

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD (NMLB) MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
12:30 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:

Molly Manzanares, Chair
Tobin Dolan, Vice Chair
John Conniff, Secretary
Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Board Member
Kathy Longinaker, Board Member

Edward Torres, Board Member (Not Present)
Tara Vander Dussen, Board Member
Tony Casados, Jr., Board Member
Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member (Not Present)

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Belinda Garland, Executive Director
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director
Ralph Zimmerman, State Vet
Leif Rasmussen, Chief Legal Counsel
Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager
Julie Gauman, IT

Barry Allen, Area 1 ROM
April Riggs, Area 2 ROM
Gary Mora, Area 3 ROM
Steven Howard, Area 1 Supervisor
Matthew Romero, Area 2 Supervisor
Justin Gray, Area 1 Supervisor

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Loren Patterson, NM Cattle Growers
Rudy Lorenzo
Governor John Antonio, Pueblo of Laguna
Kenneth Tiller, Pueblo of Laguna
Anthony Parra, NMDA
Steven Etter, Pueblo of Laguna
Richard Bonine, Pueblo of Laguna
James Burson

Katelin Spradley, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau
Michelle Frost, NM Cattle Growers
Benjamin Benavidez, Jr
Robert Alexander
Nancy Henry (Briefly)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes
Board Member Casados - Yes
Board Member Longinaker – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
Board Member Torres – Absent
Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

Motion to approve the agenda for the March 11, 2021 NMLB Meeting passes 6-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting presented.

Board Member Vander Dussen moves to approve the December 10, 2020 board meeting minutes.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes
Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
Board Member Longinaker – Yes	Board Member Torres – Absent

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 NMLB Meeting passes 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairwoman Manzanares announced that public comments will be held to 3 minutes per person and time cannot be given to another speaker.

Ms. Nancy Henry spoke for the allotted three (3) minutes.

No other public comments were made.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 01-2021 – OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

Resolution 01-2021 presented

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve Resolution 01-2021. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
Board Member Casados - Yes	Board Member Torres – Absent
Board Member Longinaker – Yes	Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 01-2021 passes 6-0.

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SET NMLB MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021:

Proposed dates for each quarter of calendar year 2021 presented.

Board Member Longinaker moves to adopt the proposed dates. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff - Yes

Board Member Casados - Yes

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent

Board Member Torres – Absent

Motion to approve NMLB meeting dates for calendar year 2021 passes 6-0.

PRESENTATION/REQUEST BY THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA:

Governor Antonio introduced Mr. Richard Bonine and Mr. Steven Etter who went through a Power Point presentation showing the pastures and conditions of the land on the Pueblo. A request was made to the NMLB to enter into a MOU allowing them to bring estray cattle to a Livestock Auction and they be reimbursed for expenses.

History facts were given to the Board by Executive Director Garland.

*Full presentation and discussion is available in the recording for the March 11, 2021 NMLB Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS IN REGARDS TO THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA RANGE MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Loren Patterson – President Elect of the NM Cattle Growers Association – Stated that they sympathize with the situation. However neighbors and members of the Pueblo have registered brands. They believe that those brands are entitled to the same representation as any other brand in the state. Stated that if an agreement is reached is should only be short term.

Mr. Benjamin Benavidez, Jr – Neighbor to the Pueblo of Laguna – Stated their cattle do go onto the Pueblo but they are not allowed to get them out. If they go onto the Pueblo, to gather their cattle, the Rangers are called for them trespassing. If they want the cattle out, then they should be allowed to go get their cattle.

REQUEST OF THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA TO ENTER INTO A MOU WITH THE NMLB:

Vice Chairman Dolan asked for comments from the ROM or Deputy Director:

Deputy Director Davis spoke on behalf of Regional Operations Manager Mr. Gary Mora – Stated his opinion is that we stick with the brand laws. The Pueblo has two choices which include that they brand the cattle and allow it to peel or estray the cattle and bring them in to go through the estray process. The NMLB has an estray process that the Pueblo can follow in order to clear the cattle from the lands.

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He stated that if it is truly a matter of the land then they can bring the cattle in and follow the estray process and petition the board for the funds. If it is an ownership issue then they can brand the cattle and allow the brand to peel before taking them to sell.

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Vice Chairman Dolan moves to take no action on the MOU and encourage the Pueblo to follow the state brand laws. Board Member Longinaker seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Secretary Conniff – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
Board Member Casados - Yes	Board Member Torres – Absent
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes	Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

Motion to take no action on the MOU and encourage the Pueblo to follow the state brand laws passes 6-0.

2021 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

Resolution 02-2021 – Opposing House Bill 4 – Civil Rights

Resolution 02-2021 presented.

Board Member Casados moves to approve Resolution 02-2021. Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez explained her vote that she encourages the Board to ask for an amendment to HB 4 excluding the NMLB.

Motion to approve Resolution 02-2021 passes 6-0.

Resolution 03-2021 – Opposing Senate Bill 385 – Wild Horses

Resolution 03-2021 presented.

Board Member Casados moves to approve Resolution 03-2021. Vice Chairman Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Secretary Conniff – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
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Board Member Longinaker – Yes
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes

Board Member Torres – Absent
Board Member Vander Dussen – Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 03-2021 passes 6-0.

Meat Inspection

Executive Director Garland stated House Bill 33 to reinstate the State Meat Inspection Program is moving forward in the current 2021 Legislative Session. The bill received a do pass in two (2) House of Representative Committees and the House of Representative Floor. It then moved to the Senate Conservation Committee where it received a do pass and now sits on the agenda for the Senate Floor. If it passes the Senate Floor it will go to the Governor for signature which we expect her to approve. Director Garland also stated that the funding has changed from what was submitted to DFA which was Supplement of \$500,000 for FY21 & FY22 and Special Appropriations for \$1,578,734.00 to operate on for FY22. There was \$500,000.00 approved by the House of Representatives in HB 2. We are hearing there may be another \$500,000.00 approved by the Senate but will have to wait and see.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Update on New Building:

CFO Silva stated that we have completed the RFP process and did not find a facility to meet our needs. We have been granted approval to “Go Out To Market”. The Committee selected five (5) sites to go and view which we did and picked one that we are interested in. We had GSD ask for a proposal for us to move in. Due to the Meat Inspection HB 33 we are holding off on negotiating cost and upgrades on the location. Once we know about the Meat Inspection Division we will move forward with negotiations.

Update on FY22 Budget:

CFO Silva, stated that both LFC and DFA are recommending \$6,819,000 for the FY22 Operating Budget.

Both LFC and DFA agreed on a Special Appropriation of \$360,000 for vehicles and body cams. We have presented an amendment to that for the Senate Finance Committee for \$500,000 for vehicles.

The second Special Appropriations is for the Meat Inspection Program. We had requested \$500,000 for FY21 & 22 and \$1.5 Million for FY22. What was agreed to coming out of the House was \$500,000 for FY22. We have presented an amendment to the Senate Finance Committee to increase the funding to \$1 Million for FY22.

Review of Cash Balance and Fund Balance

CFO Silva, went over a slide that shows the difference between the cash balance and the fund balance. Right now we have a large cash balance due to recent brand renewals and the holding of stray funds for

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the required two years. The fund balance is only at \$2,182,463. Part of that will be utilized for operations in FY22.

Board Member Longinaker requested to be excused during the state veterinarian report.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S REPORT:

State Veterinarian Dr. Ralph Zimmerman addressed the Board.

Topics Covered:

Bovine Tuberculosis (TB); Bovine Trichomoniasis (Trich); Brucellosis; Rabbit Hemorrhagic Virus; and Vesicular Stomatitis (VS).

Financial issues involving the Federal USDA Office, which led us to drop funding of the Avian Disease issues. There is still some funding for lab work in continuing Avian Influenza surveillance.

*Full report is available in the recording for the March 11, 2021 NMLB Board Meeting.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Davis addressed the Board.

Topics Covered:

Livestock Inspection Activity; Recovered Livestock; Road Stops and Livestock Traffic Surveillance; Incident Investigations; Special Investigators Activity; Training; Response to Emergency Events.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Belinda Garland addressed the Board.

Topics Covered:

Governor's Health Order in regards to COVID-19; 2021 Brand Book; 2021 Legislative Session; Hiring of New Employees and Re-creating the CIO Position; Public Outreach.

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10 Minute Meeting Recess at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:25p.m.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board Member Vander Dussen moves to go into Closed Executive Session. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff – Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Longinaker – Absent

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent

Board Member Torres – Absent

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Motion to go into Closed Executive Session passed 5-0. Meeting closes at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Board Member Longinaker returns for executive session.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Secretary Conniff moves to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda Vice -Chair Dolan seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Absent
Board Member Longinaker – Yes	Board Member Torres – Absent
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez – Yes	Board Member Vander Dussen - Yes

Motion to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda passed 6-0. Meeting re-opens at approximately 3:50 p.m.

BOARD CONCERNS:

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Longinaker moves to adjourn the Board Meeting. Board Member Vander Dussen seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL:



John Conniff, Secretary



Molly Manzanares, Chair