

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MILLER SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Rules/Livestock

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015  
TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee  
PLACE: Room EW42  
MEMBERS: Chairman Miller, Representatives Boyle(Purdy), Dayley, VanOrden, Burtenshaw  
ABSENT/  
EXCUSED: None  
GUESTS: John Bilderback, ISDA; Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc; Stan Boyd, Wool Growers; John Jameson, Elk Breeders; John Robinson, ICL; Sara Arkle, ICL; Rulon Jones, Elk Breeder; Kathy Jones, Elk Breeder; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Roy Sterns, Elk Breeder

**Chairman Miller** called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0405-1401:** **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief USDA Dairy Bureau, stated this rule covers sanitary and milk quality standards for milk produced on a manufacture grade dairy farm and manufacture grade products, butter, whey butter and ice cream. There are six main areas of changed to the rule. Due to technology advances, there are processes that have also been removed. He said aligning with national standards is important to ensure Idaho products are allowed to freely move in interstate commerce. The rule formatting has changed to be consistent with the OAR requirement.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bilderback** stated this would also include goat dairies they but did not participate in the writing of this docket. He also clarified that before testing, the milk was co-mingled.

**Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc., testified **in support** of the rule, stating that there is a potential for the dairy herd to be down graded to B level. He said it is important a message of weakened standards is not sent.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **Docket No. 02-0405-1401** to the full committee without recommendation for further discussion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0406-1401:** **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief within USDA Dairy Bureau overseeing the environmental compliance section. This rule governs the requirements for the design, construction and operation of dairy plants to process milk for manufacturing purposes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0406-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0414-1401:** **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief within USDA Dairy Bureau overseeing the environmental compliance section. The Dairy Waste rule covers the requirement for waste system construction requirements and discharge from dairy farms. The changes to the rule are necessary to ensure the rule is consistent with the Dairy Environmental Act.

**Sara Arkle**, ICL, spoke **in opposition** to this rule because it was not properly vetted. She asked that the rule be rejected.

**John Bilderback**, responded to a committee question stating that there is not language in the rule that is not in the law.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0414-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0419-1401:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated the rule will increase annual assessment fees from \$5.00 a head to \$10.00 a head on domestic elk. Process inspections for chronic waste disease should be conducted every 5 years unless they are requested.

**John Robinson**, Public Lands Director, Idaho Conservative League, spoke **in opposition** to the rule stating chronic waste disease can spread between domestic herds or farm-raised elk and wild elk herds through simple contact or even contact with ground from infected area. The rule as drafted would dramatically decrease testing and inspection requirements but he does support the fee increase.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0419-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, reviewed the changes to the rule requiring a de-worming treatment for domestic cervidae before importation. A verification certificate from a certified veterinarian stating they have not been exposed to the meningeal worm, (*P. tenuis*) testing is also required.

**Rulon Jones**, Elk Producer spoke **in support** of this rule. He stated that research shows the worm is very treatable. He feels comfortable that it would not endanger any of his herds or any in neighboring states.

**Roy Sterns**, Elk Breeder, stated that even though it would make it more difficult for his business, he was **in support** of this rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1402:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, reviewed the rule changes removing the requirement that prohibits importing livestock originating from within a ten mile radius of a confirmed case of vesicular stomatitis. It is not necessary to restrict the movement of animals within a ten mile radius as the current standard accepted is to only restrict importation of animals from the affected premises.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1402: Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0424-1401:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, said the rule expands the existing approved feedlot program to include criteria for cattle of unknown tuberculosis testing status to be fed to slaughter in feedlots approved for finish feeding.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0424-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0428-1401:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated this rule applies to Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations and Trader lots. He also stated that their primary responsibility is to see that animals sold in Idaho are healthy. The rule will not allow any animal to be released without being inspected by a veterinarian, even when traveling in state.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0428-1401. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Burtenshaw** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0429-1401:** **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated this rule is being adopted to achieve consistency with the statutory amendment passed in 2014. It removes testing exemption for northern Idaho to test for Trichomoniasis. All bulls in the state will now be required to be tested.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1401: Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0801-1401:** **Stan Boyd**, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, stated the rule reflects a change in the name to include Dairy Goats and a fees increase from \$.08 to \$.10 per pound of wool sold and an \$.80 per head assessment on goats.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Representative Miller  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary