



DRAFT PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

## OHIO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD

Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2011

Chairman Zehringer called the meeting to order in Auditorium A of the Bromfield Administration Building at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman Jim Zehringer, Dr. Jerry Lahmers, Harold Dates, Jeff Wuebker, Bill Moody, Dr. Tony Forshey, Dominic Marchese, and Dr. Leon Weaver.

Board members absent: Dr. Jeff LeJeune, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Stacey Atherton, Robert Cole, and Dr. Bobby Moser.

During his opening comments, Chairman Zehringer welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the members for their dedication and hard work.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the April 5, 2011 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0. This vote occurred before the arrival of one board member.

ODA Chief Legal Counsel Bill Hopper provided an update on the status of proposed rules 901:12-3 and 901:12-4, which were initially filed on February 8, 2011. The two rules were final filed on April 18, 2011, and will have an effective date of April 28, 2011.

Next, Mike Bailey provided the board with an update regarding the proposed Alpaca and Llama (901:12-14) and Equine (901:12-15) standards, which went through the e-notification period. The board members were provided with the comments on the two proposed standards that have been received during this period.

As the board reviewed the comments, significant discussion focused on how the wording of sections 901:12-14-03 (F), 901:12-14-04, 901:12-15-04(B) and 901:12-15-04 (E) addressed the transportation and haltering issues that were raised in the e-comments.

Following this discussion, Dr. Glauer led a review of sections 901:12-5-03 (C)(3) and 901:12-5-03 (E), as approved by the board on April 5. Board discussion focused on tethering and the remedies provided in the rule for producers to prevent naval sucking and cross sucking in veal calves.

The board recessed for a break at 1:25 p.m.

Chairman Zehringer called the board back to order at 1:30 p.m., at which time the board held its public comment period.



Mr. Roger Wolfe, a farmer from Fairfield County, thanked the Board for the terrific job they had done in a very short period of time. He urged the Board to seriously consider research as a future endeavor and possibly publish educational videos of what actually does occur on a farm as animals are being cared for by farmers. Mr. Wolfe also submitted copies of a document entitled “A ‘Did You Know’ of Ohio’s Agriculture” to the members of the board.

No other public comment was provided.

Following the conclusion of the public comment period at 1:36 p.m., Dr. Glauer provided a brief summary of the written comments that board members received from Gail Eisnitz on sections 901:12-2 through 901:12-15.

Next, the board voted 8-0 that sections 901:12-5 through 901:12-15 of the proposed standards be filed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

After this vote took place, Bill Hopper provided a summary of the JCARR approval process. These proposed rules would likely be filed later this week, and the department would be required to hold a public hearing within 30 to 40 days after filing. The hearing before JCARR will take place within 65 days of filing. Mr. Hopper estimated that, if everything moves forward according to this schedule, the rules approved today would likely become effective at some point in the second or third week of July.

Mike Bailey then discussed the communication and outreach efforts that were being developed, and that the timelines of the plan were a function of the date by which the rules become effective. Board members were provided with a one page summary of the draft communication and outreach plan. Board discussion focused on various aspects of how the communications plan would be executed.

The next scheduled meeting of the board will occur on July 19, 2011, at which time the board will be updated on the effective rules and the communications and outreach efforts being conducted by the department.

During member’s minute, Dr. Forshey thanked Dr. Glauer for all of his hard work. Jeff Wuebker asked that the board be kept updated on communications efforts. Dominic Marchese, Dr. Leon Weaver and Bill Moody thanked everyone for their efforts and hard work.

Chairman Zehringer adjourned the board meeting at 2:01 p.m.

