

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
October 13, 2010  
Dunmar Inn  
Evanston, Wyoming

Present: Juan Reyes – by phone  
Jim Hodder  
Shaun Sims, Vice President  
Jim Bennage, President – by phone  
Bryan Brost  
Jim Price, Jr. – by phone  
John Hansen  
Dalin Winters  
Jason Fearneyhough, Director  
Frank Galey, Dean of UW College of Ag and Natural Resources

Absent: Bridget Williams  
Joe Thomas  
Patrick Zimmerer  
Ryan Lance, Governor's Office

### **Roll call**

### **Meeting Dates for 2011**

The members agreed to meet, via conference call, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. where they are not meeting face-to-face. They also set the meeting dates for their face-to-face meetings as: Feb 15, 16, 17, 2011; April 11, 2011 beginning at either two or 3 p.m., April 12 (all day) and attend the employee conference the 13<sup>th</sup>; August 19, 2011 in Douglas at State Fair; and Sept. 7, 2011 in Casper with the Game and Fish Department.

### **Minutes**

**Dalin made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20, 2010 and September 9, 2010. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Replacement Board Members for the Three Positions**

There are three members, whose terms are up in March, 2011. The next counties in the rotation are Goshen, Campbell, and Washakie. Discussion ensued. Some of the members had some names and agreed to contact them and have them either contact Jason or make their application directly to the Governor's Office.

### **Training for New Members**

Jim Hodder suggested that some existing members need additional training, also. Some members felt the training they received after becoming a member was overwhelming. They suggested Muff Parker follow-up with board at future meetings to review training. Dalin said the statutes and policies are

important training at the beginning of the term. Muff will modify the training to more of an orientation and do additional training as time goes on.

### **Mobile Slaughter**

Ted Craig said they had 137 folks at the USDA slaughter workshop in Ft. Collins last week. USDA has completely changed their opinion on mobile slaughter. They would like to see more of these units in operation. Jim Bennage wanted to thank Ted for all of his efforts on putting this workshop. Ted passed those same comments on to Mary Randolph for all she did in making it a successful workshop.

### **Kitchen Incubator**

Ted said there are several communities who have successful kitchens. They all have different interests and needs in the use of the kitchens. These will provide those in the state who are interested in preserving foods in a large setting, a place to work.

### **Link Wyoming**

Mary Randolph talked about the involvement the Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) has in the Link Wyoming Initiative. There has been a grant for 4.1 million to look at broadband in Wyoming. Her interest is a portion of that funding. She is going to create planning teams in 7 regions in the state, looking at a complete cross section of Wyoming. WRDC will create the teams and facilitate them. She is anticipating this to be an 8 month project. Mary thinks the Board of Agriculture is a great fit in this program and she encouraged each member to become part of the seven regional teams.

### **Joint Ag Follow-up**

Jason said there is a bill for the ADMB reports to be combined. The next bill would repeal the honey labeling. There is also a bill in to modify animal remedy and registration fees. The Weed and Pest Council is asking for changes to the current law allowing the districts to have more power. The committee did not want the Weed & Pest Districts to have that power. The committee suggested the power go to the County Commissioners. In talking with the ex director of the County Commissioners, they are not sure they like the idea of having that power. Jason noted the department will be following several bills this session.

Dean said they reviewed the food bills. The Wyoming Traditional Food Act which was presented by Senator Bebout allows potentially hazardous food to be made in any kitchen and the food donated to a non-profit group as a fundraising event.

The Wyoming Food Freedom Act which was presented by Representative Wallis, passed out of the committee, but several parts were amended out, leaving the bill reduced severely. Dean said there are still a few issues with the bill.

The Raw Milk bill also passed with amendments. Individuals would buy herd shares to get raw milk. The bill also allows for the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules.

The unpasteurized milk bill was defeated.

### **Beef Council Update**

At the Wyoming Stock Growers meeting this summer, they passed a resolution for the Wyoming Beef Council to collect a Wyoming check-off. The Livestock Board is allowed to collect the beef check-off – which is \$1 by statute. There is talk of changing the statutes to collect an additional of \$1 in addition to the national check off. In other states, they have changed the law to allow for \$1 in-state and up to \$1.50 for a national check off. Ann is not sure how this will work. If there is producer support is there, it may or may not happen. The beef Council gives the Livestock Board 3% and they are asking for 5% with a new bill. Shaun Sims wants Ann to know that if this ever came up for a vote, the beef council has to have some programs ready to implement to promote Wyoming beef.

### **EPA Update**

Jennifer Mients was on hand to review the CAFO rules again and answer any questions. DEQ is the agency issuing the permits in the state and go through them for permits. CAFOs are meant for large animals in confinement. There is not a proposed rule on the request of information for all CAFO's to EPA. She will come back at a later date to update as she has more information.

Shaun asked how is what's happening in the Chesapeake Bay, going to affect Wyoming. Jennifer said they are implementing TMDL's there. Her Director is not certain that what they are implementing back there is not the norm.

Jennifer said that EPA had just released that 2007 and newer automobiles have been approved for the use of E-15. They are still evaluating 2001 to 2006 and information which they hope will be out in November. Jennifer will find out what the use of corn will be on this change.

Regarding Air Quality regulations (specifically dust from agriculture operations); Jennifer said they are receiving their standards. They are getting advice from an independent science committee. Agriculture is not specifically pulled in on the regulations, as they are looking more at areas rather than industries. She will be getting more to the board on this topic when the standards are received.

Jason will see what he can find on the transfer of water rights on an irrigation district. Roger Huxtable is a good resource. It did go through state land a resources committee.

Jason thanked the board for their attendance at the AgriFuture. He also thanked Ted, Mary, Derek, Scott Keith and the Business Council.

Dalin – John adjourn.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Bennage, President

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Date