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WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD

January 15, 2015 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Tele Conference Meeting

Board Members Present:

Joe Thomas, President
Pat Cullen, Vice President
Donna Baldwin Hunt
Liz Philp
Todd Heward
Kellen Little

Staff Present:

Doug Miyamoto, Director
Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian
Dr. Thach Winslow, Dr. Bob Meyer,
Lee Romsa, Renae Krakow, Paula Bivens,
April Peregoy, Gary Zakotnik, Frank Barrett

Absent: Bob Lucas

Guest: See attached attendance roster.

Call to Order

Joe Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015.

Joe asked for an amendment to the agenda to add an emergency executive session to start the meeting and remove Directors report, Brand Inspection/recording reports and move directly to agenda item c. Project proposal on traceability.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to accept the President's amendment of the agenda. Todd Heward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to amend the November 21, 2014 minutes under the Global Roundtable For Sustainable Beef Initiative overview to replace the language in the draft minutes with the following: "Tracy Hunt of Newcastle gave a presentation on the Global Roundtable For Sustainable Beef (GRSB). He explained that according to its web site at grsbeef.org, beef may only be deemed "sustainable" if it is fully traceable from birth and subject to third party verification of environmental, social and economic requirements yet to be announced by the GRSB.

Tracy further explained that since the GRSB membership includes retail giants McDonald's and Walmart and meat packers Cargill, JBS and Tyson, the GRSB's announcement to deny market access to any producer that did not comply with their conditions of full chain traceability and Third party verification must be taken seriously.

Tracy further explained that the beef industry giants intended to piggy-back their environmental and social requirements onto any government imposed traceability regulations. Accordingly, Tracy urged the board to draw any and all traceability requirements as narrowly as possible to achieve traceback of disease processes targeted by the regulations." Pat Cullen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd Heward moved to approve the November 21, 2014 minutes. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pat Cullen moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 2:15 p.m. The board came back out of executive session and reconvened into public session. No actions were taken.

Meeting reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Project proposal on traceability

Dr. Thach Winslow explained the market pilot project the fact the program will involve back tags and not ear tags. Dr. Jim Logan added that the funds will come from the FY14 Brucellosis grant money that has not been used. Joe Thomas asked the board to express their concerns about the information collected in the project.

Pat Cullen expressed concerns about the information gathered in the project.

Todd Heward has similar concerns about the information.

Donna Baldwin Hunt would like to have the discussion at a face to face meeting to give her more time to examine the proposal. She also had concerns about ear tags, where the information would go, who is getting the contract, who decided on what sale barn would be doing the pilot project and where is the information on the confidential statutes.

Dr. Logan explained that no information will be gathered in the project that is not already being collected at the markets. The information collected is already required by state and federal rules. The information on the confidentiality statutes was sent to Attorney Generals two weeks after the Cody meeting but has not had a reply back.

Kellen Little agreed, adding he would like a meeting with all four Wyoming livestock markets. Liz Philp expressed concern about what would be gained by the pilot project. Would the Worland market receive continued support for software and equipment from the vendor when it is over? Dr. Winslow replied they would and the only thing the markets would have to pay for afterward is the back tags. He also explained his reasons for selecting the Worland market: 1) Because the project would be funded by Brucellosis money, it needed to be a DSA market; 2) the Worland market's small size; 3) proximity to Dr. Winslow. He added that the market will own the data collected in the project, just like it does now. The only information the WLSB would have access is to the health certificate and blood charts.

Joe Thomas asked if there is a timeline for making a decision on the project. Dr. Meyer said the grant money for this year will run out on March 31. However, it could be put into the work plan for next year. Todd Heward would also like to get market folks in a meeting to talk about this. He asked why the markets themselves aren't pushing this if they want it. Donna Hunt stated that we don't need to be advancing traceability enhancement and is not sure it's our job to enhance the sale barns, feels they can afford to do it themselves. Jim Logan stated it is the job of the WLSB to regulate the sale barns and ask them to comply with the rules and regulations. He

added all of the information that would be collected is already required. As for the information regarding the data privacy, he sent all of that information to the Attorney General's office but has not heard back from anyone.

Pat Cullen asked if all the sale barns are interested, what right does the board have to help just one sale barn? Dr. Winslow answered it is because funds are limited and because it had to be a DSA market and Worland was more interested than Riverton. Donna Hunt wanted to know more about how a contractor would be chosen. Joe Thomas proposed putting the issue on the table until a face to face meeting could be scheduled on or around January 28. Dr. Winslow stated that it is not enough time since the money for the project had to be spent by March 31, 2015. Dr. Bob Meyer told the board if they wanted it included in the work plan for next year, a decision would need to be made by February 13, 2015 when the first draft is due.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to reject the Brucellosis Identification Improvement Project (BIIP) proposal. Todd Heward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Yes~ Donna, Pat, Todd, Kellen No~ Liz

Dr. Logan said he would like some direction from the board on whether to pursue the issue of enhancing traceability any further or to just leave it in the hands of the private industry. The board agreed that the staff could stop pursuing enhancing traceability.

Board decided to have a face to face meeting January 26, 2015 in Casper, WY.

Adjournment

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary



Joe Thomas
WLSB President

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD
January 26, 2015 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Wyoming Wool Growers Association Bldg.
Casper, WY

Board Members Present:

Joe Thomas, President
Pat Cullen, Vice President
Donna Baldwin Hunt
Liz Philp
Todd Heward
Kellen Little
Bob Lucas

Staff Present:

Doug Miyamoto, Director

Guest: See attached attendance roster

Call to Order

Joe Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. on January 26, 2015.

Kellen Little moved to approve the agenda. Todd Heward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to amend the January 15, 2015 draft minutes to read “Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to amend the November 21, 2014 minutes under the Global Roundtable For Sustainable Beef Initiative overview to replace the language in the draft minutes with the following” “Tracy Hunt of Newcastle”. Pat Cullen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pat Cullen moved to approve the amended January 15, 2015 minutes. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director report

Doug Miyamoto provided an update for the Board. The board requested an update from Happy Jack on the agency computerization as the board is watching this project and is interested in the outcome.

The Board reviewed the Brand Commissioners report and the board recommended that they review the brand inspector’s staffing plan and conduct some strategic planning with Mr. Romsa. The board suggested that the meeting with the brand inspector supervisors be held in Casper.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board came back out of executive session and reconvened into public session. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Pat Cullen moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary

Joe Thomas
WLSB President

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD
April 7, 2015~9:00 a.m.
Wyoming Wool Growers Association Bldg.
Casper, WY

Board Members Present:

Joe Thomas, President
Donna Baldwin Hunt
Kellen Little
Todd Heward
Bob Lucas
Laurie Boner
Mark Eisele

Staff Present:

Steve True, Director
Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian
Dr. Meyer, Lee Romsa, Renae Krakow
Dick Fenster, Tim Fenster, Tim Feedback

Guest: See attached attendance roster

Call to Order

Joe Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on April 7, 2015 and introductions were made.

Joe Thomas presented belt buckles to Pat Cullen and Liz Philp, former board members and thanked them for serving on the board. Joe also thanked Doug Miyamoto former board Director for his service.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to amend the agenda to add election of officers under board business. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director report

Director True thanked the board and stated that he looked forward to working with the board and staff. Steve reported that the stockyards water issue seems to be resolved and Marv's Plumbing will be splitting the \$5,000.00 bill with Wyoming Livestock Board. Steve requested that \$2500.00 come out of the estray account.

Todd Heward moved to allow \$2500.00 from the estray account to pay the stockyards water issue. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve stated that he and Lee will be visiting with brand inspectors and Steve will also visit with law enforcement throughout the month of April.

Brand Inspection/Recording update

Lee Romsa stated that Brand inspection meetings in each district are scheduled and will be held this month. Lee reported on the 2014 annual brand inspection reports on species inspection numbers and renewal numbers for brand recording.

Animal Health update

Dr. Logan updated the board on: **Brucellosis** - Wyoming has one domestic bison herd under quarantine for a case of Brucellosis that was identified in November 2010. This herd has undergone testing with any suspicious or reactor animals removed, and, to date, we have one whole-herd negative test with additional

herd testing being conducted this fall. During the fall herd test, one additional reactor was found in an isolated sub-unit of the herd. Since this reactor animal had not posed any exposure risk to other animals in the herd, we have worked with APHIS to enable the sub-unit to be tested and caught up with the balance of the herd, thereby not having to re-set the clock on negative whole-herd tests. The herd needs to have three consecutive whole-herd negative tests in order to be released from quarantine. One test has been conducted recently and results are pending.

Trichomoniasis - One is in Big Horn County, one in Uinta County, and two in Sweetwater County. These herds and exposed herds have been quarantined and have been required to test their bulls.

Other Reportable Diseases - We have had five reports of CAE (Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis) in goats since my last report to the board. We have also been working with the WGFD and USDA APHIS on a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a wild Canadian Goose which was found at a park near Cheyenne. This disease has now been found in wild and/or domestic poultry in 12 states including Wyoming. The disease has not affected humans and the CDC reports that it is not a significant human health threat. HPAI typically does not cause major disease symptoms and illness or death in wild birds. However, HPAI does cause very high mortality in domestic poultry when the disease is transmitted to backyard or commercial flocks.

Rules

Dr. Logan stated that Chapter 1 Rabies Prevention and Post Exposure Management Rabies, Chapter 12 Brucella Ovis Certification, Chapter 16 Bison Designated As Wildlife, and Chapter 23 Veterinary Loan Repayment rules were out for public comment with the comment period ending February 27, 2015.

Chapter 1 Rabies Prevention and Post Exposure Management Rabies received no comments during the comment period. The revisions that were made were to clarify minimum quarantine periods for exosed domestic animals and also to clarify the involvement of licensed veterinarians, and cooperation between the State Veterinarian and the state Health Officer.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to adopt Chapter 1 Rabies Prevention and Post Exposure Management Rules. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 12 Brucella Ovis Certification received one comment. The comment suggested that we amend Section 3(a) which is the definition of "Individual Identification", by changing it to read "Official Individual Identification" to clarify the intent of the rule to require tested rams to have an official identification device approved by the USDA/APHIS.

Kellen Little moved to adopt Chapter 12 Brucella Ovis Certification rules. Mark Eisele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 16 Bison Designated As Wildlife received no comments during the comment period. The reason for repealing these rules is because the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the WLSB already have a very similar join rule, Chapter 41 Bison Designated As Wildlife, which was recently revised. There is no need for each agency to have a separate rule that addresses the same issues.

Mark Eisele moved to repeal Chapter 16 Bison Designated As Wildlife rules. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 23 Veterinary Loan Repayment received no comments during the comment period. The revisions that were made were to clarify the process for determining "areas of need" or "veterinarian shortage areas".

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to adopt Chapter 23 Veterinary Loan Repayment rules. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Business

Election of officers took place. Donna Baldwin Hunt nominated Todd Heward for board president. Seconded by Mark Eisele.

Mark Eisele moved to cast unanimous ballot for Todd Heward. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Thomas nominated Kellen Little for vice president. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the nomination. Bob Lucas nominated Donna Baldwin Hunt for vice president. Kellen Little seconded the nomination.

After casting votes Kellen was elected as vice president of the board.

The board members thanked Joe Thomas for his work as president and Pat Cullen as Vice President.

Next Board Meeting: Todd Heward would like to have a conference call in May if there is a need for one. Todd will get with Steve and discuss it. Todd asked board if a Doodle poll would help for setting up the meeting.

Joe Thomas moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 10:35 a.m. The board came back out of executive session and reconvened into public session. No actions were taken.

Meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Computerization update

Larry Mason, WLSB Project Manager from Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), described computerization progress with Happy Jack. So far admin phase 1, brand recording is up and running, Animal Health is running but with some bugs which are being worked on; brand inspection programming is in progress; admin phase 2 is on hold until animal health is completed. Larry anticipates we have another 2-3 months left in the process.

Todd Heward appointed Laurie Boner to replace Liz Philp on the agency computerization committee.

Board Budget

Director True explained the board's budget was in good shape and that the overall agency budget was also in good shape at 28% expended while the optimum is 33%, so we are under budget.

Adjournment

Donna Baldwin Hunt Moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

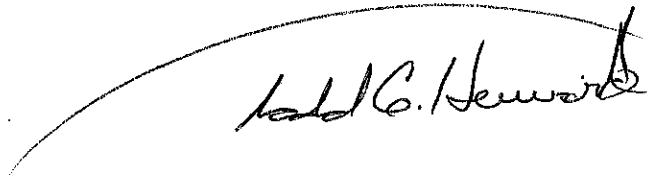
With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary



Todd Heward
WLSB President

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD

May 27, 2015 ~ 1:00 p.m.
Tele Conference

Board Members Present:

Todd Heward, President
Kellen Little, Vice President
Donna Baldwin Hunt
Joe Thomas
Bob Lucas
Mark Eisele
Laurie Boner

Staff Present

Steve True, Director
Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian
Dr. Bob Meyer, Dr. Thach Winslow
Lee Romsa, Renae Krakow
Wade Werbelow, Jack Streeter

Guest: See attached attendance roster

Call to order

Todd Heward called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on May 27, 2015 and introductions were made.

Todd asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. Dr. Logan asked that the H2A Federal Rule affecting Wyoming sheep growers be added under the Animal Health.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to amend the agenda to add H2A Federal Rule affecting Wyoming sheep grower's discussion to the Animal Health updates. Kellen Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director report

Director True updated the board on the legislative Joint Interim Agriculture committee meeting that was held in Riverton on May 11 and 12, 2015. The main topic for discussion was cattle rustling and effectiveness of investigations. Members of the Eastern Shoshone Council and the Northern Arapaho Council also discussed their concerns over theft and their interest in talking about an MOU or other compact between the tribes, federal stakeholders and the state to develop brand inspection and investigative capabilities on and around the Wind River Reservation. Steve stated that there is a meeting on Tribal Relations on June 11 and 12, 2015 in Riverton.

Steve explained the brand inspection program's internal check handling procedure. Todd Heward explained that he had a producer call and ask why it took so long for checks to process. Lee Roma stated that we currently only have one staff person who does the auditing while we used to have two staff members doing the job. During normal periods checks are processed in a short time, but during the heavy shipping season, the person falls behind due to the volume of payments.

Brand Inspection/Recording

Lee Romsa stated that during much of the month of April district brand inspector meetings were held around the state. The meetings were well attended and gave opportunity for Director True and Brand Inspectors to get acquainted. Lee updated the board on the computerization progress. Brand inspection has been testing the new system and working on fixing any bugs. One sale barn is also testing the new system.

Lee stated that brand recording has so far renewed 4,689 brands. There are currently 1,212 delinquent brands, which is better than the last renewals numbers. Out of the delinquent brands 17% have been renewed back to owners since the start of the year.

Lee also stated that raises are one of the things he wants to consider this year; a 5% raise would be about a \$260,000.00 increase in budget spending authority. He also informed the Board, it is getting very difficult to recruit new hires due to salary.

Animal Health update

Dr. Logan briefed the board on the Vet Loan Repayment program. A total of \$1,182,168.27 has been awarded, of which \$893,112.18 has been paid to recipients to date. A further \$139,056.09 will be paid out to recipients in August 2015. The WLSB will be accepting new applications until early June 2015.

The WLSB animal health staff is in the process of updating and suggesting revisions to its rules on Brucellosis (Chapter 2), Brucellosis Reimbursement (Chapter 6), Import (Chapter 8), Scrapie (Chapter 13), and Trichomoniasis (Chapter 15) as part of the Governor's initiative on rules. Revisions should be ready for board consideration at the next face to face meeting.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV) - a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and causes blister-like lesions in the oral cavity, on the coronary band, and, occasionally, on the udder and genitals of affected animals - has been found in New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. As a result, we have imposed more strict import requirements on affected counties within these states for all livestock entering Wyoming. A health certificate is required within 14 days of entry instead of the usual 30-day requirement.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) - This very virulent influenza virus has rapidly spread to many states across the US in the last 6 months. The virus is not reported to have infected humans, but it has been responsible for the death of over 15 million birds in at least 14 states including South Dakota, North Dakota, and Montana. The virus is carried by wild poultry and can easily be transmitted to domestic birds. Wild birds are usually not affected by the virus, but it is lethal in domestic poultry.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus - This virus has spread across the country since emerging as a new US disease in late 2013. It has killed millions of newborn and suckling piglets in 33 states with a total of 1,217 confirmed positive premises nationwide. Wyoming has had 5 confirmed cases of this virus in swine on two commercial premises since June 5, 2014. We have provided producers as well as swine exhibition managers and participants with information on prevention and bio-security measures to help avoid this disease in their pigs.

Canine Influenza - A new strain of canine influenza virus not seen before in the US has affected over 1,300 dogs in Illinois and has spread into Wisconsin, Ohio, and Indiana.

There is no indication at this time that Wyoming has any involvement with the outbreak.

Brucellosis - Wyoming has one domestic bison herd under quarantine for a case of Brucellosis that was identified in November 2010. This herd has undergone testing with any suspicious or reactor animals removed, and, to date, we have one whole-herd negative test with additional herd testing being conducted this summer and fall. The herd needs to have three consecutive whole-herd negative tests in order to be released from quarantine. We hope to have a second negative test completed by the end of July.

We have recently sent letters to producers and veterinarians in Big Horn and Sheridan counties as well as to livestock market managers requesting voluntary Brucellosis testing in those counties relating to the finding of Brucellosis sero-positive elk in hunt areas 39, 40, and 41 over the past three years. The amount of voluntary testing has been less than what Dr Logan feels we need to assure that the disease has not been transmitted from affected elk to cattle.

Trichomoniasis - Trichomoniasis statistics for the period September 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015 are:

- # of tests conducted= 6668
- # of negative tests = 6656
- # of positive tests = 12
- # of quarantined herds with positive bulls = 6
- # of quarantined herds as a contact = 38

Positive bulls were in Sweetwater (S.W. corner) and Uinta counties and along the Bighorn/Washakie county line.

Modified Brand Requirements:

Dr. Logan said USDA APHIS has recently modified its brand requirements for bison being imported from Canada. The modification states that the CAN brand previously required is now optional. If they are not branded, they should have instead 2 tags: 1 RFID and one dangle tag in the opposite ear with the corresponding RFID number. The staff would like to change the Chapter 8 Import Rules in the upcoming proposed revisions to reflect this change.

There have also been changes to the brand requirements for cattle from Mexico:

- Steers – M brand on right hip
- Heifers – MX brand on right hip
- Breeding cattle – M on right shoulder
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The board would like to hold off on making a decision about changing the Import Rules until they have a chance to talk to producers about it.

Revisions to H2A Work Program:

Dr. Logan explained that revisions to the federal H2A program had been brought to his attention by the Wyoming Wool Growers Association and American Sheep Industry. He and Director True have drafted some comments that they would like to send to the Dept. of Labor with the board's support. These need to be approved quickly as the comment period is June 1, 2015. There was some discussion about the

negative effects these revisions would have not only on the sheep industry, but the cattle industry as well. Wyoming Wool Growers Association Executive Director, Amy Hendrickson, stated that the confusing revisions regarding fencing on grazing areas as well as the fact the revision would require that wages be tripled in the next 5 years – a requirement that would hurt sheep producers.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to send a letter to the Department of Labor opposing the H2A revisions. Bob Lucas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

There was some discussion held on when the next board meeting should be held and whether it should be a teleconference or face-to-face. Todd Heward noted the Board has eaten up its entire budget for face-to-face meeting, and, as such, money had to be taken out of the administration travel budget. Even with this help, there is only enough money left in the board budget to have two face-to-face meetings over the next 13 months. Donna Hunt suggested a conference call at the end of June. Board members tentatively agreed to meet on June 30, 2015.

Public Comment:

Michael Schmidt, co-owner of Torrington Livestock Auction, said he would like to comment on the brand inspector situation. He believes that the area around Torrington is short of brand inspectors. Some have taken jobs in Nebraska over Wyoming and would like the Board to consider Lee's proposal to increase wages for the brand inspectors.

Kellen Little moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Joe Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 3:05 p.m. The board came back out of executive session at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened into public session. No actions were taken.

Adjournment

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Eisele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

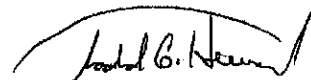
With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Todd Heward
WLSB President

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD

June 29, 2015~1:00 p.m.

June 30, 2015~8:30 a.m.

Wyoming State Fair Office

Douglas, WY

Board Members Present:

Todd Heward, President

Kellen Little, Vice President

Donna Baldwin Hunt

Bob Lucas

Mark Eisele

Laurie Boner

Joe Thomas~ attended June 29, 2015

Staff Present

Steve True, Director

Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian

Dr. Bob Meyer, Lee Romsa

Renae Krakow, April Peregoy

Todd Parriott, Frank Barrett

Ron McDonald, Gary Zakotnik

Board Members absent: Joe Thomas ~ June 30, 2015

Guest: See attached attendance roster.

Call to order

Todd Heward called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on June 29, 2015.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 1:05 p.m. The board reconvened in public session June 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. No actions were taken.

Public meeting reconvened 8:30 a.m. June 30, 2015.

Call to order

Todd Heward called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 30, 2015 and introductions were made.

Todd stated that no actions were taken from the executive session from June 29, 2015.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to approve the May 27, 2015 minutes. Mark Eisele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director report

Director True stated that on June 12, 2015 was the Select Tribal Relations Committee meeting in Riverton. Tribal ranchers gave representations of problems they feel they face with possible rustling and missing livestock. Tribal reps expressed that jurisdictional issues are not deal breakers in forming a deal between the state, county and the tribes.

Sheriff Hornecker of Fremont County has been named as co-chair of a committee to further discussions of how to resolve issues. He addressed jurisdictional problems and described them as not a response issue, but rather a prosecutorial issue. His office will respond to every call, as will BIA, to stop the event in progress, or take the complaint, then work together to institute proper jurisdiction of the issue. Jurisdiction is not totally location, but identity of suspect and/or complainant.

WLSB recommendation is a parallel, stand alone program within the Reservation itself. Staffed and administered by the tribes, with reciprocity to Wyoming Brand Statutes and Rules. We would offer training, technical assistance and possibly some materials. We explained that the tribe's original request of WLSB remitting to them the inspection fees, predator and beef council fees was not an option, as Predator and Beef Council are pass through funds, which we only collect, and inspection funds support our own unit. Funding will remain a question at this time, but WLSB is not in a position to fund a parallel program.

There has been interest, by the tribes, in having their own Inspector/ Investigator/ Enforcement officer. There is also interest in that position by a qualified officer in the area. We have received a sample MOU recently formed between the Tribes and DCI. We have only begun to study it for possible use as a template. There will be a meeting in early to mid July, scheduled by Sheriff Hornecker.

Director True spoke with US Attorney for the District regarding cross jurisdictional training for our officers. Without an MOU in effect, they cannot attend, even in a spectator capacity. He has had conversations with Preston Smith, BIA Range Allotment Officer, who also is in general agreement about a standalone operation. It was explained also the process of getting changes and proposals approved by the respective Tribal Councils, and some of the problems currently plaguing the industry within the Reservation.

Budget: Director True updated the board on the budget and we have received budget instructions from the Governor's Office for the next Biennium. "I ask that you continue the process of reviewing your budget for reductions efforts to find and maintain efficiencies. It looks clear that revenues will be down. Each agency needs to prioritize programs and present these priorities to me during budget hearings this fall. Exception budget requests should be rare and reserved for critical needs. I expect agencies will first look at their existing budget to offset any exception request. Agencies should look to non-general fund revenues to support one-time expenditures. Budgets are for the biennium. We need to look into the future now and work to avoid supplemental requests in 2018, while we continue to work for excellent, efficient service". We have begun our budget process within WLSB staff. In June or July our budget should be released to us to develop our Chapter 17 information. Budgets are due back on Aug 15.

Cabinet Meeting: June 17 was the last total Cabinet Meeting until fall of 2015. Presentations were given by United Way, and the Sales force (a computer platform provider).

The Governor named all agencies involved in emergency actions at Lusk during the flood, and thanked them for their activities. Director Cameron of Homeland Security also gave a report on the event and the help of 28 state agencies. Both the Governor and Director Cameron thanked

WLSB along with the other agencies in their comments.

A presentation by Diane Shober, Director of the Dept of Tourism, on Wyoming's 125th Statehood Anniversary. Check out Wyomingtourism.org to see the events planned over the summer and fall to commemorate.

Director True stated that Kim Clark is retiring at the end of July. The agency will start recruitment process to replace Kim.

Brand Inspection/ Recording update

Brand Recording: Lee Romsa reported many of the delinquent brands have been renewed. As such, it appears the delinquent program is working. The delinquent brands will not be considered abandoned until January 1, 2016. Board asked if Lee would provide board members with the delinquent brand list.

Brand Inspection: There are currently two part-time brand inspector positions available: one in Riverton and one in Torrington. Brand Inspection continues to work on computerization issues. The offline forms are close to being completed. The sale barn forms are online and there have been some issues receiving internet service.

Lee explained there is a need to increase salary/ wages for the brand inspectors, particularly at the sale barns. He said there have been a lot of top candidates who have turned down the job because the salary is not competitive. Lee proposed a 5% raise for brand inspectors and asked the board for direction. Director True suggested that he and Lee could look at the numbers for 5%, 7.5% and 10% raises. Board suggested a 10% raise for sale barn inspectors and 5% raise for the country inspectors.

Lee reported he is currently working on revising Chapter 1 Livestock Market rules and Chapter 21 Re-recording rules which will be brought to the board for discussion during the next few meetings.

Animal Health Updates:

Dr. Logan reported he attended the Bighorn Sheep Framework Meeting with personnel from the Governor's staff, WDA staff, and WGFD staff in Jackson on June 11. There may soon be an MOU between the USFS and the State of Wyoming that will be based on the Wyoming Bighorn Sheep/Domestic Sheep Working Group's Plan. At the meeting Dr Logan told the Forest Service they will need to identify alternative allotments for sheep producers when an allotment is not renewed.

Staff veterinarians are currently working with an intern at the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab on revising the Reportable Disease List.

Dr. Logan participated in a conference call with USDA APHIS regarding the U.S. accepting beef from Argentina and Brazil. A memo from USDA APHIS was handed out explaining the new rule on importing beef products from Argentina and Brazil.

Dr. Logan asked the board for direction on changing the board's chapter 8 rule for a CAN brand requirement for imported Canadian bison. The APHIS rule recently changed so that bison no longer need the "CAN" brand to enter the U.S. He talked to 3 major bison producers who are in favor of the change to align the state's requirement with that of APHIS. Dr. Logan said he can make the change in the Chapter 8 Import Rules and the board can wait and discuss it when they review the revised rules, or the board can create a board order that would change the requirement for now until the Chapter 8 Rules revisions are approved. The Board suggested to include it in the chapter 8 rule changes, that way the change can go out for public comment.

Vet Loan Repayment Program:

Dr. Logan presented the board with the applicants for the Vet Loan Repayment Program. He explained there are a few previous recipients who re-applied this year. There is nothing in the statute that says they cannot re-apply. Dr. Logan also provided the board with his and Dr. Meyer's recommendations for distribution of the funding. Anne Enright gave an explanation of the budget, the funds that are available and how the awards are dispersed.

Mark Eisele moved to award Brett Cherni, Matt Asay and Chad Pelensky at the 50% level, and Allen Gotfredson at the 25% level. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rules:

The board discussed Chapter 2 Vaccination Against & Surveillance for Brucellosis rules and to remove all sections regarding mandatory herd plans.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to strike out Section 10 (E) and Section 11 of Chapter 2 Rules. Bob Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Laurie Boner moved to accept the amended changes and to send Chapter 2 Vaccination Against & Surveillance for Brucellosis rules out for public comment contingent on AG review. Mark Eisele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 6 Brucellosis Risk Mitigation Activities and Reimbursement.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to accept the Chapter 6 Brucellosis Risk Mitigation Activities and Reimbursement rules out for public comment contingent on AG review. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 13 Scrapie Prevention and Management rules.

Laurie Boner moved to accept the Chapter 13 Scrapie Prevention and Management rules out for public comment contingent on AG review. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis rules.

The board discussed whether to keep the test requirement of virgin bulls at 24 months instead of the suggested change to 18 months. Also it was discussed to remove females in Section 11 (a).

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to strike out “If a female Bovine breaches a fence, the bulls from her herd may be tested” just add males. Bob Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to accept the Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis rules to go out for public comment contingent on AG review. Laurie Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Business:

There was some discussion held on when the next board meeting should be held. Director True said the next board meeting will need to be held before August 15, 2015 so the board can approve the exception budget requests and strategic plan. He suggested the first week of August.

Adjournment

Laurie Boner moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna Baldwin Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

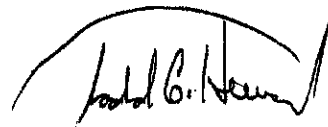
With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Todd Heward
WLSB President

Wyoming Livestock Board

August 3, 2015 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Teleconference

Board Members Present:

Todd Heward, President
Kellen Little, Vice President
Donna Baldwin Hunt
Bob Lucas
Mark Eisele
Laurie Boner
Joe Thomas

Staff Present:

Steve True, Director
Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian
Lee Romsa, Brand Commissioner
Dr. Bob Meyer, Assistant State Vet
Anne Enright, Accounting Analyst
Gary Zakotnik, Brand Inspector
April Peregoy, Administrative Assistant

Guest: See attached attendance roster

Call to order

Todd Heward called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, 2015. Introductions were made.

Laurie Boner moved to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2015 meeting. Joe Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director report

Director True reported on the Select Tribal Relations Committee meeting he attended in Riverton on July 13. Besides True, the meeting was attended by Representative Allen, Fremont County Sheriff Hornecker, BIA Range Officer Preston Smith, Lt. Ted Thayer with the BIA, and Ronnie and Guy Givens with the Northern Arapaho Producers Association. At the meeting, attendees came up with a plan to move forward in decreasing rustling on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The plan involves having reservation producers propose a tribal rustling and livestock inspection resolution to the tribal councils. If the councils pass it, then the Attorney General's office would draft an MOU between the tribal councils and the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) regarding enforcement of livestock rules and tribal code. In addition, the legislature, Fremont County sheriff and WLSB will meet with the BIA and urge the agency to hire an officer who will be trained as both a livestock inspector and a peace officer. True noted there was not any discussion at the meeting about disposition of inspection fees. He also said that, given the busy season coming up for reservation producers, he doesn't expect a lot of ground to be gained on the plan until late fall.

Next, True made comments based on his perspective of the Vesicular Stomatitis case that occurred at Cheyenne Frontier Days (CFD). He acknowledged and thanked all those who were involved in handling the situation, including: WLSB veterinary staff, Dr. Heather Schneider with CFD, CFD CEO Tom Hirsig, Jimmy Siler, Dr. Emerich, Dr. Cook, Cindy Schonholz with PRCA, and CFD Public Relations Chairman Bob Budd. He then presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Bob Meyer, thanking him for his "exemplary handling of the case."

On the agency computerization project, True announced that the Brand Inspection module is nearly finished and will soon be ready to go live. He hopes it will be operative next winter or early spring. Live training will be done on Wednesday (August 5) on the Law Enforcement module.

The recruiting process is currently underway to replace law enforcement officer Kim Clark who recently retired. True thanked Clark for his years of service at the agency.

Strategic Plan: Board members were presented with the agency's strategic plan for fiscal years 2017-2018. Dr. Logan explained the state actually provides the template for the agency on what information should be included in the report; so it may not reflect everything the agency actually does. Board members asked for clarification about some of the information presented in the plan. Donna Baldwin Hunt gave some suggestions on how to better explain/clarify some of this information. The changes were agreed to by Director True and Dr. Logan.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to approve the WLSB's strategic plan for FY2017-18. Mark Eisele seconded. Motion carried.

Exception Budget Request: Board members were presented with the agency's exception budget request. The request consisted of three priorities: two for the Brand Unit and one for the Animal Health Unit's Brucellosis grant. The first Brand Unit priority is to increase the salaries of brand inspectors in an effort to recruit and retain qualified inspection personnel. Mr. Romsa noted this issue has been discussed at previous board meetings. The request is for an increase of \$394,681 for inspector wages, which would allow the agency to give a five-percent raise to field brand inspectors, a ten-percent raise to market inspectors and an hourly raise to \$15 per hour for part-time inspectors. Romsa explained there is adequate funding in the earmarked fund for this increase. In other words, the agency is not asking for more general funds; it is asking for spending authority on funds it already has.

Priority 2: asks for an exception budget request of \$175,242.24 in order to provide the brand inspectors with agency cell phones. Romsa explained the cell phones will be needed to allow brand inspectors in the field "access to the Internet in order to fully utilize the new computer system and thereby provide our customers with the most up-to-date and efficient service." He added many brand inspectors already use cell phones to perform their duties, but they have to use their own personal phones.

Board members asked Romsa to clarify if these expenses would be ongoing and, if so, whether the costs are sustainable. Romsa answered the monthly service and data plan charges would be ongoing and these expenses will be built into the standard budget. Donna Baldwin Hunt questioned whether the inspectors need both tablets and cell phones. Romsa replied the phones are needed to provide a secure hot spot, which cannot be accessed through the tablets; and the tablets are still needed because it would be difficult to use the new software applications on a phone. It was also explained to the

board that the inspectors can have the option to continue to use their personal phones if they prefer; however, the agency would still need to reimburse them for the agency use.

Priority 3-Brucellosis, this is not a request for additional funding, but a request to reallocate federal funds in order to reflect their actual usage. Dr. Logan explained, since about 2005, the agency has received grant monies from USDA APHIS for Brucellosis mitigation. The Cooperative Agreement Grants have been incorporated into the standard budget for the Brucellosis Division of the WLSB. In previous budgets, these funds have been allocated to a general purpose of “Reimbursements to Veterinarians and Laboratory Testing.” The reality, however, is that the funds are also used to run the WLSB’s Riverton field office, to fund the administrative assistant position at the field office, and to fund Brucellosis-related travel costs and educational events. In addition to providing a more accurate depiction of how the funds are allocated, one of the main purposes of this exception budget request is to avoid a break in service for the administrative assistant position. Dr. Logan explained that, even though the federal funds have been incorporated into the Standard Budget, at the end of the grant period (March 31) a B11 request still needs to be submitted. However, this request cannot be submitted until the agency gets the official Notice of Agreement from USDA APHIS. In the past, this has resulted in a gap between the end of the grant period and when the grant is approved. This means there are no funds to pay for the administrative assistant position during that time. This exception budget request, if accepted, will allow the agency to carry on with renewing the contract rather than having a gap in service.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to approve Priority 1 of the Exception Budget Request. Joe Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Kellen Little moved to approve Priority 2 of the Exception Budget Request. Mark Eisele seconded. Motion carried.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Priority 1 – Brucellosis of the Exception Budget Request. Laurie Boner seconded. Motion carried.

Animal Health updates

Dr. Logan announced the draft rules that were approved at the June 30, 2015 board meeting are currently out for public comment. They include chapters 2, 6, 13 and 15. The end of the comment period is September 4, 2015.

Currently, the biggest issue he is dealing with is Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV). One confirmed positive horse was discovered during the Cheyenne Frontier Days event. That horse was quarantined and sent home to Goshen County. Since that time, four more affected premises have been found in Goshen County. Other investigations for VS in Platte, Campbell and Lincoln counties turned out to be negative. VSV has also been found in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and - most recently - South Dakota.

WLSB veterinary staff is working on establishing protocol for handling cases in Wyoming. The first horse case in any county will be handled by WLSB vet staff, with samples sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL). Subsequent cases will be handled by accredited vets in the field. At the discretion of vet and owner, samples may be sent to Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (WSVL), but at owner's expense. Any case will be placed under quarantine for a minimum of 14 days from the date the signs were reported. If there are subsequent cases on the same premises, the quarantine will be extended an additional 14 days.

Vet staff has also prepared educational materials for veterinarians and for exhibitors at fairs. In addition, a press release has been sent out in conjunction with the Wyoming State Fair and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, stating that livestock from any affected county will have to have a health certificate within 14 days to enter the state fairgrounds. Logan explained VSV is spread by flies and midges primarily, but it is still an infectious disease. His best advice to producers for preventing the disease is to get livestock off of creek bottoms and to higher ground where vector populations aren't quite as high.

Brand Inspection/Recording update

Adding to the report he gave to the board members, Lee Romsa reported bids have been put out for the WLSB Brand Book. He noted there were some glitches getting it copy-ready.

Regarding the computerization project, the brand inspection module is getting ready to go live. A team of inspectors has been helping develop it and work out the bugs. The agency is looking into acquiring hardware in order to test a couple of different tablets for the brand inspectors. It has been discovered that the tablets will not be adequate for uploading livestock market data. In that case, they may have to use other hardware such as a desktop.

Romsa attended the annual International Livestock Identification Association (ILIA) conference held July 12-15 in Denver. 16 states, 2 Canadian provinces and 1 Indian nation were represented. Romsa noted 2/3 of the states and provinces mentioned it's difficult to find quality replacements to fill the brand inspector positions; so Wyoming is not the only state with this issue.

Brand Recording and Inspection staff have been working on the Chapter 1: Livestock Markets and Chapter 21: Rerecording of Livestock Brand rules. Romsa hopes to have a draft copy submitted at the next board meeting.

Donna Baldwin Hunt asked Romsa when the deadline is for delinquent brands. Romsa replied it is December 31. After that, the brands become abandoned. He noted the agency will not reserve delinquent brands for application until after they are abandoned.

Board Business

Director True said he would like the next board meeting to be held prior to the legislative Joint Agriculture Committee meeting, tentatively set for September 14 & 15, 2015 in Afton. Jim Magagna said he would appreciate it if the board could avoid having the meeting during the National Public Lands Council meeting, set for September 8-12.

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved the board go into executive sessions to discuss legal and personnel issues. Joe Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 3:24 p.m. The board reconvened in public session at 3:55 p.m. No actions were taken.

Adjournment

Donna Baldwin Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

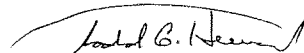
With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



April Peregoy
WLSB Recording Secretary



Todd Heward
WLSB President