



# MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

## MEETING AGENDA

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**Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/302 N Roberts/Helena, MT**  
**December 17, 2025**

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

*Agenda items may vary as much as one hour earlier or later. Items may be added or deleted up to 48 hours prior to the meeting. Look for changes at [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov)*

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

**8:10 AM      BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

- October 29, 2025 BOL Meeting

**8:15 AM      EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATES**

**Executive Officer Updates**

- YNP Bison/EIS/IBMP Operations Update
- Legislative Interim Update
- Federal Shutdown Impacts Update (if needed)
- Upcoming Stakeholder Conferences and Conventions
- Update on Governor's OGSM Strategic Management and Executive Officer Strategic Goals

**Human Resources Update**

- Staff Openings, Recruitment Updates
- Requests to Hire
  - Microbiologist – Bozeman Lab
  - Administrative Specialist–Animal Health/Meat, Milk & Egg Bureau
  - IT Support–Level 2 – Central Services Division
- General Updates
  - Reminder: Year-End Employee Performance Evaluations

**Legal Counsel Update (May Require Executive Session)**

- Executive Session Discussing Prospective Litigation

**10:30 AM      RECESS**

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**10:45 AM     CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

**10:45 AM     Fiscal Bureau**

- Increasing USDA Wildlife Services Funding
- November 30, 2025 State Special Revenue Report
- December 2025 through June 2026 Budget Projections Report
- November 30, 2025 Budget Comparison Report

**11:15 AM     PREDATOR CONTROL**

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

**Livestock Loss Board Report to the BOL**

**12:00 PM     LUNCH**

**1:00 PM     ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS**

**1:00 PM     Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau**

- General Updates
  - Update on FDA Check Rating Results

**1:30 PM     Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

- Out-of-State Travel Requests
  - AAVLD Auditor Training
  - NAHLN HL7 Messaging Symposia
- Rocky Vista University Veterinary School Collaboration Discussion

**2:00 PM     Animal Health Bureau**

- Request for Out-of-State Travel to Texas for TB Testing
- Request for Travel Authorization to Participate in Either a Domestic or International USDA Review Team
- Request to Remove Washington State from Requirement for Official ID for Feeders
- Program and Disease Updates
  - Introduction of Dr. Kelsey Martin
  - Brucellosis – Fall Testing and Epidemiological Investigations, BRUH Meeting in Bozeman

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--EHV-1 – Status of Multi-State Outbreak and Sunset of Emergency  
Official Order

--Vesicular Stomatitis Virus

- OOS Travel Report from USAHA Annual Meeting
- Indemnity Request – Gallatin County Brucellosis Reactor

**3:00 PM RECESS**

**3:15 PM BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**Request for Out-of-State Travel**

- Western States Livestock Rural Enforcement Association

**Brands Enforcement Division Update**

- ServiceNow Updates
- Miller Creek Feral Horses
- Audits

**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**