



Montana Board of Livestock Conference Call Minutes

February 8, 2019

Montana Department of Livestock
Helena, Montana

Board Members Present

John Scully, Vice-Chair (cattle producer)

Lila Taylor (cattle producer)

Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)

(John Lehfeldt was not present)

Ed Waldner (swine)

Nina Baucus (cattle producer)

Sue Brown (dairy and poultry)

Staff Present

Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer

Brian Simonson, Deputy Executive Officer

Dr. Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian

Public Present

Rob Stutz and Kyle Chenoweth, Legal Services Division

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

8:01 AM

Vice-Chairman John Scully called the conference call to order at 8:01 AM

ROLL CALL

8:01 AM

John Scully requested a roll call of those present on the conference call:

- BOL members present on the call were: John Scully, Lila Taylor, Brett DeBruycker, Ed Waldner, Nina Baucus, Sue Brown
- Staff members present on the call were: Mike Honeycutt, Brian Simonson and Dr. Marty Zaluski
- Public present on the call were: Rob Stutz and Kyle Chenoweth

John Scully requested that staff send to each Board member, by US mail, a paper copy of the HB 10 presentation

Before beginning the legal strategy discussion, John Scully asked that staff verify what per capita fees can be spent on; for example, could they be spent for the payment of attorney's fees in a case like the DOL's CoreMark litigation

COREMARK LEGAL DECISION DISCUSSION

8:09 AM

John Scully explained that the BOL had called this conference call meeting to discuss the legal fees requested by Coremark after the judge's recent court decision on their lawsuit brought against the DOL

- Mr. Scully said the legal strategy would be discussed during an executive session

8:10 AM - Executive Session

9:03 AM – Reconvene

BOARD OF LIVESTOCK (BOL) GENERAL DISCUSSION

9:03 AM

John Scully asked if staff had any updates to make regarding the ongoing Legislative Session:

- Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, provided a quick update on each of the fiscal bills impacting the DOL (HB 2, HB 3, HB 5, HB 10)
- Mr. Honeycutt further provided a quick update on each of the DOL-initiated bills (HB 100, HB 101, HB 112, SB 56, SB 57, SB 67, SB 68)
- Mr. Honeycutt also highlighted other pieces of legislation affecting the DOL in Milk Inspection, Meat Inspection, Brands and Animal Health
- The BOL took no action on positioning for any of those pieces of legislation

Nina Baucus asked about the aerial hunting legislation because she had received calls from people concerned with what the DOL was intending to do:

- Mike Honeycutt responded that he had also talked to constituents about the issues and that if pilots were hunting coyotes, they should apply and identify themselves to the DOL
- This legislation had come forward because the program seemed to be ineffective, based on the number of licensed pilots
- Mr. Honeycutt also addressed concerns over the fees for the aerial hunting applications being moved to a State Special Revenue account to be used to pay for, in part, the costs of providing this service

- The revenue in question comes from work done by a DOL employee, but presently is legally required to be deposited in the statutory account for predator control. In this case, USDA would receive funds generated from work done by DOL employees and the DOL is seeking to correct that oversight

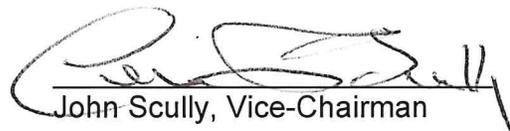
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9:27 AM

John Scully did not receive any comments from the public on non-agenda items

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:28 AM



John Scully, Vice-Chairman