**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH MEETING**

**May 30, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Veterans Memorial Auditorium**

**5825 Florida Boulevard, 1st Floor**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**

**Proceedings**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Maxwell Lea at 10:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE**

Dr. Lea led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by John Walther, LDAF Assistant Commissioner Agriculture and Forestry.

**Members present:** Giles Brown, Clark Copper, DVM, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Timmie Crawford, Butch Racca, Rayburn Smith, Donna Jean Heinrich, Anne Chapman, DVM, Maxwell Lea, DVM, Law Ponder, Cyd Collins, Gary Greene, DVM, and Bill Holdman.

**Members absent:** John Van Bennett, Thomas Early, Eugene Robertson

**Guests Present:** Scott Perry, Jonathan Roberts, DVM (Director of the Feed Lab), Ashley Prejean, DVM, Ken Angel, DVM USDA, Matt Traylor, DVM, Daniel Myrick, DVM, Amanda Normand, DVM, the Director of Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Tyne Bankester, Doug Harold (Farm Bureau), Jim LaCour, DVM (LDWF), Amy McInnis, Alicia Wheeler (Attorney General’s Office)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Maxwell Lea made a correction to the BOAH meeting minutes from November of 2018. The roll call vote for Jacob Thompson’s revocation of Livestock dealer’s permit, Rayburn Smith abstained. With this change made, Dr. Lea made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2018 Board of Animal Health Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Craig Fontenot. Motion passes, minutes of November 2018, BOAH meeting have been approved with the correction made.

**NEW BUSINESS: ADJUDICATORY HEARING GARY THOMPSON**

The AGO, Alicia Wheeler, called the hearing to order, after which, Amy McInnis, attorney for LDAF made it known that Gary Thompson would be stipulating to the charge of violating Louisiana RS 3:2131; *In order to prevent, control, and eradicate anthrax or charbon, glanders, blackleg, hemorrhagic septicemia, hog cholera, and all other contagious or communicable diseases of mules, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and poultry throughout the state, the carcasses of all animals shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner by cremation or deep burial.*

Giles Brown made the motion to accept the pending stipulation, fining Gary Thompson, $1,000.00, one thousand dollars which is the maximum penalty allowed.

Rayburn Smith seconded. Motion to accepting the pending stipulation for Gary Thompson is approved.

Dr. Lea requested a brief change to the agenda, to discuss possible additional penalties to prevent the Thompson’s from continuing the same indifferent behavior to the Louisiana laws governing livestock. After much discussion, it was the decision of the Board of Animal Health to take the steps to file two separate injunctions against both Gary Thompson and Jacob Thompson to prevent them from buying and selling livestock of any kind without a permit. The motion for Gary Thompson’s injunction was made by Bob Pitre, and seconded by Dr. Craig Fontenot. The motion was made to file an injunction against Jacob Thompson was made by Bob Pitre, and was seconded by Dr. Fontenot.

Both motions were passed. Mrs. Amy McInnis will begin filing for the injunctions immediately.

Dr. Diane Stacy came before the board to announce new USDA regulations and upcoming changes to the tagging program. Dr. Stacy spoke at length about the new regulations concerning the use of RFID tag for bovine, and the phasing out of metal ear tags. Concerns were brought up concerning costs, and effectiveness to which Dr. Ken Angel assisted in educating the board and guests as to the method of costs using coupons and the difference between UL frequency tag readers, and UH frequency tag readers as it refers to efficiency.

Dr. Daniel Myrick then approached the board to discuss the growing concerns over African swine fever, and the progression of CWD, Chronic Wasting Disease in native deer populations, and the best way to prevent CWD in captive breeding and alternative livestock farms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Stacy made mention that the next BOAH meeting would be scheduled for August 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** The motion to accept the potential date was made by Bill Holdman, and seconded by Dr. Gary Greene. Dr. Lea adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.