

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
August 6, 2008
Conference Call

Present: Gene Hardy, President
Joe Thomas, Vice President
Bridget Kukowski
Jim Mickelson
Jim Bennage
Jack Corson
Dave Graham
Patrick Zimmerer
Dalin Winters

Absent: Juan Reyes
Ryan Lance
Frank Galey
John Hansen
John Etchepare
Juan Reyes

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

Guests: None

The members reviewed the August 15, 2008 draft agenda. It was approved.

ADMB - Gene gave an update of the projects approved at their last meeting. He said several were research and mitigation project.

WLB - Gene related a concern voiced by a Supervisor regarding the addition of a brand inspection fee in the amount of 1/2 of the mileage. Evidently this must be part of some draft legislation. The board members had several comments and discussed the issue at length. **Jim Mickelson made a motion to notify the Wyoming Livestock Board the Board of Agriculture is opposed to any mileage surcharge for brand inspections. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. Motion carried.** It was noted that the WLB is having a meeting August 12 at State Fair. Joe Thomas will plan on attending the meeting. They also discussed the possible use of a livestock tag on all animals. After discussion the general feeling was they were also opposed to this practice.

The question was asked of Jim Mickelson as to whether the Daniel rancher had made a decision regarding de-populating. He said there has not been a formal announcement made, but the news in the area indicated he has opted to test out.

Jack Corson had voted in favor of not splitting the state regarding Brucellosis status, at the last meeting. He is now concerned the ranchers in the affected areas are not taking the recommendations of the Governor's Brucellosis Coordination Team.

The board clarified the Tail Dock ruling so they would be prepared for questions at their local fair.

Jim Mickelson said at the Sublette County Fair, some steers that were sold had been donated back to various groups in the area. Evidently there is one care center that said they can only accept USDA inspected meat. After discussion it was determined the beef slaughtered at a state inspected plant are under the authority of UDSDA.

Joe said there has not been anything new on the wolves since they were put back on the list except reminding the members that Game and Fish are altogether out of the management of them.

Jack Corson made a motion to purchase one long-sleeved shirt with the Wyoming logo and Board of Agriculture for each member. The motion was seconded by Dave Graham. Motion carried.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Hardy, President

Date