



MINUTES
BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MEETING
MARCH 25, 2016
 Conference Call
 Helena, MT

<i>Friday</i>	<i>March 25, 2016</i>	
Call to Order:	-Conference Call meeting was called to order by Chair John Lehfeldt on March 25, 2016 at 1:34 PM.	
Board Members Present:		
	John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer) Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer) Ed Waldner (swine producer) John Scully, Vice-chair (cattle producer) Nina Baucus (cattle producer) Lila Taylor (cattle producer) Sue Brown (dairy and poultry)	
Staff Present:		
	Mike Honeycutt, EO Donna Wilham, Adm. Asst. to EO Dr. Martin Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Animal Health Division Leslie Doely, Adm. For Brands Enforcement Twila Morgan, Centralized Services	
Public Present:		
	Jeanne Rankin, rancher/Montana Veterinary Medical Association Jami Howell, Northern Ag Network	
Audio Meetings: <i>These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the board. A brief summarization of each action taken is provided for clarification. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Department of Livestock website, liv.mt.gov listed under Agency Information, then click on Board of Livestock</i>		
	Old Business	-Mike Honeycutt put in a request to open a position for a Brands Division Assistant Administrator, which was tabled at the BOL meeting on March 21, 2016. -Leslie Doely said that the position has been modified and the new Assistant Brands Administrator position will focus on markets throughout the state, not just the Central District. -Nina Baucus requested that Leslie Doely go through her division's organizational charts to determine hiring needs and present her report to the Board. -John Scully agreed that an overall summary of Brands Division should be done so Board could take a comprehensive look at it before Assistant Brands Administrator is hired. -Mike Honeycutt said that Leslie Doely already has a

		<p>more comprehensive strategy for Brands in place and it will be addressed at 4/20/16 BOL meeting. His hopes were that the Board would have confidence in the Department to manage the multiple hirings that could take place in the Department within the next few years and his recommendation was that the Board move forward on voting to open the Assistant Brands Administrator position.</p> <p>-Lila Taylor requested that Leslie Doely present a comprehensive report at the 4/20/16 BOL meeting with information on how new hires can get post certified. Taylor also asked if pay scale of the Assistant Brands Administrator position would be no more than that of Marty Clark.</p> <p>-Leslie Doely said she believed that even though the position has been modified, the pay scale would be no more than that of Marty Clark.</p> <p>-John Scully also questioned whether Leslie Doely's position requires that she be credentialed.</p> <p>-Leslie Doely said she believes she needs to be credentialed within 12 months.</p>
1:39 PM	Motion/Vote	<p>Ed Waldner moved to open the Brands Division Assistant Administrator position. Sue Brown seconded. The motion passed by voice vote: Brett DeBruycker-Yes; Ed Waldner-Yes; Sue Brown-Yes; Nina Baucus-No; Lila Taylor-Yes and John Scully-No</p>
2:17 PM	Not-Noticed Matter	<p>-John Scully reported on a not-noticed matter regarding the exit interview with the auditor's office in regard to the Lab performance audit. Scully said that the audit report would be available in June, but requested that some kind of action be taken addressing the inherent issue of having some kind of cost structure in place for the lab specific to the milk rule. He asked if Chairman Lehfeltd would like to discuss with EO Mike Honeycutt about contracting with someone.</p> <p>-Mike Honeycutt said that an email was received at 12:34 pm on 3/25/16 regarding the performance audit of the lab and that their final meeting on putting info together is 4/5/16. The email said that they would have copies of the report to himself, John Lehfeltd and John Scully by the end of the following week or early the next, followed by an exit interview. Honeycutt said that all might take place before the 4/20/16 BOL meeting.</p>
2:26 PM	Adjourn	-John Lehfeltd adjourned the meeting

Barry Scully
4/20/16

John Lehfeltd
Chair