



# MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

## MEETING AGENDA

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Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/301 N Roberts/Helena, MT  
January 25, 2024

**(This meeting is open to the public and is also available by ZOOM)**

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**8:00 AM      CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**8:10 AM      BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**  
**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**  
• December 14, 2023 BOL Meeting

**8:15 AM      OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Governor's OGSM Strategic Management and Executive Officer Strategic Goals**

**9:00 AM      NEW BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATES**

**Human Resources Updates**

- Staff Openings, Recruitment and General Updates
- End-of-Year Performance Evaluations

**Yellowstone Bison EIS Update/IBMP Operations Update**

**Preparation for EO Annual Review**

**Discuss DOL Long-Range Goal Setting**

**Update on BLM Activities and Processes (Sage Grouse and Grazing Rule)**

**Legislative Interim Activities Update**

**Awareness of Upcoming Needs Regarding Rules, Legislation and Budgeting for 2025 Session**

**10:00 AM      RECESS**

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**10:15 PM**     **CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

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- December 31, 2023 State Special Revenue Report
- January 2024 Through June 2024 Budget Projections Report
- December 31, 2023 Budget Comparison Report
- Updates on Current Status of Milk Inspection Fee Conversations

**11:30 AM**     **PREDATOR CONTROL**

**Update on Activities of USDA Wildlife Services (Presented by Dalin Tidwell, Montana State Director)**

**LLB Predation Claims Report and General Updates**

**12:00 PM**     **LUNCH**

**1:00 PM**     **BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**Request for Hire**

- Livestock Market Auditor/Dealer Licensing Position

**Brands Enforcement Update**

- GlideFast/Service Now
- Google AI
- Staffing

**Padlock Ranch (Board Member Agenda Item)**

**1:45 PM**     **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS**

**1:45 PM**     **Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau**

- General Updates
  - New Positions Have Been Filled Since the Last BOL Meeting
  - Status on Newly Created Positions
  - Updates on Potential New Plants



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- Progress on CIS Plants
- Letter to State Inspected Facilities Regarding Nitrate Calculations
- Out-of-State Travel Request
  - 2024 Western Milk Seminar
- Request to Hire
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meat Inspector for Ravalli County Area

### 2:00 PM **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

#### **Out-of-State Travel Request**

- AAVLD Audit Pool Training

#### **Siemens Dimension EXL Chemistry Analyzer Purchase Request**

#### **New Lab Construction Update from Max Grebe**

### 2:45 PM **RECESS**

### | 3:00 PM **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS (Continued)**

#### **3:00 PM Animal Health Bureau**

- Out-of-State Travel Requests
  - Western States Livestock Health Association Meeting
  - USAHerds Annual User Meeting
  - USDA TB/Brucellosis Epi Training
  - Live Bird Market System Working Group
- Animal Health Updates
  - 2024 Federal Cooperative Agreement Budget Update
  - Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program & Montana Shortage Area Nominations
  - US SHIP Funding for DOL
  - Secure Wool Supply
- Inactivating FMD Virus in Wool & Wool Handling Equipment



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- 3:45 PM**      **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS**
- 4:15 PM**      **SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- 4:30 PM**      **ADJOURN**