

MINUTES FOR THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD
VIRTUAL ELECTRONIC/TELEPHONIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020
CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Manzanares calls the NM Livestock Board Virtual Meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Molly Manzanares, Electronic
Vice Chair Toby Dolan, Electronic
Secretary John Conniff, Telephonic

Board Member Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Telephonic
Board Member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Telephonic
Board Member Tara Vander Dussen, Electronic

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Board Member Kathy Longinaker
Board Member Edward Paul Torres
Board Member Tony Casados

Chair Manzanares requested that virtual participants identify themselves for the record.

NMLB STAFF ATTENDING:

Belinda Garland, Executive Director
Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, State Veterinarian
Julie Gauman, IT
Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager/Administrator
Barry Allen, ROM, Electronic
Gary Mora, ROM, Electronic

Shawn Davis, Deputy Director
Andrew Silva, CFO
Mary Catey, IPRA/Outreach Coordinator
Priscilla Pena-Johnson
April Riggs, ROM, Electronic
Troy Patterson, ROM, Electronic

VISITORS:

Gilbert Zamora, Retired NMLB Meat Inspector

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Secretary Conniff moves to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Toby Dolan	Y
Secretary John Conniff	Y
Board Member Morgan Switzer-McGinley	Y
Board Member Tara Vander Dussen	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 12, 2019 Board Meeting presented. Secretary Conniff moves to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan	Y
Secretary Conniff	Y
Board Member Switzer-McGinley	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan	Y
Board Member Switzer-McGinley	Y
Board Member Vander Dussen	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Setting of FY21 Mill Levy Rate:

Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the FY21 Mill Levy Rate.

Vice Chair Dolan motions that the FY21 Mill Levy Rate 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. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Switzer-McGinley	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y
Board Member Vander Dussen	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

Committee for Distribution of Horse Rescue Funds:

Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the Horse Rescue Funds. This year (FY21) the Horse Rescue Fund has \$20,000 for distribution.

Board Member Vander Dussen moves to appoint Shawn Davis, Susan Hemmerle, Debbie Coburn, Andrew Silva and Vice Chair Dolan to the Committee for Distribution of Horse Rescue Funds. Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan	Y
Secretary Conniff	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

JUNE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Executive Director Garland presented the possibility of a reintroduction of the Meat Inspection Program during the upcoming Special Session. Director Garland requested guidance from the Board on their level of support for the program. Mr. Gilbert Zamora addressed the board about his prior experiences with the Meat Inspection Division. The Board would like to keep the door to this program open and would like to see more analysis and input from the public and producers.

Secretary Conniff moves to authorize Director Garland to seek funding to contract someone to research and survey the meat inspection issue further to present to the Board in December, 2020. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan	Y
Board Member Switzer- McGinley	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

ALTERNATIVE TO BRANDING CATTLE:

Board Member Vander Dussen and Regional Operations Manager (ROM) Barry Allen presented information on the alternative to branding for dairy cows. Board Member Vander Dussen presented the statutory language and rule language applicable to this issue. Staff and Board determined that a re-write of the rule to specifically address this issue may be necessary. The board needs more information on what rule change is needed.

Board Member Vander Dussen moves to establish a committee to review and propose an amendment to the rule. Proposed committee members are Board Member Vander Dussen, Secretary Conniff, Beverly Idsinga, Executive Director, Dairy Producers of New Mexico, Deputy Director Shawn Davis, Chair Molly Manzanera, and ROM Barry Allen. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan	Y
Board Member Switzer- McGinley	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y

All in favor. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Director Garland updated the Board on agency activities. Office remains closed to the public pursuant to the Governor's Directive. Amendment to rule on deposits is in process. Public comment is currently

underway on amendment to 21.32.10 NMAC, adding Section 14. Rule Making Hearing will be held on July 14, 2020.

BOARD CONCERNS/OTHER:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Switzer-McGinley motions to adjourn. Vice Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff	Y
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez	Y
Board Member Vander Dussen	Y

All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:28 a.m.

APPROVAL:


Secretary John Conniff


Chair Molly Manzanares