
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bill Sauble calls meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Effie Walker, Board Member

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Shawn Davis, Deputy Director	Barry Allen, Area 1 Supervisor
Andrew Silva, CFO	Inspector Benjamin Gonzales, District 26
Ralph Zimmerman, NM State Veterinarian	Inspector Dennis Alarid, District 9
Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor	Inspector Ruben Baca, District 24
Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor	Inspector George Mendoza, District 20
April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor	Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator

VISITORS:

John C. Wenzel, DVM, NMSU	Donald Martinez, NNMSA
E. D. Edwards, NMRPI "Armendariz Ranch"	Joe Romero, NNMSA
Tim Murry	Joseph Sanchez
Tony Casados	Julie Maitland, NMDA
Matthew Gonzales, NM Farm Bureau	Miguel "Mick" Trujillo, Cañada Del Casador
Karla Bruton	Dustin Armstrong, USBR
Wes Bruton	Jodi Garcia, Rio Arriba Extension Office
Pauline Bruton	Nancy Henry, NMEROG
Carlos Salazar, NNMSA	Deb Wood
Dave Sanchez, NNMSA	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Peña moves to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Spradley seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 25, 2019 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Patterson moves to approve the April 25, 2019 board meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

RATIFICATION OF ESTRAYS:

Armendariz Ranch Estray Estray #TBD:

Area Supervisor Troy Patterson presented the facts of the case. Ms. Karla Bruton, Mr. Tim Muncy and Mr. Armstrong addressed the Board. Board Member Patterson moves to advertise the estrays in the Stockman and postpone decision until more information is gathered. Board Member Manzanares seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Estray # 012-20-07749; 012-20-07750; 012-20-07751; 012-20-00752 – D. Skiles and Stephaine Bason: Inspector George Mendoza presented the facts of the case. Board Member Patterson moves to make payment for 9 head of cattle. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Mill Levy Rate for approval. Board Member Patterson moves that the FY20 mill levy for livestock, including but not limited to horses, asses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, bison, ratites, camelids and such other livestock as are subject to property taxation, shall be set at 10 mills, with the exception of the mill levy for dairy cattle, which shall be set at 5 mills. Board Member Elfering seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Zimmerman, State Veterinarian, presented the Trich Committee recommended changes to NMAC 21.30.6. Dr. Zimmerman stated that the committee wants to eradicate Trich in the State of New Mexico. After numerous meetings throughout the state, the committee identified 6 goals in reviewing NMAC 21.30.6: Slaughter surveillance, breeding season, stray bulls, neighboring facilities, compliance and a forty-five (45) day herd plan. Dr. Zimmerman reviewed the recommended changes to the rule. The proposed rule changes are currently under review by the Governor's Office. Once that review is complete, the proposed rule will go into the rule making process which requires a public comment period and board approval. Members in the audience requested that the committee member representing Northern New Mexico producers communicate with the community members regarding the committee's actions. Board Member Elfering suggested that the Trich Advisory Committee review each time they meet to avoid penalties if not reviewed. Vice Chairman Lee noted that any more feedback should include the sale yards to ensure it is doable and that they have the lead time needed for implementation.

Board Member Manzanares moves that, upon the Governor's Office approval, the proposed rule be moved into the rule making process. Board Member Patterson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Dr. Zimmerman also presented his report to the Board. Mr. Salazar asked if the NMLB was in support of the Animal ID program? Dr. Zimmerman stated the NMLB supports traceability. Mr. Salazar noted that it could lead to more government intrusion and more restrictions of farmers and ranchers. Mr. Sanchez

stated that it could also mean more cost to the producer. Mr. Romero stated that it is a cost once you cross a border.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Shawn Davis presented the Distribution of Horse Rescue Funds. As of 4/30/2019, there are \$9,594.00 in the fund. The committee recommended each rescue receive \$950.00 for a total disbursement of \$9,500. The balance after the disbursement is \$94.00.

Board Member Elfering moves to approve the disbursements of Horse Rescue Funds as outlined. Board Member Van Dussen seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO STOCKMANS ASSOCIATION – MR. CARLOS SALAZAR:

Mr. Salazar asked the board what they are going to do about the fencing issues in the Valles Caldera? Inspector Gonzales acted quickly and did respond. He fed and watered. He advised the National Park Service about the 224 head of cattle. Mr. Salazar disputes that the cattle were fed and watered. Mr. Salazar stated that the board has a responsibility to protect the industry. Board Member Spradley asked if the Forest Service has offered assistance. Board Member Elfering asked if there is any case law that would guide or ask the Attorney General for an opinion on who has responsibility for the fencing issues. Area Supervisor Mora stated that this needs resolution because it is a recurring problem this year.

Board Member Patterson moved to hold a meeting with the park service to develop a solution. Vice Chair Lee seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Chairman Sauble announced that Mr. Jeff Witte, Interim Executive Director, was not able to attend the meeting. However, Mr. Witte requested that the staff, Deputy Director, Chief Financial Officer and Area Supervisors, develop a policy to ensure that the handling and depositing of funds is handled appropriately.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Julie Maitland, NMDA – On behalf of the NMDA Secretary, Jeff Witte, and Deputy Secretary Anthony Parra, she would like to thank the NMLB staff for their cooperation on the recent review. They are working on validating policy and procedures and all input is welcome. Currently working on a plan to return the HR function to the agency.

Mr. Tony Casados – Inspectors are doing their jobs. An individual branded his cow. NMLB followed the law and worked with the District Attorney. Nothing further has been done. Mr. Casados requests that the Board work with the District Attorneys to prosecute the cases.

Mr. David Sanchez, Northern New Mexico Stockmans Association – Mr. Sanchez requested that if the Board moves for another increase in fees at the next session, that the board work with NNMSA. Not one Board Member discussed the fee increase proposal with the northern producers. The fee increase

will impact this group most. Mr. Sanchez stated that working for someone else but reporting 40 hours and the lawsuits being paid out are not the service expected for the amount being paid.

Mr. Joe Romero - Attended a board meeting in Albuquerque where he discussed the \$10 fee for inspections. He does not believe that the agency should charge per inspection form as a service fee. Mr. Romero was informed that this is in rule. An inspection fee is not a service fee.

Nick Trujillo commented.

Matthew Gonzales, NM Farm Bureau - Wanted the board to know that they will begin meeting with ranchers in the southern part of the state again to discuss the theft issues. If the NMLB wants to participate, they are welcomed to.

Nancy Henry, NMEROG – Commented that out of 150 boards and commissions around the state, the NMLB is in the top 3 to be replaced by the Governor’s Office. This could be the last board meeting for some members.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Board Member Elfering announced his resignation from the board. The board thanked Mr. Elfering for his service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Spradley moves to adjourn. Board Member Patterson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL:

