



# MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

## MEETING AGENDA

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Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/301 N Roberts/Helena, MT  
March 18, 2022

**(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**

- January 26, 2022 BOL Meeting

**8:10 AM      OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Governor's OGSM Strategic Management in Relationship to BOL and Executive Officer Strategic Goals**

**8:40 AM      NEW BUSINESS (Recess for Breaks Where Needed)**

**Discussion on Request for CAN Brand Identification Exemption for Canadian Origin Cattle Being Shipped Direct to Slaughter ([ARM 32.3.2001](#))**

**Red Tape Relief Project**

• Review High and Medium Priority from January 2022 BOL Meeting including report back from conversations of Montana Association of Counties Ag Committee meeting

MCA Title 81, Chapter 6 – Livestock Protective Associations

MCA Title 81, Chapter 7 – Predatory Animal Control and ARM 32.22 – Vertebrate Pest Control

MCA Title 81, Chapter 10 – Horse Owner Amnesty

MCA Title 81, Chapter 29 – Resource and Property Protection (Feral Swine)

MCA Title 81, Chapter 30 - Protection of Farm Animals and Research Facilities

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- Discuss and Determine High and/or Medium Priority Items from MCA Title 81, Chapter 2 - Disease Control and ARM 32.3, Disease Control

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS**

- Update on Yellowstone National Park Bison EIS and Discussion of Status of Yellowstone Bison Population and Department Activities
- Executive Planning Process Update – Deadline and Instructions for Proposed Agency Legislation
- Updated Process from Governor on Publishing and Adopting Administrative Rule Changes
- Executive Planning Process
- Montana Bond Book Follow Ups
- Succession Planning
- Milk Control Staffing
- Biennial Financial Audit from Legislative Audit Division
- Department Salary Analysis, Process Requirements for Salary Adjustments, Snapshot

**12:00 PM LUNCH**

**12:30 PM PREDATOR CONTROL**

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

- Update on Status of Helicopter Purchase from USDA
- General Updates

**LLB Predation Claims Report (2021 Totals)**

**1:00 PM BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**Mahlen Appeal on Brand Application Rejection**

- BOL Review and Decision on Mahlen Appeal of Brand Application Rejection

**Report on Attending Western States Livestock Rural Enforcement Association**

- Report to BOL on Takeaways from Conference

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

**1:45 PM**      **Animal Health Bureau**

- Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Update
- Brucellosis Update
- Electronic CVI Policy
- Out-of-Country Travel Request - PNWER
- Out-of-State Travel Request - NASAEPP
- Request to Hire Animal Health Program Veterinarian
- Request to Hire Contract Veterinarian for NADPREP Grant
- Request to Fund Media Training
- Request to Fund Saletime Traceability Module at MT Livestock Markets

**3:15 PM**      **Milk and Egg Bureau**

- General Updates

**3:30 PM**      **RECESS**

**3:45 PM**      **Meat & Poultry Inspection Bureau**

- Hiring Update
- Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program
- Discuss Current and Anticipated Vacancies and Impact on Animal Health & Food Safety Division
- Request to Hire for Bureau Chief, ME Staffing
- Communication Needed on Establishment Hours of Operation and Service Times

**4:15 PM**      **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

- **Out-of-State Travel Request**  
--NPIP Biennial Conference
- **MVDL Operational Update**

**4:30 PM**      **CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

**4:30 PM**      **Information Technology Services**

- ITS Update

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- 4:45 PM      Fiscal Bureau**
- Aerial Hunting
  - 2025 Biennium Budget Timeline Highlights
  - Per Capita Fee Collections Update
  - February 28, 2022 State Special Revenue Report
  - March 2022 Through June 2022 Expenditure Projections
  - February 28, 2022 Budget Status Report
- 5:45 PM      COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS**
- 6:00 PM      SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- 6:15 PM      ADJOURN**