LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

May 20, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806

Proceedings

Donna Jean Heinrich, John Van Bennett, Giles Brown, Tim Crawford, Thomas Early, Craig Fontenot, Cyd Collins, Gary Greene, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea, Bob Pitre, Law Ponder, Butch Racca, Eugene Robertson, Rayburn Smith and Ricky Lester were sworn in by Lindsey Hunter, LDAF General Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Maxwell Lea at 10:02 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE**

John Walther led the board in the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by John Walther.

**Members Present:**

Giles Brown, Gary Greene, DVM, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea, DVM, Law Ponder, John Van Bennett, Tim Crawford, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Cyd Collins, Butch Racca, Bob Pitre, Rayburn Smith, Donna Jean Heinrich, Ricky Lester, and Eugene Robertson.

Mr. Walther declared a quorum was met.

**Members Absent**

James Clark Cooper, DVM. Dr. Cooper came in after roll call.

**Motion**

Mr. Brown nominated Dr. Lea to remain as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Pitre nominated Dr. Fontenot for Vice Chairman. Dr. Lea seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Lea proceeded with the meeting.

**Motion**

Mr. Holdman made a motion to keep John Walther as Director and Dr. Diane Stacy as Assistant Director. Dr. Greene seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Pitre made a motion for Dr. Stacy and Mr. Walther to be authorized to handle day to day business. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion was passed.

**Guest Present**:

Daniel Myrick, DVM/ LDAF, John Walther, LDAF, Diane Stacy, DVM/ LDAF, Stacy Welch, LDAF, Janet Leblanc, LDAF, Parrish Foote, LDAF, Jonathon Roberts, DVM/ LDAF, Lindsey Hunter, LDAF, Mark Scurria, DVM,/LDAF, Alma Roy, PhD/ LADDL, Ken Angel, DVM/ USDA, Scott Dejean, DVM/ USDA, Robert Joyner, LCA, Robert Toups, LCA, John Gil, LDAF, Mark Ott, LDAF and Jim LaCour, DVM/ LDWF

Dr. Lea congratulated the new members, Donna Jean Heinrich and Ricky Lester.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 23, 2016 meeting with changes being made that Bob Pitre was not present at the last meeting. Dr. Lea seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Dr. Stacy gave updates on Animal Disease Traceability and Brucellosis/ TB surveillance.

Dr. Stacy announced the upcoming SAHA Meeting in New Orleans, June 21-23, 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS**.

Dr. Lea said the Board had received a request to open a new Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Lab. The lab will be managed by Damon Odom, DVM. It will be located in Farmerville, LA.

**MOTION**

Mr. Pitre made a motion to approve the new EIA lab. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion was passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Stacy spoke on cervids

Dr. LaCour gave hand-outs to the board members.

Mr. Brown asked to be brought to speed on the feral swine status.

Dr. LaCour gave an update for LDAF.

Mr. Walther discussed the feral pig status.

Dr. Roberts inquired how many applications were received for the feral pigs.

**Motion**

Mr. Holdman made a motion for Title 7 to be presented to the Commissioner at another meeting with LDWF. Dr. Cooper seconded. The motion was passed.

Mr. Walther proposed to make a motion to adopt the amendment of the official EIA Test.

**Motion**

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adopt the amendment. Mr. Brown seconded. The motion was passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Robertson made a motion to use an Official VS Test Chart. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion was passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Pitre made a motion that all equine be EIA tested once a year. Dr. Cooper seconded. The motion passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Pitre made a motion to accept proof of negative testing on all avian within 30 days on the USDA VS Form 9-2 and 9-3 document in lieu of a health certificate. Dr. Fontenot seconded. The motion passed.

**Motion**

Mr. Brown made a motion to delete the 90 day quarantine on birds coming into the state. Mr. Pitre seconded. The motion passed.

The Board recommended that the Commissioner accept changes to the law that salmonella testing will only be required by the country of destination and that turtles reaching 12 months of age may be returned to a pond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Next meeting is tentatively set for September 15, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Pitre made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was dismissed at 11:40 a.m.