

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
12:30 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Molly Manzanares approximately 12:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| Molly Manzanares, Chair                           | Edward Torres, Board Member                   |
| Tobin Dolan, Vice Chair                           | Tara Vander Dussen, Board Member              |
| John Conniff, Secretary                           | Tony Casados, Jr., Board Member               |
| Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Board Member (left at 3p) | Morgan Switzer-Switzer-McGinley, Board Member |
| Kathy Longinaker, Board Member (late)             |                                               |

Quorum Established

**NMLB STAFF PRESENT:**

|                                       |                                          |
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| Belinda Garland, Executive Director   | Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor             |
| Shawn Davis, Deputy Director          | April Riggs, Area 2 Supervisor (Briefly) |
| Leif Rasmussen, Interim Legal Counsel | Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor        |
| Julie Gauman, IT                      | Mary Catey, IPRA/Public Outreach         |
| Andrew Silva, CFO                     | Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, State Veterinarian  |

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

|                                     |                                            |
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| Nancy Henry                         | Joanne Miller                              |
| Troy Sauble                         | Jonas Moya, NM Cattle Growers              |
| Erica Valdez                        | Valerie Huerta, NM Farm & Livestock Bureau |
| Butch Mayfield                      | David Olgivie                              |
| Katie Goetz                         | Ty Bays                                    |
| Beverly Idsinga, NM Dairy Producers | Richard Medina                             |
| Michelle                            | Anthony Parra                              |

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes              | Board Member Casados – Yes          |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Absent     | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to approve agenda passes 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Minutes from the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Casados moved to approve the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting minutes. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion and thanks the Executive Director for the detail within the minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes              | Board Member Casados – Yes          |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Absent     | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to approve minutes passes 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Executive Director Garland announced that public comments will be held to 2 minutes per person and time cannot be given to another speaker. Erica Valdez stated that she was with a room full of people who wanted to address the Inspector issue in their region and that they would pass the phone around. Joanne Miller made public comment regarding her ranch history, operations and goals, experience with Inspector Waldrop, and voiced her concern about new Inspectors being able to handle the workload in her area. David Olgivie made public comment regarding his ranch, fall selling and shipping, his concern for the limited number of Inspectors in the area being able to accommodate the demand of the area. Ty Bays made public comment regarding his operations in the region, concerns about NMLB personnel issues, wants to be assured that the Inspectors moving forward will effective. Executive Director Garland notified Bays that his 2 minutes were up. Board Member Longinaker joined the meeting at this time. Butch Mayfield made public comment about his ranch, concern about potential crisis of not enough livestock inspectors and inability to cover the large region, and the potential for animal welfare concerns. Erica Valdez stated that was it from the group and asked if there were any questions. Board Member Casados stated he had a question. Executive Director Garland stated a reminder that this time was only for Public Comment. Nancy Henry made public comment regarding lack of sense of duty, conduct of NMLB staff, and events involving Inspectors at an equestrian center. Executive Director Garland notified Henry that her 2 minutes were up. Executive Director Garland thanked the public commenters from the southwest region of the state for their support of inspectors, recognized the responsibilities of the NMLB, and asked the public to call the office with any concerns. Executive Director Garland asked producers to give new inspectors clear directions, keep gates accessible, and maintain communication with inspectors. Erica Valdez asked which inspector to contact regarding upcoming shipping period. Executive Director Garland asked Valdez to call her directly at 505-841-6161.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 21.32.2 NMAC, BRANDING OF LIVESTOCK:**

Chair Manzanares stated that the public comments for this Public Hearing would be limited to 2 minutes per person. Beverly Idsinga thanked the NMLB and involved parties for working on the alternative to branding livestock issue. Idsinga voiced concern regarding Part J definition of confined feeding and the inclusion of NPDES permits and desire to work out a statutory change with the NMLB to address the alternative to brand. Chair Manzanares moved to deliberation of the matter with the Board. Board

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Member Vander Dussen reiterated the concern regarding the NPDES permit language and that most NM dairy operations are NMED permitted. Deputy Director Davis stated that the NPDES language was in the proposed amendment that was voted on in the July 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and that it was added to the confined feeding definition to match feedlot standard. Board Member Vander Dussen stated this was her first time seeing the language, that dairies in NM are permitted differently, and that the language should be retracted as most dairies do not have NPDES permit. Deputy Director Davis pointed out that the definition for confined feeding does not pertain to a milking dairy as the animals will be at a feeding facility. Executive Director Garland asked Board Member Vander Dussen to explain the issue to the Board. Board Member Vander Dussen explained NPDES permits from the EPA and how the language in the proposed amendment would exclude most dairy operations and therefore should be removed. Executive Director Garland stated that the language as it is was brought before the Board at the last meeting and it is up to the Board to act on the language as it is or send it back to committee. Chair Manzanares stated that the language cannot be changed. Board Member Vander Dussen asked that the NPDES language be removed. Executive Director Garland stated that major of a change to language cannot be made to a Rule Amendment and would have to go back to committee and go through another 30-day notice. Board Member Casados asked Deputy Director Davis if there is a down-side to changing the language. Deputy Director Davis stated too broad of a definition of confined feeding would be potentially problematic. Board Member Vander Dussen stated that she thinks the Board can vote on the amendment with the NPDES language removed. Executive Director Garland clarified that the current language involves the requirement of a permit, and removing that language is a substantial change to the Rule Amendment. Chair Manzanares clarified that the problem isn't the permit, it is the Rule change which has been published with permit language and has to be voted on as-is.

**ADOPTION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 21.32.2 NMAC, BRANDING OF LIVESTOCK:**

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moved to reject the Amendment and send back to committee. Board Member Longinaker seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes              | Board Member Casados – Yes          |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes        | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to reject Amendment to 21.32.2 NMAC passes 8-0.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Discuss/Act Disposition of Assets:**

Mr. Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the NMLB has 15 vehicles to be auctioned off through GSD's Surplus Property Bureau and the NMLB would retain proceeds minus a service fee. The book value of the vehicles would be removed from the fixed assets depreciation schedule. Board Member Casados moved to auction off the 15 vehicles. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

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| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to approve the auction of vehicles passes 8-0.

**Discuss/Act Employee Uniform Allowance:**

CFO Silva stated that in the past, the uniform allowance of \$500 for 43 employees and was previously not required for approval by the Board, which is why the Board is seeing this information now. Last year, \$24,000 was paid out for employee uniforms from the operating budget, and this year there is also \$24,000 allocated in the budget for this. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez asked what can be purchased with the \$500. Deputy Director Davis stated the uniform includes the tan inspector shirts, jeans, shoes, boots, jackets, coats, etc. Vice-Chair Dolan moved to approve the employee uniform allowance. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

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| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes        | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to approve the uniform allowance passes 8-0.

**Update FY20 Audit:**

CFO Silva stated Kubiak CPA will be conducting the audit which begins September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and is due November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The NMLB is in the process of providing Kubiak all the forms, etc. they need to begin.

**Review of Proposed FY22 Budget:**

CFO Silva directed the Board Members to S-8 Financial Summary in the Board Book. Proposed Budget FY22 has an increase of \$296,000 over last year in 400 category for the purpose of procuring vehicles in FY22. The Budgeting Bureau asked NMLB to do a 5% reduction in general funding. Because NMLB didn't receive FY21 funding, we are asking for more budget in the FY22 for vehicles. Board Member Casados asked for clarification on the 5% reduction. CFO Silva pointed out that FY22 general fund transfers is 5% less than that from FY21.

**Discuss/Act Legislative Proposals for 2022 Legislative Session:**

Executive Director Garland did not receive any feedback from the Board via email regarding proposed legislation, and addressed the Board in this meeting for any proposals, of which there are none.

**Discuss/Act Adoption of Proposed NMLB Procedures 301.03 through 301.08, WEARING OF BODY CAMERAS:**

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Board Member Casados asked about the non-certified inspectors wearing cameras. Deputy Director Davis stated that at times, a non-certified inspector will occasionally assist or begin a cruelty check, thus the language was included in the proposal. Deputy Director Davis stated that the body camera phone app makes the process fairly simple. Board Member Vander Dussen asked about the requirement of notifying producers of when a body camera will be on or off as dairy producers are often concerned about cameras in their facilities. Deputy Director Davis stated that it is not a requirement by law to inform a person they are being recorded, but if there is an active investigation, the camera is required to be turned on. Board Member Vander Dussen asked who will have access to the body camera footage. Deputy Director Davis stated that it would be accessible by the supervisors, the records custodian, and the inspector who took the video, but reminded the Board that the footage will be accessible under IPRA, and that the NMLB is required by law to retain the footage for 180 days. Board Member Vander Dussen asked how producers will be protected from the footage being used against them in animal activist videos. Deputy Director Davis stated that Section K in the proposal clarifies it will not be activated in normal operations. Board Member Longinaker asked if a producer can ask an inspector if their camera is on. Deputy Director Davis stated producers are welcome to ask inspectors that but that it likely won't be an issue at a normal inspection and that is why Section K was added. Deputy Director Davis stated that at an inspection, there is a potential for an investigation to begin if the inspector observes cruelty, etc. Board Member Vander Dussen clarified that she was not implying that cruelty shouldn't be investigated, but rather that in the past leaked footage has been put out there and producers have concerns about it. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez asks inspectors to be prudent and wise. Vice-Chair Dolan asked about a definition of law enforcement activities, if that is clear to the inspectors, and asked if Legal Counsel Rasmussen was included in the policy writing. Legal Counsel Rasmussen stated that he felt the legislation was intended to be vague in the definition and left up to the agencies to clarify. Board Member Casados moved to approve the adoption of proposed policy. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes        | Board Member Vander Dussen – No     |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to adopt the proposal passes 7-1.

**Discuss/Act Adoption of Proposed Amendment to NMLB Procedure 200.02 ESTRAYS:**

Executive Director Garland addressed how payouts are determined with estrayed animals to increase continuity. The statute currently states that payments to claimants is at the discretion of the board, but that power can be allocated elsewhere, but currently there is no appeal process for the claimants. Executive Director Garland proposes that the recommendation for payment is determined by the ROMs and Deputy Director, and if they claimant disagrees with the decision, they can appeal it to the Board. Chair Manzanares addressed the stray process in her experience and how the claims came straight to the Board, but Board Members were not necessarily up to speed on the case, etc. and therefore she supports the proposed amendment. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez voiced concern about fairness and due process. Executive Director Garland explained that the proposal offers more due process and checks

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and balances. Vice-Chair Dolan voiced support of the proposal. Executive Director Garland pointed out that the process should make it estrays more streamlined. Board Member Casados voices support for a claimant being able to appeal to the Board. Board Member Switzer-McGinley moved to adopt the proposed amendment. Board Member Casados seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes        | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to adopt the proposed amendment passes 8-0.

**Discuss/Act Consideration of Proposed Amendment to NMAC Title 21 Chapter 32 Part 10 Livestock Board Fees, 21.32.10.8 Livestock Inspection Fees: Addition of Item L: Impoundment Transportation Fee:**

Executive Director Garland presented information regarding paying transportation fees to producers who haul estrayed animals to a sale barn and lack of consistency regarding what the amount of reimbursement should be. Executive Director Garland suggested a set trucking fee, \$0.50/mile, state employee rates, etc. as fees to consider. Board Member Casados asked what the advantage/disadvantage to the proposed amendment would be. Executive Director Garland wants to make it consistent and clear cross the state. Chair Manzanares asked what the inspectors are relying on currently. Deputy Director Davis stated they are currently relying on “whatever fees are reasonable” under statute and then inspectors and ROMs are making the call, but that inspectors have been asking for a standardized transportation fee for years. Executive Director Garland clarified that it would be a standard loaded weight of possibly \$0.50/mile one-way. Vice-Chair Dolan asked for Deputy Director Davis to clarify what constitutes an estrayed animal to protect against neighbors who don’t get along from ambiguously calling each other’s animals “estrayed”. Deputy Director Davis stated that an inspector has to be notified prior to a rancher moving suspected stray animals to a sale barn, and that we can add some language to the rule amendment to protect against ranchers utilizing the transportation and impound fee as a penalty. Secretary Conniff asked how bison are identified when found on the wrong property. State Veterinarian Zimmerman stated that often times they are known as not a lot of bison are out there, but RFID and ear tags are both used if producers have the facilities. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moved to standardize the transportation fee. Board Member Casados seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes              | Board Member Casados – Yes          |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes        | Board Member Vander Dussen – Absent |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to approve the disbursement passes 7-0.

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**Board Member Longinaker proposes that the Board take a short break before carrying on with items on the Agenda. Board reconvenes at 2:30pm.**

**CLAIMS FOR ESTRAYED LIVESTOCK:**

Vice-Chair Dolan asked if the new estray rule applied or if the Board has to act on the estrays on the Agenda today. Executive Director Garland advised that if the Board wants to move to refer to the new procedure; that is allowable. Vice-Chair Dolan moved that Agenda items 13 through 18 be moved to the new estray procedure. Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion. Board Member Casados addressed his concern that these producers will have to start over the process and that it wasn't in the best interest of the producers. Deputy Director Davis stated that Board Member Casados might be correct and that there were producers on the call who would like to address their case to the Board. Chair Manzanaras asks Vice-Chair Dolan if he would like to withdraw his motion. Vice-Chair Dolan asked Deputy Director Davis how quickly these cases would be moved through the system. Deputy Director Davis stated that recommendations have been made on these estray cases which the Board will be advised on, and that recommendations could be pushed through as quickly as the next day, but that if the producer disagrees with the action, they could appeal at the next Board Meeting. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez asked what the recommendations are, and if they haven't been determined, they should be heard by the Board today. Vice-Chair withdraws his motion to avoid delaying the producers on the call.

**Joe Carruth/Harris Ranch Estray #084-18-08401:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray.  
Board Member Casados moved to pay the claimant. Board Member Torres seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes              | Board Member Casados– Yes           |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Absent     | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – No                | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to pay passes 6-1.

**Carolyn Chavez Estray #009-18-09774:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray.  
Board Member Torres moved to pay. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – No               | Board Member Casados– Absent       |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes          |
| Board Member Longinaker – Absent     | Board Member Vander Dussen – No    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – No                | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – No |

Motion to pay fails 4-2.

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**Anthony Gonzales Estray #173-1-00396:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray.

Board Member Casados moves to follow recommendation and pay. Secretary Conniff clarifies that the recommendation was to deny payment. Board Member Casados withdraws his motion. Secretary Conniff moved to deny payment. Vice-Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes             | Board Member Casados– No            |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – No | Board Member Torres – No            |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes       | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes              | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to deny payment passes 5-3. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez addressed the Board to point out a lack of consistency with following the inspector's recommendations.

**Richard Medina Estray #172-8-00373:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray. Mr. Medina was present on the call and addressed the Board that the matter was a simple oversight, the cow was missed at branding, and this was the first incident in 50 years of selling animals at Cattlemen's. Mr. Medina stated his neighbors know him and his animals, and that he is a small operation and thus the estrayed animal will be a big loss and cost him income.

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moved to pay. Board Member Torres seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – No              | Board Member Casados– Yes          |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez –Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes          |
| Board Member Longinaker – No        | Board Member Vander Dussen – No    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – No               | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – No |

Motion to pay fails 5-3. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez again addressed the Board to point out a lack of consistency with following the inspector's recommendations.

**Elizabeth Whitman Estray #172-8-00383:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray. Gary Mora Area 3 ROM addressed the Board to point out that these cattle potentially have Brands issued to the Sovereign Nation, which has not been checked at this time.

Board Member Longinaker moved to deny payment and follow-up with the Sovereign Nation. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez –Yes | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
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Motion to deny payment and follow-up with Sovereign Nation passes 8-0. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez announces that she must leave the meeting at this time.

3:00 P.M. Rita Padilla-Gutierrez announced she needed to leave meeting.

**Mark T. Wright Estray #148-2-03260:**

Deputy Director Davis presented the information regarding this estray.  
Board Member Casados moved to pay. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes                 | Board Member Casados– Yes           |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Absent | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes           | Board Member Vander Dussen – Absent |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes                  | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to pay passes 6-0. Secretary Conniff asked how the Board voted on estrays compared to inspector recommendations. Executive Director Garland clarified that one vote went against recommendations.

**STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:**

State Veterinarian Dr. Ralph Zimmerman reported that due to USDA office closures, the State Vets have taken the lead on Foreign Animal Disease. Bovine tuberculosis testing and herd plans are underway. Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus: 43 positive domestic herds and 10 positive wild herds, and 20 positive counties. In June, USDA declared we are stable endemic, and therefore funding for testing was withdrawn. As such, rabbit owners will be responsible for paying for testing going forward. NMLB had purchased a French vaccine (1,030 doses total) and sold all of it to rabbit owners. A US company is currently developing a vaccine which is in testing at this time. NM was the index case for Equine Vesicular Stomatitis in the US this year. NM had 16 positive premises, all of which were released on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and tested animals have been negative since then. West Texas had both strains of VS. Two cases of Equine Piroplasmiasis were identified in NM this year, where one horse was euthanized and the other was released as it was a false positive. Bovine Trichomoniasis laws took effect August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. A flyer went out with all brand renewals to get information to producers amid COVID meeting restrictions. We currently have 34 quarantines. During spring testing, 12 herds were positive. Since slaughter surveillance, 7 positive bulls have been picked up, which brought on 4 quarantines. Neighbors to positive herds were required to test, and two more positive herds were identified. Trich Committee Members and County Extension Agents are going to do some outreach.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Deputy Director Shawn Davis addressed the Board regarding current cases. Near Santa Rosa there was a guilty conviction in theft of 8 heifers. Some larceny cases were in Court of Appeals, but moving forward. Stolen goats were returned to owner, suspect was charged and awaiting court date. A stolen horse was recovered this last week. Several convictions in injury to livestock and cruelty to livestock. Special

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Investigators investigated dogs chasing cattle, and suspect pulled a weapon on the Inspectors, which was handled appropriately and effectively. Livestock on highway, truck accidents, and livestock in way of fires have all been handled really well by Inspectors. Deputy Director Davis commended the Inspectors and Supervisors for always being ready and willing to act to protect livestock, regardless of time of day, etc. Secretary Conniff asked Deputy Director Davis if the Mayfield referenced in the misdemeanor cases was the same Mayfield they spoke to today, which Deputy Director Davis it was not.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Belinda Garland addressed continuing to follow the Governor's public health orders. Brand renewals are going well and 18,922 have been processed so far, and it is going very smoothly. The RFP for a new office space is under review with GSD and moving along. Working through personnel issues every day, and Executive Director Garland commends ROMs and Deputy Director Davis for getting the inspections done regardless of personnel issues. Also commendations to the State Veterinarians for their hard work in keeping things moving especially with TB testing. Executive Director Garland informed the Board of her recent trip to the Santa Teresa Land Port to see the operation down there and the excellent teamwork that is happening down there. The December Board Meeting date has not been set as the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association has not announced if they will host their annual convention this year, but updates will be communicated to the Board.

Chair Manzanares commended State Veterinarian Dr. Zimmerman, Executive Director Garland, and Deputy Director Davis for their hard work and leadership.

State Veterinarian Dr. Zimmerman thanked the Board for selecting a great Executive Director.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Board Member Casados moved to go into Closed Executive Session. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Secretary Conniff – Yes                 | Board Member Casados– Yes           |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Absent | Board Member Torres – Yes           |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes           | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes    |
| Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes                  | Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes |

Motion to go into Closed Executive Session passes 7-0. Meeting closes at approximately 3:30pm.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Board Member Casados moved to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda. Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Secretary Conniff – Yes                 | Board Member Casados– Yes        |
| Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Absent | Board Member Torres – Yes        |
| Board Member Longinaker – Yes           | Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes |

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
12:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING:  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/NMLB/rule-hearing-for-alternative-to-brand-sept-10-2020>  
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Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Motion to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda passes 7-0. Meeting re-opens at approximately 4:22pm.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

None discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Executive Director Garland stated that she received a message from New Mexico Cattle Growers Association saying that they will have a virtual meeting this year in lieu of their annual conference and NMCGA wants to know if the Board would like to do their Board Meeting at that time or separate. Board Member Longinaker suggested doing it separate as everyone has access to the Board Meetings. Chair Manzanares stated that a Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:30pm Board Meeting will work and other Board Members confirmed this date and time.

Secretary Conniff moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Secretary Conniff – Yes

Board Member Casados– Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Absent

Board Member Torres – Yes

Board Member Longinaker – Yes

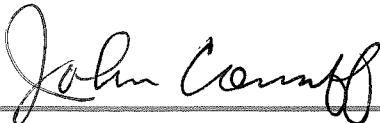
Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes

Vice-Chair Dolan – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Motion passes to adjourn the meeting 7-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.

**APPROVAL:**



John Conniff, Secretary



Molly Manzanares, Chair