

Name of Organization: Nevada State Board of Agriculture

Date and Time of Meeting: December 10, 2007, 1:30 pm
December 11, 2007, 8:30 am
December 12, 2007, 8:30 am

Place of Meeting: Stanley P. Jones Building
Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation
2800 E. Saint Louis Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104
(702) 486-6632

Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2007, 1:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawrence Waugh at 1:32 pm

1. Board Business

A. Introduction of Board Members

Ramona Morrison
David Cassinelli
Hank Vogler
Harvey Barnes
Lawrence Waugh
Alan Perazzo
Jim Johnson
Dave Barton
Marta Agee
Benny Romero

Introduction of Guests

Doug Busselman
Madison Perazzo

Introduction of Staff

Donna Rise
Rick Gimlin
Wendy Stewart

Absent

Dan Hetrick

- ##### B. Subcommittee for Review and Development of the Nevada Department of Agriculture Long-term Goals and Objectives and the 2008 Nevada Board of Agriculture Short Term Objectives for the Nevada Department of Agriculture.
- Long-term goals and objectives and 2008 short term objectives were discussed and public comment received and considered. Direction was given to Department staff to prepare the goals and objectives, as discussed, for presentation and approval on Wednesday, December 12, 2007.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Lawrence Waugh at 4:58 pm

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Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 8:30 am

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawrence Waugh at 8:50 am

1. Board Business

A. Introduction of Board Members

Ramona Morrison
David Cassinelli
Hank Vogler
Harvey Barnes
Lawrence Waugh
Alan Perazzo
Jim Johnson
Dave Barton
Marta Agee
Benny Romero
Dan Hetrick

Introduction of Staff

Rick Gimlin
Wendy Stewart
Jim Connelley
Steve Grabski
Shannon Rudolph
Vernon Miller
Mike Holmes
Holly Pecetti
Dr. Anette Rink
Gina Session
Mark Jensen

Introduction of Guests

Doug Busselman
Madison Perazzo
George Botta
Susan Ray
Dennis Hellwinkel
Jerry D Claborn
John Sande
Mike Ingham
Peter Kruger
George Taylor, video conference, Reno
Meghan Wereley, video conference, Elko

- B. Introduction of New Board Members
- C. Appreciation of Retiring Board Members
- D. Open Meeting Law Training, Presented by George Taylor, Senior Deputy Attorney General, State of Nevada

- E. September 20-21, 2007 Board of Agriculture Meeting Minutes
Harvey Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jim Johnson seconded and the motion carried. David Cassinelli abstained from voting.
- F. Nevada Department of Agriculture Long-term Goals and Objectives and 2008 Nevada Board of Agriculture Short Term Objectives for the Nevada Department of Agriculture
Review and approval of the goals and objectives will be addressed on Wednesday, December 12, 2007.
- G. Request to Disburse Monies Pursuant to NRS 562.170 and NRS 567.110 to the Woolgrowers Association and Predatory Animal and Rodent Control
Hank Vogler made a motion to disperse the monies pursuant to NRS 562.170 and NRS 567.110 to the Woolgrowers Association and Predatory Animal and Rodent Control. Dan Hetrick seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- H. Board Pictures Scheduled for the Lunch Break at the Las Vegas Office.

- 2. Measurement Standards Division (Grabski)
 - A. NRS 590 and Specifications for Motor Vehicle Fuel
 1. Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) presentation by John Sande and Mike Ingham
 2. Western Petroleum Marketers Association (WPMA) presentation by Peter Kruger of the Nevada Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
 3. Request to go to Workshop and Hearing to consider specifications for motor vehicle fuel in NAC 590.065 to comply with changes to NRS 590.070
Benny Romero made a motion to go to Workshop and Hearing on NAC 590.065 to comply with the changes to NRS 590.070. David Cassinelli seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Weights and Measures Inspections Update
 - C. Petroleum Laboratory Workload Update
 - D. GL Suites Program; Licensing and Payment Program
 - E. Automatic Temperature Compensation Update
 - F. Fuel Standards Environmental Coordination Committee (SFEECC) Report
 - G. Capital Improvement Project Updates for Elko and Sparks (07-C20)

- 3. Division of Administration (Gimlin)
 - A. Changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) (Gimlin)

1. The Board to consider whether the Grazing Boards should be autonomous or remain under the Department's structure. NRS 568.040: Creation of State Grazing Boards and letter of response to Senator Rhodes reviewed.
Hank Vogler made a motion that we release the Grazing Boards from under the Department's umbrella. Harvey Barnes seconded the motion. Motion withdrawn
Hank Vogler made a motion that the Grazing Boards be autonomous. Ramona Morrison and Harvey Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 2. Division of Internal Audits, Audit Report #08-03, Executive Section 5-8, issued on October 2, 2007. Should the Board of Agriculture's statutory authority be revised? (NRS 561.015)
Harvey Barnes made a motion that the State Board of Agriculture remain as it is. Marta Agee seconded the motion. Motion was amended to read the Board of Agriculture's statutory authority should not be revised. David Cassinelli seconded the amended motion and the amended motion carried unanimously.
- B. Audit Updates (Gimlin)
 1. Legislative Counsel Bureau Audit LA06-12
 2. Division of Internal Audits #08-03
 - C. Budget Updates (Gimlin)
 1. FY2008 Board of Agriculture budget
 2. FY2008 Department budget summary
 3. Proposed budget reductions
 - D. Division Report (Gimlin)
 1. Meeting with State Controller
 2. Web page updates
4. Animal Industry (Rink)
 - A. Animal Disease Update (Rink)
 1. Brucellosis
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD); Livermore projections for Nevada
 4. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)
 - B. Laboratory Update (Rink)
 1. Elko Animal Disease Laboratory
 2. Arbovirus testing
 3. Trichomonas Fetus (T. Fetus) testing
 4. Big Horn Sheep Update
 - a. United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) resolution
 - b. "Payette Principles"
 - c. March 2008 workshop
 - C. Virginia Range Estray (VRE) (Rink, Holmes)
 - D. National Animal Identification System Update (NAIS) (Pecetti)
 - E. Information Technology (Beal)

1. Laboratory Information Management System for the Animal Disease Laboratory
 2. Back-up and disaster recovery
 3. Server Virtualization and Thin Clients
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5. Resource Protection Division (Jensen)
 - A. Division Update
 - B. Nevada Wildlife Services 2007 State Report

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Lawrence Waugh at 5:05 pm

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Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 8:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawrence Waugh at 8:31 pm

6. Board Business

A. Introduction of Board Members

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Harvey Barnes
Lawrence Waugh
Alan Perazzo
Jim Johnson
Dave Barton
Marta Agee
Benny Romero
Dan Hetrick

Introduction of Staff

Donna Rise
Rick Gimlin
Wendy Stewart
Dr. Anette Rink
Jim Connelley
Shannon Rudolph
Steve Marty, video conference, Reno
Peggy McKie, video conference, Reno
Robert Little, video conference, Reno
Ed Foster, video conference, Reno
Mike Holmes, video conference, Reno
Holly Pecetti, video conference, Reno
Gina Session

Introduction of Guests

Doug Busselman
Madison Perazzo
Meghan Wereley, video conference, Elko
Jim Linebaugh, video conference, Reno
Director Allen Biaggi, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, video conference, Reno

7. Plant Industry Division (O'Brien)

A. Entomology (Knight)

1. Final exotic trapping results for 2007; significant identifications

2. Request to go to Workshop and Hearing for Diaprepes root weevil quarantine
Jim Johnson moved that we go to Workshop and Hearing on the quarantine for Diaprepes root weevil. Harvey Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Division Update (O'Brien)
 - C. Pest Control
 1. Pigeon control update
 2. Request to go to Workshop and Hearing on new licensing category for bird control
Harvey Barnes made a motion that the Department go to Workshop and Hearing on possible new licensing category for bird control. Dave Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Organic Certification (Marty)
 1. Information fact sheet discussion regarding the purpose, function, and structure of the Organic Advisory Council
 2. Organic livestock certification
 3. Reappointment of Organic Advisory Council members Marcia Litsinger, Dave Hall, and Bruce Quinlin as approved by the Council and recommended by the Director per NRS 587.810
Ramona Morrison made a motion to appoint Marcia Litsinger, Dave Hall, and Bruce Quinlin to the Organic Advisory Council. Hank Vogler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - E. Nursery Licensing (McKie)
 1. Request to go to Workshop and Hearing for changes to NAC, Chapter 555: Regulation of Nurseries and Nursery Stock to propose additional specifications for container grown nursery stock, both "ball and burlap" and container grown stock
Ramona Morrison made a motion to go to Workshop and Hearing for changes to NAC, Chapter 555: Regulation of Nurseries and Nursery Stock. Dan Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - F. Safety Committee Update (Moses)
 - G. EPA Fourth Quarter Report (Moses)
 - H. Request to adopt regulation LCB File Number R 156-07: A regulation relating to agriculture; authorizing a non-primary principal commercial applicator or private applicator to renew a certificate to apply or supervise the application of a restricted use pesticide upon the completion of at least 12 units of continuing education and providing for other matters properly relating thereto
Dave Barton made a motion requesting adoption of regulation LCB File Number R 156-07. Benny Romero seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Director's Report (Rise)
- A. Medical Marijuana

- B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) (Biaggi)
 - 1. Heil Trust: Board consideration of a joint DCNR/NDA general fund request that would effectively extend the Heil Trust beyond 2010 and provide stray adoption expertise from DCNR to NDA
Ramona Morrison made a motion to table discussion on the Heil Trust until after the meeting with the Governor. Ramona Morrison withdrew the motion. The full consensus of the Board was to take no action.
 - 2. Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses request for Department consideration to serve as a friendly agency under state litigation against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding allocation of federal funds for wild horse management in Nevada.(Biaggi)
No action was taken by the Board
 - C. Presentations/Meetings
 - D. Federal Priority Assessment Project: Great Basin Ecosystem Health Initiative
 - E. Stray Update
 - F. Policies and Procedures Update
 - G. Communication Policy
Harvey Barnes moved that the Board of Agriculture redirect the responsibility of the communication policy back to the agency to be incorporated into the agency policy and procedures manual. Jim Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Nevada Range Resource Commission Board Appointments
 - I. Disaster Declaration
 - J. Industry Requests for Department Organization
 - 1. Animal Disease Laboratory and Livestock Identification
 - 2. Rangeland Resource position within Plant Industry
9. Livestock Identification Division (Connelley)
- A. Division Update
 - 1. Staff changes, 2008
 - 2. Brand re-recording progress
 - 3. Wild horse gathers
 - 4. Status of court ordered BLM impoundments
 - 5. Active livestock cases
 - 6. Agricultural enforcement unit activities
 - B. Changes to NAC 565.210, brand district boundary lines
10. 2008 Short Term Objectives and Long Term Goals
Harvey Barnes and Hank Vogler made a motion to adopt the Nevada Department of Agriculture Long-term Goals and Objectives and the 2008 Nevada Board of Agriculture Short Term Objectives for the Nevada Department of Agriculture with the amendment to change the term "bio-terrorism" to "agroterrorism." Dan Hetrick seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Hank Vogler and Ramona Morrison requested that the water issues in Nevada be made an agenda item for the next and all following meetings.

11. Employee Comments and Suggestions to the Board of Agriculture
12. Public Comment
Comments received from Jim Connelley, Doug Busselman, Dr. Anette Rink, and Marta Agee
13. Travel Claims and Salary
14. Scheduling and Arrangements for the Next Board Meeting
Harvey Barnes made a motion to have the next Board Meeting in Reno, Nevada on February 12-13, 2007, with a meeting start time of 8:30 am. The motion was seconded by Jim Johnson, the motion carried with one dissenting vote by David Cassinelli.
15. Adjournment
Motion was made by Alan Perazzo to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm. Harvey Barnes seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.