



MINUTES
BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
Livestock Conference Room 319
Scott Hart Building, Helena, MT 59601

Call to Order: Chair John Lehfeldt at 4:00 PM

Members Present:

John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer)
Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)
Ed Waldner (swine producer)
John Scully (cattle producer)
Nina Baucus (cattle producer)
Lila Taylor (cattle producer)

Staff Present:

Dr Zaluski, Animal Health
Sherry Rust, board assistant, minute taker
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
Rob Stutz, AG attorney representing MDOL
Alisa Odell, Centralized Services
Martha Howey, Brands Enforcement
Tami DeMars, Brands Enforcement
Laura Hughes, Brands Enforcement
Evan Waters, Centralized Services
Ray Pellen, Centralized Services

Public Present:

Jim Brown, Montana Woolgrowers Association

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- 4:05 Action Item: Selection of Interim Executive Officer.
The Personnel Sub-committee composed of Brett DeBruycker, John Lehfeldt, and Lila Taylor recommended Dr. Zaluski for the position of Interim Executive Officer in addition to his State Veterinarian duties. Attorney Rob Stutz reviewed the acceptance letter which included terms of the position.
- 4:13 **Motion/Vote:** John Scully moved to accept the Personnel Sub-committee's recommendation. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4:27 PM Lila Taylor requested a copy of the letter sent by John Lehfeldt as chairman to department employees be forwarded to board members.



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- 4:30 PM John Lehfeltdt addressed the personnel shortage in the Miles City, Glendive, and the Sidney markets. He asked the permission of the board to check on the reinstatement of the vacant half FTE aggregate position that is available to bring people back for fall run coverage. The board agreed that Mr. Lehfeltdt and the interim Executive Officer should pursue this issue.
- 4:35 PM Public Comment on non-agenda items.
None
- 4:40 PM The board charged Dr. Zaluski with composing and sending a letter to employees announcing the interim appointment in the Executive Office and the acting Brand Enforcement Administrator.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. To be posted as soon as decision is made.
- 4:43 PM Adjourned

John Lehfeltdt
Chair