**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH MEETING**

**October 4, 2018**

**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 Maxwell Lea, DVM 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 Cooper, DVM, Cyd Collins, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea Jr, DVM, Thomas Early, Law Ponder, Butch Racca, Randy Toups, Gary Greene, DVM, John Van Bennett, Donna Jean Heinrich, Bob Pitre, Lennie “Tim” Crawford

**Members absent:** Eugene Robertson, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Rayburn Smith, and John Van Bennett

**Guests Present:**

Scott Perry, Jonathan Roberts, DVM (Director of the Feed Lab), Ashley Prejean, DVM, Amanda Normand, DVM (Poultry Lab Director), Daniel Myrick, DVM, Curt Degeyter, DVM, Ken Angel, DVM (USDA Assistant Director), Udeni Balasuriya (LADDL Director), Emily Andrews, Michael Heier (Attorney General’s Office).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment was made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Thomas Early made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2018 Board of Animal Health Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Clark Cooper. Motion passes, minutes of May 2018 BOAH meeting have been approved.

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

Emily Andrews began discussed changes made to the livestock dealer’s permit as it related to the penalties that could result in having the person’s permit denied, suspended or revoked. Mrs. Andrews also informed the board of developing legislation allowing the board to levy stiffer penalties on person’s found guilty of violating the Board of Animal Health rules and regulations. These penalties may include additional fees and costs for holding the board meeting, stenographer fees, independent investigators, etc.

Dr. Stacy introduced new federal and state personnel present for the meeting. Dr. Stacy then discussed animal disease traceability rules and exceptions and discussed the LDAF transition to electronic records to be held in a new private database called USA Herds. Also discussed was the positive response from practicing veterinarians to the new electronic health certificate, the LA eCVI. Dr. Stacy introduced Dr. Amanda Normand who discussed the recent Virulent New Castle Disease (vND) outbreak in California and the new protocols in place to assist backyard flock owners in the detection, prevention, and eradication of diseases to their flocks.

Dr. Stacy continued the traceability discussion as it implies to bovine, sheep, and goats. Dr. Scott Dejean was introduced to discuss the Scraping surveillance program and the quota of samples to be tested each year in LA.

 Dr. Ken Angel from the USDA in Flowood, MS was introduced to further the discussion of (vND) and Lo Path Avian Influenza (LPAI) outbreaks in CA.

Dr. Stacy then discussed the feral Swine Brucellosis and Pseudorabies problem and the efforts of Dr. Joshua Franklin in working with LA Tech to test their slaughter swine to increase our state surveillance.

John Walther discussed the new import restrictions on farm raised cervids due to the spread of Chronic Wasting disease (CWD) that will now include reindeer, muntjac deer, and moose. This suspension of import for these cervid will continue until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Adjudicatory Hearing

Dr. Lea informed the Board that the hearing against Jacob Thompson will be postponed, Michael Heier, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, presented that the defendant Jacob Thompson is not present for the proceedings due to an attack of gout. Emily Andrews, counsel for the Board of Animal Health, has informed the board that Jacob Thompson will not be contesting the charge and has signed a consent order to the charge he faces.

Jacob Thompson was found to be in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 321.31 failure to properly dispose of livestock carcasses by means of deep burial or cremation. The Board of Animal Health imposed a fine of $1,000.00 on Jacob Thompson, to be paid within 30 days from today, October 4, 2018.

Mr. Thomas Early asked if there was anything else that could be done to penalize Jacob Thompson for this offense beyond the $1000.00 fine, to which Mrs. Andrews replied not at this time; however she said there is new legislation that will address those concerns.

Mr. Early also asked if Jacob Thompson’s previous fines were still outstanding. The board was informed that Jacob Thompson had paid his fine of $3150.00 in full.

Motion to accept the fine of $1,000.00 for the violation by Jacob Thompson was made by Mr. Pitre and seconded by Thomas Early.

Motion is passed; Jacob Thompson has 30 days from October 4, 2018 to secure payment for the fine of $1000.00 for the single violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 321.31.

The adjudicatory hearing for case AH 18-04 will be continued to the next Board of Animal Health meeting.

**B. Livestock Charter**

Tiger Lake Livestock located in Mansura, Louisiana came before the board to discuss a change of ownership of the former Mansura Livestock Market. The new ownership will be a 60/40 partnership between Mr. Travis Broadway and Mr. Donald Perkins. Mr. Broadway does plan to buy out Mr. Perkins from his share in the near future and then would become the sole owner of Tiger Lake Livestock. A motion was made by Mr. Bob Pitre to approve the change of ownership; Mr. Thomas Early seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Dr. Lea moved to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.