

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK
BOARD (NMLB) MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022
9:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING:
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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Molly Manzanares at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Molly Manzanares, Chair, Present	Kathy Longinaker, Not Present
Milford Denetclaw, Board Member, Not Present	Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Board Member, Present
Tobin Dolan, Vice Chair, Not Present	Michael Perez, Board Member, Present
John Conniff, Secretary, Present	Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member, Present
Tony Casados Jr., Board Member, Present	

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Belinda Garland, Executive Director	Bobby Hernandez, IT
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director	April Riggs, Area 2 ROM
Leif Rasmussen, Chief Legal Counsel	Gary Mora, Area 3 ROM
Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager	Troy Patterson, Area 4 ROM
Julie Gauman, CIO	Daniel Trujillo, IPRA Coordinator
Andrew Silva, CFO	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Nancy Henry
Mark Santiago
Katelin Spradley, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau
Two Unknown Callers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve the agenda for the March 29, 2022, Board Meeting.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw -Not Present	Vice Chair Dolan-Not Present
Board Member Casados-Yes	Board Member Perez - Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley-Yes

Motion to approve the March 29, 2022 Agenda passes 5-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 1, 2022 Board Meeting presented.

Secretary Conniff moves to approve the February 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
Board Member Casados seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Member Detenclaw -Not Present	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes
Vice Chair Dolan-Not Present	Board Member Perez - Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley-Yes

Motion to approve February 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes passes 5-0.

Member Denetclaw joined the meeting at 9:06am.

PURCHASE OF IT EQUIPMENT FOR NM LIVESTOCK BOARD MEMBERS TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:

Executive Director Belinda Garland described the purpose of purchasing tablets for all Board Members to conduct NMLB business.

*Full comments are available in the recording for the March 29, 2022 NMLB Meeting.

Board Member Casados moves to purchase IT equipment for NMLB Board Members.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan -Not Present	Board Member Denetclaw - Yes
Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez-Yes	Board Member Perez - Yes
Board Member Longinaker- Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley-Yes

Motion to purchase IT equipment for NMLB Board Members passes 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW HIRE

Announcement from Executive Director Garland of New IPRA employee, Daniel Trujillo. He came on board 3 weeks ago. He is doing an exceptional job. He is fitting right in with the team.

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UPDATE: PERA PEACE OFFICER PLAN:

Executive Director Belinda Garland discussed letter from PERA approving Commissioned Livestock Inspectors be covered under the PERA-Peace Officer Plans. They are eligible for retirement after 25 years versus the typical plan now of age plus years which equals 85 and that typically comes out to about 30 years. They are now eligible to for the 75k life insurance police for line of duty employees.

*Full report is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022 NMLB Meeting.

APPEAL OF ESTRAY-LEROY PADILLA-125-5-02901:

Deputy Director Shawn Davis gave an update. One no brand calf went on a shipment that went to Roswell Livestock Auction was strayed. The producer has now provided us with hair samples from the cow. Hair samples were taken from the calf at the time of the estray. The last email from the lab UC Davis on March 24, 2022, was that they have received the samples but have not run them. They expect that will take about a week.

*Full discussion is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

Board Member Perez moves that if the DNA test comes back positive for parentage from UC Davis you can proceed to pay claim.

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Yes	Board Member Denetclaw - Yes
Vice Chair Dolan-Not Present	Board Member Casados- Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley- Yes

Motion to proceed to pay claim if the DNA test comes back positive for parentage from UC Davis passes 6-0.

2023 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

A. Increase to NMLB Fees

Executive Director Garland presented that in the past the Board has introduced a statute change at the legislative sessions to increase inspection fees. However, those bills have failed. Executive Director Garland would like feedback from the Board to try again in FY23 or continue to hold off on it.

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Board Member Casados moves to postpone on working to increase NMLB Fees until 2024.

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Not Present	Board Member Denetclaw - Yes
Secretary Conniff-Gutierrez-Yes	Board Member Perez - Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley- Yes

Motion to postpone on working to increase NMLB Fees until FY24 passes 6-0.

B. Disease Indemnity Fund

Deputy Director Shawn Davis gave an update on being approached by the NM Cattle Growers with a thought for the disease indemnity program. Dr. Zimmerman has thought a lot about this in the last few years. The idea for the TB issues in the dairies and disease in the dairies, we would ask the legislature for a disease indemnity fund to help producers that have been hit by disease and need assistance, The feds already give some funds for disease, the bill is being proposed by Cattle Growers for the FY23 session.

*Full report is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022 NMLB Meeting.

Board Member Perez moves to direct the staff to go forward with getting legislative action to establish a disease indemnity fund in FY23 legislative session.

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Yes	Board Member Denetclaw - Yes
Vice Chair Dolan-Not Present	Board Member Casados- Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Board Member Switzer-McGinley- Yes

Motion to direct the staff to go forward with getting legislative action to establish a disease indemnity fund in FY23 legislative session passes 6-0.

C. Any Other Matters of Concern on 2023 Legislative Session

Director Garland gives a verbal update on House bill 86, it did not go through. House bill 68 did go through and at this time the particulars are not known.

*Full verbal update is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022 NMLB Meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Presentation of the FY21 Audit:

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CFO Silva introduced Mark Santiago a CPA and Audit Manager with Kubiak Melton and Associates. They were our auditors for our last financial audit.

*Full presentation is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

NOTE: Vice Chairman Tobin Dolan joined the meeting during the audit presentation. Exact time is unknown.

Review of FY23 Budget Signed by the Governor:

CFO Silva went over the budget and special appropriations that were recommended by the Legislative Finance Committee and proposed in House Bill 2. The Governor did sign off on HB 2. The NMLB will be receiving more general funds for FY23 than ever before.

*Full discussion is available in the recording for the March 29, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

UPDATE ON MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION (MPI) PROGRAM

Director Garland stated now that there is reoccurring funding, we can now make the Director and Business Ops positions permanent, working on getting that information to DFA. They are actively looking for a Program Director.

Legal Counsel Rasmussen did get the rules ready to be advertised. Advertisement of the Rules will happen in April for consideration and possible adoption at the June 13th meeting in Ruidoso.

*Full comments are available in the recording for the March 29, 2022, NMLB Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Director Garland announced there will be a virtual and in person Public Hearing in conjunction with regular board meeting at the NM Cattle Growers Summer meeting in Ruidoso. The NMLB meeting will be held on June 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

*Full comments are available in the recording for the March 29, 2022 NMLB Meeting.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Secretary Conniff moves to go into Closed Executive Session at 10:00 am.
Board Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw -Yes

Board Member Casados-Yes

Board Member Longinaker, Not Present

Vice Chair Dolan – Did Not Vote

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley- Yes

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Motion to go into Closed Executive Session passes 6-0. Meeting closes at 10:34am.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board Member Perez moves to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw -Yes	Board Member Casados - Yes
Vice Chair Dolan-Yes	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez-Yes
Board Member Longinaker- Not Present	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 11:06 a.m.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez wanted to know why public comment was left out of this meeting. Chair Manzanares stated she chose not to have public comment but public comment will be held at the next in person board meeting.
Board Member Casados asked if board members were eligible for per diem to travel the day before the meeting in Ruidoso. Chair Manzanares stated a lot of them will be traveling far and would like to travel the day before. CFO Silva stated the board members will be eligible to be reimbursed for 2 nights.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Casados moves to adjourn the Board Meeting.
Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member Denetclaw -Yes	Secretary Conniff-Yes
Board Member Perez- Yes	Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez-Yes
Board Member Longinaker-Not Present	Vice Chair Dolan-Yes

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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APPROVAL:

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John Conniff, Secretary

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Molly Manzanara, Chair