

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JAN FRENCH, CHAIRMAN

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