



MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

MEETING AGENDA

Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/301 N Roberts/Helena, MT
February 27, 2024

(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

8:00 AM CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

8:10 AM BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
• January 25, 2024 BOL Meeting

8:15 AM GOVERNOR REMARKS ON STATE BOARD GOVERNANCE, ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES
• Special Guests: Governor Greg Gianforte & Lt. Governor Kristin Juras

9:15 AM OLD BUSINESS
Update on OGSM Progress

Update on Red Tape Relief Activities

Update on Ongoing Federal Processes
• BLM Sage Grouse Planning
• BLM Grazing Rules
• EPA Effluent Standards for Meat Processors
• EPA Animal Waste Emission Standards
• YNP Bison EIS/IBMP Operations
• USFWS Bison ESA Analysis
• USFWS Wolverine ESA Analysis

10:15 AM NEW BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATES
Human Resources Updates
• Staff Openings, Recruitment and General Updates

Executive Officer Annual Review (Closed Executive Session May Be Required)

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11:30 AM CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS

11:30 AM Fiscal Bureau

- Aerial Hunting
- 2027 Biennium Budget Timeline Highlights
- January 31, 2024 State Special Revenue Report
- February 2024 Through June 2024 Budget Projections Report
- January 31, 2024 Budget Comparison Report

12:00 PM PREDATOR CONTROL

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

LLB Predation Claims Report and General Updates

12:30 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Request for Hire

- Assistant Market Supervisor – Billings
- Market Inspector – Billings

ARM 32.15.102 – Records to Be Kept

Legislative and ARM Revision Proposals

- 81-3-211 – *Inspection of Livestock Before Change of Ownership or Removal from County-Transportation Permits*: Proposed Revision
- 81-3-215 – *Inspection of Dead Animals in Feedlots*: Proposed Repeal
- 81-9-112 – *Inspection and Marking of Hides and Meat of Slaughtered Cattle or Horses-Records-Bill of Sale-When Inspection Not Necessary*: Proposed Amendment
- 81-3-232 – *Penalty for Non-Inspection of Dead Animal in Feedlot*: Proposed Repeal
- 32.18.401 – *Brand Inspection Stamp*: Proposed Repeal
- 32.18.403 – *Quarters to be Stamped*: Proposed Repeal

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Brands Enforcement Update

- Google AI
- Staffing

2:00 PM ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS

2:00 PM Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau

- General Updates
 - Updates on Potential New Plants
 - Progress Toward CIS Plants
 - Status on New Positions

2:15 PM Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

Out-of-State Travel Request

- NVSL MAT Training Courses

Operational Update

- Upcoming AAVLD Site Audit
- Status of State Procurement Agency Purchases
- APHL Fellowship and Summer Intern Updates

2:45 PM RECESS

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

3:00 PM Animal Health Bureau

- Indemnity Request – Madison County Brucellosis Suspect
- Out-of-State Travel Request
 - Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
- Request to Hire Program Veterinarian – Emergency Preparedness
- Red Tape Relief – Administrative Rule Changes
- Emergency Preparedness Update
 - Inactivating FMD Virus in Wool & Wool Handling Equipment

4:00 PM COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS



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4:30 PM SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

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