

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018  
9:00 A.M.

ALBUQUERQUE HISPANO  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WELLS FARGO BOARD ROOM  
1309 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET S.W.  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bill Sauble Approximately 9:04 A.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair Sauble

**ROLL CALL BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXANDER:**

Bill Sauble, Chair

Molly Manzanares, Board Member

Bebo Lee, Vice Chair

Loren Patterson, Board Member

Kevin Elfering, Board Member

Casey Spradley, Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Loren Horton, Secretary

Effie Walker, Board Member

**NMLB STAFF:**

P. Robert Alexander, Executive Director

Joseph Holloway, Chief General Counsel

Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, DVM, State Veterinarian

Julie Guaman, IT

Andrew Silva, CFO

Priscilla Peña-Johnson, Administrator

**VISITORS:**

Kelly J. Hamilton, NMDA

Gerald Chacon, Cebolla Livestock Assoc

Caren Cowan, NM CGA

David Sanchez, NMMSA

Teresa L. Johnson, NM Rancher

Joe Johnson, Rancher

Russell Johnson, NM Rancher

Tanner Anderson, NMFLB

Mike Hobbs, Hat 6 Cattle Co.

Carrie Hobbs, Hat 6 Cattle Co.

Randell Major, NMCGA

Linn Blancett, NM Rancher

Gilbert Archuleta, NM Rancher

Alex Tarantino, APNM

Nancy Henry, NM Equine Rights

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Executive Director Alexander recommended the comment period (Item 12) be moved up between Items 6 and 7. Board Member Lee moves to approve the agenda with the recommended change. Board Member Patterson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the December 1, 2017 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Elfering moved to approve the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Manzanares seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 21.30.6.11 NMAC:**

Chair Sauble explained that the board held a meeting in December of 2016 and made changes to 21.30.6.11 NMAC, Trichomoniasis, but the changes were not recorded properly with the Compilation

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Commission. Chair Sauble stated the changes presented today are the same as were approved in 2016. He reviewed the proposed changes.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 21.30.6.11 NMAC:**

Board Member Patterson moved to adopt 21.30.6.11 NMAC as presented. Board Member Spradley seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bill Sauble, Chair - Y

Molly Manzanares, Board Member - Y

Bebo Lee, Vice Chair - Y

Loren Patterson, Board Member - Y

Kevin Elfering, Board Member - Y

Casey Spradley, Board Member - Y

All in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Sauble asked if attendees were present for public comment on an agenda item, that they reserve their comments for that agenda item. If it's a personnel issue you may state your concerns, however, due to state personnel rules the board cannot return comment. Issues with existing employees should be put in writing and submitted to the Executive Director so that the agency can address further if necessary. The following visitors provided public comment on personnel and agency operations.

Mike Hobbs, Hat 6 Cattle Company

Tom Sidwell, President of Cattle Growers

David Sanchez, Vice President of Northern New Mexico Stockmans Association

Linn Blancett, Northwestern New Mexico

Nancy Henry, NM for Equine Rights and Open Government Lead Administrator

Gilbert Archuleta, NM Rancher

**STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:**

Dr. Zimmerman, State Veterinarian, provided some history on what has been happening at the border at Santa Teresa. The Southern Border Traceability Project continues to work well.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

CFO Andrew Silva presented the board with FY 17 financial reports. Audit report released. Mr. Silva reviewed the financial control history for new members. Mr. Silva reviewed the operating budget for the last three years. He also reviewed the budget process for new board members.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Alexander discussed the state's livestock theft issue. In addition to the attached written comments, the following attendees provided public comment on theft.

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Joe Johnson, Rancher in Luna County  
Teresa Johnson, Rancher in Luna County  
Matthew Gonzales, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau  
Don Hartman, Luna County Farm & Livestock Bureau  
Russell Johnson, Rancher in Luna County  
David Sanchez, Vice President of Northern New Mexico Stockmans Association  
Gerald Chacon, Cebolla Livestock Association  
Joel Nanez, Deming  
Paul Mott, NM Rancher  
Allen Kasparian, Luna County  
Gilbert Archuleta, NM Rancher

Executive Director Alexander also discussed public lands mapping, brand rerecord, staff leadership training, the NMLB code of conduct, agency interactions and main office relocation.

Chair Sauble discussed HB 390.

**HORSE RESCUE FUND COMMITTEE:**

Current committee members: Ray Baca, Andrew Silva, Susan Hemerlee, Debbie Colburn and Jessica Johnson. Keep the current committee. Currently \$4,977 left in fund for disbursement.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Sauble moves to go into closed executive session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H) (7) Pending Litigation – Nancy Henry v. NMLB I and II, WHOA v. NMLB – ALTO, Office of Attorney General IPRA Complaints from Nancy Henry.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chair Bill Sauble - Y	Molly Manzanares, Board Member – Y
Bebo Lee, Vice Chair - Y	Loren Patterson, Board Member – Y
Kevin Elfering, Board Member - Y	Casey Spradley, Board Member – Y

The NM Livestock Board goes into closed executive session at approximately 11:50 p.m.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Sauble moves to return to open session noting that nothing was discussed in Executive Session except what was listed on the motion to close.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Chairman Bill Sauble - Y	Molly Manzanares – Y
Bebo Lee - Y	Loren Patterson – Y
Keving Elfering - Y	Casey Spradley – Y

The NM Livestock Board returns from Executive Session at approximately 12:32 p.m.

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Mr. Blair Dunn presented the board with a draft lawsuit.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

The board discussed personnel issues, complaints, mediation and forwarding complaints to the agency as well as whistleblower protections.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Board Member Elfering moves to adjourn. Board Member Patterson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:44 p.m.

APPROVAL:

*Bill Sandoz*