

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 16, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash (Coberly), Roberts.

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to **approve** the minutes of January 10, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Andrus** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond**.

**Lloyd Knight** Administrator, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented an overview of ISDA Rules, explaining Zero Based Rulemaking (ZBR) is focused on the direction of the Executive Order. Each rule is effective on June 30, 2020, and shall be reviewed on a five year rotating schedule. All rulemakings have a published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and will have at least two negotiated rulemaking meetings. Rules are reviewed for relevance, compliance with authorizing statute, and obsolete, outdated or unnecessary requirements are removed.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0425-2201:** **Lloyd Knight**, ISDA, explained the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the ISDA both have a rule governing the feeding of wild cervids. **Docket No. 02-0425-2201** was facilitated by IDFG with the ISDA to evaluate the potential to consolidate regulations under IDFG. In order to prevent the spread of brucellosis and other diseases between big game animals to livestock, these rules apply to all persons who purposely or knowingly provide feed to big game animals within the area designated, except supplemental feeding activities conducted by, or emergency feeding authorized by the IDFG. The rule for wild game will reside with IDFG, and captive cervid rule will reside with ISDA.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0425-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0104-2201:** **Laura Johnson**, Bureau Chief, ISDA, Market Development Division, explained the mission of Idaho Preferred is to connect Idaho agriculture producers with consumers, retailers, and food services to grow their marketplace. This is a voluntary program with 347 members. Sales of specialty crops in 2022 was \$37.3 million. The Idaho Preferred website is consumer facing, helps consumers learn what is produced locally and where it can be found. The rule delineates what qualifies as local, and that it has to contain agriculture.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0104-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0404-2201:** **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0404-2201**, rules governing the process, sale, and distribution of artificial dairy products. The Department will issue and enforce a written stop sale order to the owner or custodian of any quantity of artificial dairy products that has been determined by the Department to be in violation. The order prohibits further sale, processing, or movement of artificial dairy products until the Department has evidence the law has been complied with.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0404-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0415-2201:** **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, said this rule governs the storage and management of manure and nutrients produced on a beef Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) facility to minimize impact to public health and the environment. A CAFO is a lot or facility where slaughter and feeder cattle or dairy heifers are held and fed for a total of 45 days or more during any twelve month period. Beef CAFO's are required to maintain an up-to-date nutrient management plan which is reviewed annually. Manure and nutrients must be stored in an approved lagoon, is inspected twice per year, and land applied in an agronomic manner to the crop that will prevent run-off.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0415-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Nelsen, Pickett, McCann, and Raymond** invoked Rule 80.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0417-2201:** **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0417-2201**. This rule governs when, how, and where a livestock carcass can be disposed of to minimize the impact to public health and the environment. The carcass must be disposed of within 72 hours of knowledge of the death of the animal. It can be disposed of by burial, rendering, landfill, composted, chemical digestion, incineration, burning, or natural decomposition. It needs to be 300 feet from residences and water wells, 200 feet from surface water, 100 feet from public roadways, and 50 feet from property lines.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0417-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Boyle, Raymond, Pickett and Nelsen** invoked Rule 80.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0429-2201:** **Dr. Scott Liebsle**, ISDA, Trichomoniasis (Trich), is a venereal disease of cattle causing, infertility and pregnancy loss, and outbreaks can devastate herds and grazing associations. Idaho Trich requirements say bulls must be tested and tagged annually by an accredited veterinarian. Exemptions include: virgin bulls less than 24 months of age need a tag only; Bulls in an approved feedlot (feedlot populated with cattle going directly to slaughter); and dairy bulls on dry lot. Bison are now exempt to venereal disease because of natural immunity and the procedure to collect a sample is dangerous.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0429-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Boyle, Raymond, Pickett, Garner and McCann** invoked Rule 80.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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Representative Raymond  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary