

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BOYLE SUBCOMMITTEE
Livestock Rules

DATE: Monday, January 14, 2013

TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Miller, Romrell

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Stan Boyd, ICA/IWGA/ELK; Roger Gabel, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Cindy Hedge, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Barbara Hunt, OARC; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Dr. Scott Liebsle, Deputy Administrator of the Division of Animal Industry and Deputy State Veterinarian; Marv Patten, Bureau Chief ISDA; Carol Youtz, Board of Veterinary Medicine

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0408-1201: **Marv Patten**, ISDA Bureau Chief introduced himself and briefly went over the rule changes for this docket. He mentioned the four documents to incorporate the newest publication of, being 2011; Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, Methods of Making Sanitation ratings of Milk Shipper, Evaluation of Milk Laboratories and Procedures Governing the Cooperative State Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments. He emphasized these are the latest edition of those documents and we must stay current with this state standard. In addition to these documents he mentioned the change for the somatic cell count to lower the standard from 500,000 to 400,000mL. In essence this creates a higher standard and it makes Idaho milk eligible for worldwide commerce.

In response to questions regarding the economic impact, **Mr. Patten**, explained it could be tremendous based on how milk is marketed in the State of Idaho. Without approving the documents and meeting the standard for international export it cannot go very far outside the state. It could be catastrophic if not amended.

In response to questioning regarding how these rule changes came into being, **Mr. Patten** explained the need for marketability of products and meeting the European Union regulations and standards. He mentioned when comparing the change from 500,000 mL to 400,000 mL they had less dairymen violate the tougher standard. In his opinion, this rule change will require dairymen to become better dairymen and for cows to become more healthy. **Chairmen Boyle** made mention of the support of these rule changes from the Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDA).

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0408-1201** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0419-1201: **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, Deputy Administrator of the Division of Animal Industry and Deputy State Veterinarian, stated negotiated rule making was conducted on this docket and no comments/input was received. These rule changes amend some housekeeping on abbreviations. Other proposed changes will allow administrators to grant exemption on a case by case basis when domestic cervidae change hands in regards to having them tested for TB. The existing rule requires to retest the whole herd with each change of hands. Also the change would allow the test results to stay with the animals and not the owners.

In response to any possible downside, **Dr. Liebsle** stated this allows the department to conduct business easier. He sees no downside.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0419-1201** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1201: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator of the Division of Animal Industry, presented this docket stating that negotiated rule making was conducted with no comments/inputs received. These rule changes amend some housekeeping and acronym changes. Domestic Bison has been relocated in the rule. No changes were made to the import requirements of bison. In regards to brucellosis testing, it was not clear whether to take one or two blood samples. This clears it to one sample and two tests. Testing exemptions for Red Deer Gene Factor is amended to be any state with an approved RDGF program. It provides an exemption to retesting for TB in cervidae when changing between AZA and USDA. The rule includes invasive fish species on the list of illegal transport/import into the State of Idaho.

Dr. Leibsle responded to questions regarding why two tests are carried out on the brucellosis testing by stating there are a series of different tests to confirm brucellosis. He gave some examples of invasive species of fish; listing certain types of mussels, including Zebra Mussels, as we do not want them to enter into the state.

MOTION: **Rep. McMillan** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0421-1201** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1201: **Carol Youtz**, acting Executive Director of the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine introduced herself. Their board regulates veterinarian medicine and technical training to practice humane euthanasia. They have 1,400 active licensees and a full time staff of two. Negotiated rule making was not conducted with this docket. The highlights include the addition of the boards E-mail address, web site, and convenient methods for filing documents. Adopting updated version of American Veterinary Medical Associations principles and ethics. All application fees will be nonrefundable to allow the board to recover expenses. This will streamline euthanasia practices and discipline. Currently, each of the 19 euthanasia agencies are inspected once a year.

In response to questioning whether some of this docket is a rewrite, **Ms. Youtz** stated some of it is reorganizing. When asked about the language being eliminated regarding reusing needles, she explained that reusing needles makes them dull and they try not to put the animals through any additional pain or frighten them.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 46-0101-1201** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Jackie Wright
Secretary