

SD ANIMAL INDUSTRY BOARD BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. Chairman Bryan Nagel called the meeting to order. Board members present were Bryan Nagel, Dr Julie Williams, Cobbie Magness, Lynn Boadwine and Bill Aeschlimann. Absent were Steven Rommereim and Eric Iversen. AIB staff members present were Dr Dustin Oedekoven, Dr Mendel Miller, Dr Todd Tedrow, Dr Rory Fischer, Dr Adam Wiechmann, Dr Marc Hammrich, Dr Kay Miller, Terry Johnson and Janet Baatz. Others present were Dept of Ag Secretary Lucas Lentsch, Assistant Attorney General Sherri Wald, Bob Mercer-local newspaper, Bruce Smith and Greg Ryken.

Dr Oedekoven updated the Board on the possession permit Furever Wild was granted on May 20, 2015. The possession permit was granted with the condition that no fox kits or wolf pups over the age of six months be possessed, and that there be no direct public contact with the permitted nondomestic animals. Furever Wild lowered their admission because of the no public contact and brought in additional species. Dr Oedekoven received a written request from Terri Petter requesting a change to the conditions and allow public contact stating the business was not making it on what they were charging. Terri Petter did not exercise the 30 days to appeal the Boards decision on May 20, 2015.

Dr Wiechmann was instructed by the Board to visit other possession permit holders within the Black Hills area to review the no public contact with animals.

Dr Oedekoven informed the Board that in June while in the Black Hills area he stopped by the Mattson Performance Horse Sale which was held at the Knuckle Saloon in Sturgis. Dr Oedekoven reported the sale was well run and in compliance with the Boards rules. St Onge Livestock conducted the offsite sale.

Dr Oedekoven updated the Board on Avian Influenza. Since December 2014, USDA has identified three strains of Avian Influenza in the Midwest, confirming 223 flocks and 48 million birds affected. The South Dakota outbreaks began in late March and eventually spread into a variety of turkey and chicken farms in nine counties, affecting 10 flocks and 1.7 million birds. The SD Animal Industry Board imposed control zones to monitor vehicle traffic and worked with local fire departments to humanely euthanize infected flocks. The control zones have since been released. South Dakota's last detection reported was June 1st.

The avian flu could be a threat again this fall, when temperatures cool and waterfowl make their southern migration back from Canada. The latest strain of the virus has not been reported in pheasants and grouse at this point and no human cases of these HPAI H5 viruses have been detected. An effective commercial vaccine is not available.

There are many steps that producers can take to potentially reduce risk but there's no sure prevention as wild birds return. The USDA plans currently in place include surveillance, reporting, biosecurity, movement control and depopulation. Vaccination as a possibility continues to be studied.

As a precautionary measure to protect the poultry industry and backyard owners from this devastating disease, the Animal Industry Board approved a board order on May 20th to suspend bird exhibitions in South Dakota. This includes the State Fair as well as county fairs. The purpose of the Board's order is to minimize the risk of potential further spread of the virus. The SD Animal Industry Board in conjunction with SDSU will give presentations on bio-security to agriculture producers during the South Dakota State Fair in September.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch complimented the Animal Industry Board staff on AI response efforts and expressed his appreciation for professionalism in the HPAI response in South Dakota. The work that AIB did was highly recognized and the structure we operated under and the teamwork is very well respected.

Also at the Governor's Ag Summit in Deadwood, the Governor publically expressed his appreciation to the AIB for the work that was accomplished in responding to the HPAI outbreak this spring.

10:00 a.m. A public hearing was held to consider the request for an auction market license for Stockmen's Livestock Inc., Greg Ryken, applicant. The hearing was conducted by Hillary Brady, Chief Hearing Examiner of the Office of Hearing Examiners. Present for this hearing were Greg Ryken and Bruce Smith. Appearances – Bruce Smith, legal council for Greg Ryken. Testifying was Greg Ryken. There were no proponents or opponents present. The hearing was audio recorded and is on file. On file are Exhibits A and B which were admitted at the hearing. Lynn Boadwine moved to issue an auction agency license to Stockmen's Livestock Inc. Bill Aeschlimann seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. 10:55 a.m. hearing adjourned.

Dr Oedekoven reported on the following updates:

1. Vesicular Stomatitis virus (VS). The recent identification of VS cases in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah marked the start of a 2015 outbreak in the United States. A change in the 2015 State response to VS has come from the OIE delisting VS as a reportable disease. This change will allow greater flexibility in how VS is managed with respect to equine cases. It seems certain that the equine industry will again have to contend with some impacts this year, economic and otherwise.
2. Three Texas dairies infected with cattle tuberculosis (TB) are under quarantine and will remain so until the herds meet all requirements for quarantine release through testing and removal of infected animals. Dairy, calf-raising and dairy heifer raising operations in Texas and other states with epidemiological links to the infected herds will be tested to determine the possible origin or potential spread of the disease.

3. The land on which Kramer's Livestock Auction stood sold on June 21st. Cindy Kramer plans to build a new barn west of Colman and will continue running the Livestock Auction. She hopes to be up and running in August.
4. The Animal Industry Board continues an on-going scrapie investigation on sales of scrapie exposed sheep from Wisconsin. The animals have been tested for genetic susceptibility and further steps are being taken to resolve the investigation.
5. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the final rule amending its Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD). The amended rule will become effective on October 1, 2015, but will be implemented with a phase-in period.
6. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced it is amending its regulations to allow the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Argentina and Brazil under specific conditions that mitigate the risk of foot-and-mouth disease. Brazil and Argentina also need to meet food safety standards before being able to export any beef to the United States.
7. No cases of Trichomoniasis were reported in South Dakota in FY2015. South Dakota and most other western states continue working to harmonize "Trich" regulations so requirements for moving bulls interstate are more standardized between states. States have come to agreement in such areas as what type of test will be accepted, an age cut-off for virgin bull statements and how long test results will be considered valid.

Dr Oedekoven informed the Board that Animal Industry staff has reorganized the AIB Reportable Disease List. The new list breaks down as to when to report certain diseases and helps clarify categories. Bill Aeschlimann moved for approve the revised Reportable Disease List including additions and deletions on the List. Dr Julie William seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Dr Oedekoven thanked AIB staff for the reorganization of the list.

Dr Oedekoven reviewed the annual report with the Board and explained the past year's activities documented in the report. Dr Oedekoven also delivered a special thank you to staff veterinarians and office personnel for all the hard work and effort they put into this report. Dr Julie Williams moved to accept the annual report as presented. Bill Aeschlimann seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dr Oedekoven informed the Board on past meetings attended by AIB staff and upcoming meeting AIB veterinarians will be attending.

Dr Oedekoven noted that this was the time for board reorganization and opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Bill Aeschlimann moved to nominate Bryan Nagel as Chairperson. Cobbie Magness seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairperson Nagel opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Bill Aeschlimann moved to nominate Lynn Boadwine as Vice-Chairperson. Cobbie Magness seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Lynn Boadwine moved to reappoint Dr Dustin Oedekoven as State Veterinarian. Dr Julie Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

12:00 p.m. The Board went into executive session.

12:30 p.m. Chairman Nagel adjourned the meeting.



Bryan Nagel, Chairperson
Animal Industry Board



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