

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK  
BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018  
9:00 A.M.

2018 JOINT STOCKMAN'S CONVENTION & TRADESHOW  
SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO  
30 RAINBOW RD  
SANDIA BALLROOM B  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87113

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bill Sauble approximately 9:06 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Sauble

Kevin Elfering, Board Member  
Loren Patterson, Board Member  
Casey Spradley, Board Member  
Bebo Lee, Vice Chair

Molly Manzanares, Board Member  
Johnathan Peña, Board Member  
Sybrand Vander Dussen, Board Member

Not Present:

Effie Walker, Board Member

Quorum Established

**NMLB STAFF PRESENT:**

P. Robert Alexander, Executive Director  
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director  
Ralph Zimmerman, NM State Veterinarian  
Joseph Holloway, Chief Legal Counsel  
Andrew Silva, CFO  
Justin Gray, Livestock Inspector, D8

Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor  
April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor  
Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor  
Barry Allen, Area 1 Supervisor  
Julie Gauman, IT  
Matthew Romero, Livestock Inspector, D18

**VISITORS:**

Matthew Gonzales, NM Farm & Livestock  
Bureau  
Lydia Ulibarri, Quintana Ranch  
Marty Valencia, Quintana Ranch  
Dylan Quintana, Quintana Ranch  
Troy Sauble  
Debbie Sauble

Floyd Gonzales  
Debbie Coburn, Four Corners Equine Rescue  
Mary Ann Shinnick, WNCR  
Nancy Henry, NMEROG  
Larry Dominguez, NMDA  
Murray Keeler, Keeler Ranch

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Vice-Chair Lee moves to approve the agenda. Board Member Peña seconds the motion. All in favor.  
Motion passes.

**ELECTION OF NM LIVESTOCK BOARD SECRETARY:**

Chairman Sauble requests volunteers to serve as Secretary of the NM Livestock Board. Board Member Peña volunteers to serve as Secretary of the New Mexico Livestock Board. Board member Patterson moves to elect Board Member Johnathan Peña as Secretary of the NM Livestock Board. Board Member Spradley seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Patterson moved to approve the September 27, 2018 board meeting minutes. Board Member Manzanares seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**2019 OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESOLUTIONS:**

2019 Open Meetings Resolution presented. No changes made to prior resolution. Board Member Manzanares moves to approve the 2019 Open Meetings Resolution. Board Member Spradley seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Draft Public Participation Ground Rules presented. Procedure on how to conduct NMLB board meetings. Director Alexander stated that the procedure outlines procedures to bring order to board meetings. The ground rules are similar to guidelines other New Mexico public organizations have in place. Board Member Manzanares commented that the board is not trying to prevent public comment but the respectfulness of the comments is what is needed. Board Member Patterson moves to adopt the Public Participation Ground Rules as written. Board Member Elfering seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**RATIFICATION OF ESTRAYS:**

Area Supervisor April Riggs presented Estray Report 084-18-07362. Inspector Matthew Romero provided the board further case information. Mr. Floyd Gonzales addressed the board. Mr. Dylan Quintana addressed the board. Board Member Patterson moves that the funds for thirteen head of cattle be awarded to Mr. Dylan Quintana. Board Member Peña seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Roll call vote taken by Chairman Sauble.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Board Member Sybrand Vander Dussen - Yes	Chairman Bill Sauble - Yes
Board Member Johnathan Peña - Yes	Board Member Casey Spradley - Yes
Board Member Molly Manzanares - Yes	Board Member Loren Patterson - Yes
Vice-Chair Bebo Lee - Yes	Board Member Kevin Elfering - Yes

Motion to award monies for the estray of thirteen head of cattle to Mr. Dylan Quintana passes.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Mr. Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the FY2018 audit, a Mill Levy analysis and the LFC budget hearing. Raising inspection fees has been discussed. Mr. Silva went over some fee numbers. Chairman Sauble requested that the fee increase be discussed at the meetings being held at this conference. Without industry support, we should not move forward.

**STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:**

Dr. Zimmerman, State Veterinarian, discussed the Trich meetings being held around the state, the ports of entry and traceability, Bovine Tuberculosis, Scrapie Surveillance numbers being met again this year,

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Horse Rescue inspections, and the animal emergency exercise that took place at the Sunport and Expo NM. NMLB staff did a great job. He also discussed his work with Sandoval County on their plan to promote PZP birth control program.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Chairman Sauble stated that the increase in road stops is well received. Four active theft cases currently. Rotated law enforcement officers down south.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Updated the board on agency management and leadership, staff changes, change management, working with State Personnel Office, public feedback and capturing performance. Developing movement towards better performance.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Sauble moves to go into closed Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H) (7) Pending Litigation - Findings from N. Henry v. NMLB I and II, WHOA v. NMLB – ALTO. Vice-Chair Lee seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Board Member Kevin Elfering – Yes	Vice-Chair Bebo Lee - Yes
Board Member Loren Patterson - Yes	Board Member Molly Manzanares - Yes
Board Member Casey Spradley - Yes	Board Member Johnathan Peña - Yes
Chairman Sauble - Yes	Board Member Sybrand Vander Dussen - Yes

All in favor. The NM Livestock Board goes into closed Executive Session at approximately 10:05 a.m.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Sauble moves to return to open session noting that nothing was discussed in closed Executive Session except what was listed on the motion to close and no action was taken. Vice-Chair Lee seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Board Member Kevin Elfering – Yes	Vice-Chair Bebo Lee - Yes
Board Member Loren Patterson - Yes	Board Member Molly Manzanares - Yes
Board Member Casey Spradley - Yes	Board Member Johnathan Peña - Yes
Chairman Sauble - Yes	Board Member Sybrand Vander Dussen - Yes

All in favor. The NM Livestock Board returns from Executive Session at approximately 10:28 A.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nancy Henry, NMEROG – Commented that Inspectors have been responding more quickly to cruelty cases. Commented on current lawsuits and lawsuits which are not listed on the agenda. Also

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commented on nine letters from the State Auditor. Comments regarding horses being a problem on the road; the primary reason for car accidents is wildlife in general. Deposit should be within 24 hours is required. Proof of ownership is an issue. Staff should not be slandering members of the public.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

Dr. Zimmerman made a comment on behalf of Donald Martinez: the Livestock Board should focus on cattle and do away with sheep inspections. Board Member Lee was also contacted by Mr. Martinez regarding combining three districts into 2 districts.

Handling of estray horses. Director has authority to designate that estray horses go to the rescues. Bill from 2017 session will be reintroduced. The bill allows rescues to have first right of refusal on horses. If they do not take them then they go through the sealed bid process. Senator Woods will also be reintroducing SB 126 with clarification on definition language and will also addresses what public lands are.

Board Member Spradley was approached by a gentleman who asked if the board would look into the potential of allowing brand cards and travel papers through cell phones. Could that be something we could look at in the next year. It may help inspectors to have the brand cards readily available. May also help if you change addresses.

Board Member Van Dussen presented. Barry Allen, Area 1 Supervisor, and Board Member Van Dussen have worked on a proposal to check a whole herd for brands and then be able to write brand inspections off of that initial brand inspection. They did that and it took three hours to do verses checking every single time they ship a load of cows. Shipping cows takes about an hour. It saves time and resources. It could save \$382 for a facility of his size. Couple of ways to regulate is each herd has to have the same owner or going to the same site and having one brand or brand alternative. Positive is save labor, save vehicle and increase time for surveillance on the road and may free up time for employees. Will get a broader look at the facility as well. Pretty much email and text messaging. Save significant amount of money. Still have inspection fee. Change of ownership would have to be brand inspected. Mr. Allen, Area 1 Supervisor, running a test. Only works under confined feeding facility and only one brand and one tag. Sanitation part of the process is a concern. Would need State Veterinarian approval. Does not require a rule change; changing of the fees will need statutory change. Saves time. Herd inspected every two months. Area Supervisor Mora stated someone could introduce something to that herd and the inspector will not know. Inspectors have to verify what the shipment contains. Monitoring is important – spot checking must happen. To move forward we would want the Board's approval. Not an action item for this meeting. Continue to see how it works and report at next Board meeting in March. Area Supervisor Riggs asked to make sure it is along with statute and how our inspectors are trained. She also stated you cannot play with statute on a pilot project. You have to do two inspections. Not outside of statute as it is being done. Board Member Patterson suggests a written proposal and more data before a vote in March.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Board Member Manzanares moves to adjourn. Board Member Patterson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL:

*Bill Saddle*