MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 2:00 p.m. NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
300 SAN MATEO NE, SUITE 1000
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Manzanares calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Vice Chair Dolan calls roll.

ROLL CALL - Board Members Present:

Chair Molly Manzanares

Edward Paul Torres Tony Casados, Jr.

Rita M. Padilla-Gutierrez Vice Chair Tobin "Toby" Dolan

Telephonic Attendance: Secretary John N. Coniff Morgan Switzer-McGinley

Absent:

Kathy Charise Longinaker

Tara M. Vander Dussen

(Board Member Vander Dussen joined the meeting

telephonically during Executive Session at

approximately 2:10 p.m.)

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Witte, Interim Executive Director

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Shawn Davis, Deputy Director

Ralph Zimmerman, NM State Veterinarian

Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor

Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor

Barry Allen, Area 1 Supervisor

April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor

Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator

VISITORS:

Belinda Garland

Nancy Henry, NMEROG

Caren Cowan, NMCGA

Tim Hanosh, NMDA

Anthony Casados

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Casados moves to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 8^{th} , 2019 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve the August 8^{th} , 2019 board meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Torres seconds the motion. Motion passes.

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CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Manzanares moves to go into closed Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) to discuss the appointment of the NMLB's Executive Director.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board Member Torres – Yes

Secretary Conniff - Yes

Board Member Casados - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley - Yes

Vice Chair Dolan - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes

All in favor. The NM Livestock Board goes into closed Executive Session at approximately 2:04 p.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Manzanares 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board Member Torres – Yes

Chair Manzanares - Yes

Board Member Casados - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley - Yes

Vice Chair Dolan - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes

Secretary Conniff - Yes

Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

All in favor. The NM Livestock Board returns from Executive Session at approximately 3:17 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NMLB'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Vice Chair Dolan moves to appoint Belinda Garland as the NM Livestock Board's Executive Director. Board Member Torres seconds the motion.

Board Members Casados and Padilla-Gutierrez stated they would like the record to show that they will not support the motion due to their dissatisfaction with the hiring process and their vote has nothing to do with Director Garland.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board Member Torres - Yes

Secretary Coniff - Yes

Board Member Casados - No

Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

Vice Chair Dolan - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - No

Six for and two opposed. Chair Manzanares congratulated Executive Director Belinda Garland.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Henry, NMEROG – Nancy Henry welcomed the new Executive Director and stated she will still be monitoring NMLB issues.

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BOARD CONCERNS:

Board Member Casados - Several issues will come before the board. Armendariz case coming before the board. Fence out conflicts as well. We still don't have an attorney. Need to see some legal background to help understand the policies. We need an attorney.

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Amount of time the board meets should be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to adjourn. Board Member Casados seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

John N. Conniff, NM Livestock Board Secretary

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