



Montana Board of Livestock ZOOM Call Minutes

September 24, 2020
Scott Hart Building, Room #308A
Helena, Montana

Board Members Present

Brett DeBruycker, Chairman (cattle producer) Lila Taylor (cattle producer)
Gilles Stockton (sheep producer) Wendy Palmer (cattle producer)
Nina Baucus (cattle producer) Ed Waldner (swine producer)

(Sue Brown was not present. Wendy Palmer joined the meeting at 2:08 pm)

Staff Present

Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer
Donna Wilham, Adm. Assistant to EO
Ethan Wilfore, Brands Administrator
Abby Williams, Market Auditor
Dan Olson, Centralized Services

Public Present

Jay Bodner, MSGA
Kyle Shobe
Jayson Shobe
Lyle Allen, Lewistown Livestock Auction Market
Lindsey Simon, Agency Legal Services

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2:02 PM (0.00:00)

Chairman Brett DeBruycker called the ZOOM call to order at 2:02 PM

ROLL CALL

2:02 AM (0.00:09)

Brett DeBruycker requested a roll call of all persons present on the ZOOM call:

- BOL members present were Brett DeBruycker, Lila Taylor, Nina Baucus, Ed Waldner and Gilles Stockton. Wendy Palmer and Sue Brown were not present
- DOL staff present were Mike Honeycutt, Donna Wilham, Dan Olson, Ethan Wilfore and Abby Williams
- Members of the public present were Kyle Shobe, Jayson Shobe, Lyle Allen, Lindsey Simon and Jay Bodner

2:05 PM (0.01:51) - PROPOSED LICENSE TRANSFER OF LEWISTOWN LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET

Brett DeBruycker requested that Lindsey Simon, Hearings Examiner for the hearing regarding the proposed license transfer of the Lewistown Livestock Market, give a synopsis of what was learned at the hearing and her recommendation regarding the license transfer:

- The hearing regarding the license transfer was held at the Lewistown Livestock Auction Market on Friday, September 18, 2020
- Lindsey Simon said that based on the testimony given by attendees at the hearing of Mr. Shobe, Mr. Allen and Ms. Williams, she concluded approval and recommended approving the requested transfer of the market certificate in this case

MOTION/VOTE

2:07 PM (0.3:54)

Lila Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of Lindsey Simon, the Hearings Officer, and allow the transfer of the license of the Lewistown Livestock Auction Market to Kyle Shobe. Gilles Stockton seconded. The motion passed.

2:09 PM (0.06:05) – DISCUSSION OF DRAFT RFID COMMENTS

Brett DeBruycker reported that Mike Honeycutt had added recommendations to the RFID tag comments letter discussed at the last BOL meeting, had sent the revised document to the BOL and he was now asking for any further discussion regarding the document before it was submitted to USDA:

- Mike Honeycutt said after speaking with Lila Taylor the day before, he made an additional change regarding metal tags and tattoos in #2
 - The change, according to Mr. Honeycutt, would show support for both tattoos and metal tags
 - The added language would be that it would be short-sided to encourage a move away from required tattoos and metals tags for identification. The tattoos are also supported, along with metal tags for identification of animals that have been vaccinated for Brucellosis
- Gilles Stockton said he was wondering if Jay Bodner, of the Montana Stockgrowers had any thoughts on the comments

- (0.09:24) Mr. Bodner reported that he had a conversation with Mr. Honeycutt regarding the comments and said the comments were very much in line with the comments MSGA was in the process of drafting and he felt they were very well written
- Mr. Bodner requested permission from the BOL to share the revised comments from the BOL with producers, along with the ones they had written as well. He said he feels the BOL hit on most topics he had been hearing from producers
- Brett DeBruycker requested that the comments Mike had written be emailed to organizations around the state once they were approved by the BOL

MOTION/VOTE

2:11 PM (0.8:36)

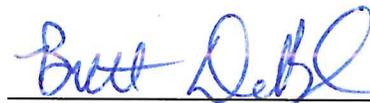
Gilies Stockton moved to approve the RFID comments as corrected, and to send them on to USDA. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion passed.

Mike Honeycutt said that the revised comments would be posted on the BOL website

2:16 PM (0.12:53) – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brett DeBruycker called for any comments from the public on non-agenda items and also any from the BOL, but, there were none given

2:16 PM – ADJOURN



Brett DeBruycker, Chairman