LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

April 09, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806

Proceedings

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Maxwell Lea at 10:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE**

Dr. Lea led the board in the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Mr. John Walther.

**Members Present:**

Giles Brown, Gary Greene, DVM, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea, DVM, Law Ponder, Tom Ardoin, John Van Bennett, Thomas Early, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Cyd Collins, and Eugene Robertson.

Mr. Walther declared a quorum was met.

**Members Absent:**

Chris Tauzin, and Tim Veillion. James Clark Cooper, DVM, Lennie “Tim” Crawford, Bob Pitre, Butch Racca and Rayburn Smith.

**Guest Present**:

 Daniel Myrick, DVM, LDAF, Fred Bass, LDAF, John Walther, LDAF, Diane Stacy, DVM, LDAF, Stacy Welch, LDAF, Parrish Foote, LDAF, Jonathon Roberts, DVM, LDAF, Ron Harrell, LA Farm Bureau Association, Lindsey Hunter, Attorney General’s Office, Mark Scurria, DVM, LDAF, Mike Barrington, DVM, LDAF, John Smith, LDAF, Jim Miller, Guest, Clay Miller, Guest, and Jim Lacour, LWL&F

**New Business**

Lindsey Hunter with the Attorney General Office was here to conduct the hearing for Amite Livestock Sales. She went over the rules and regulations:

1. The financial stability, business integrity, and fiduciary responsibility of the applicant.
2. The adequacy of the facilities to be used.
3. The present market services elsewhere available to the trade area to be served by the proposed public livestock market.
4. Whether the proposed public livestock market would be permanent and continuous.
5. The benefits to be derived by the livestock industry from the establishment and operation of the proposed public livestock market.
6. The economic feasibility of the proposed public livestock market.

The board determined that he did qualify to operate a public livestock market and to be granted the charter.

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**Motion**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the charter. Mr. Racca seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown recused himself from voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Lea asked if there were any public comments and there was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 29, 2014 meeting. Mr. Pitre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Dr. Stacy gave updates and totals for Trichomoniasis for 2013 vs 2014. She gave totals for Equine Piroplasmosis, Equine Encephalitis, Animal Traceability, and other Veterinary Health programs.

Dr. Roberts gave a report on Cattle Health.

Dr. Barrington gave a report on Avian Health.

Dr. Scurria gave a report on Swine and Turtles.

Dr. Myrick gave a report on Cervid, Sheep and Goats

Mr. Walther discussed Alternate Livestock-CDW traces in LA..

Dr. Stacy went over Title 7 Revision-Reports from working groups.

**OLD BUSINESS**

John Walther talked about Mansura Livestock transferring ownership. Mr. Giles Brown wants to transfer his 50 percent to Donnie Perkins.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Pitre made a motion to allow transfer of 50 percent formerly owned by Giles Brown to go to Donnie Perkins. Mr. Ardoin seconded the motion. Motion passed..

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*None*

 Dr. Lea suggested that we plan the next meeting for some time next January. When the meetings date is set we will give plenty advanced time to let everyone know.

**ADJOUNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Dr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting dismissed at 11:13.