

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD

April 16, 2026

Zoom

Board Members Present:

Mary Owens, President
Hugh Hageman, VP
Lindsay Wood
Weston Jones
Lexie Painter
David Julian

Staff Present:

Steve True, Director
Dr. Hallie Hasel, State Veterinarian
Dr. Rose Digianantonio, Assist. State Veterinarian
Dr. Teckla Webb, Joel Douglas, Lee Romsa
Renae Krakow, Jennifer Butler, Aspen Nesvik
Lindsay Johnson, Alyssa Meyers, Gary Zakotnik
JD Sater, Attorney General Rep.

Board Member absent: John Eversole

Call to order:

President Mary Owens called the meeting to order at 7:30am on April 16, 2026. A quorum of the board was in attendance.

Lindsay Wood moved to approve the minutes from March 4, 2026. Lexie Painter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director updates:

Director True provided updates on the field veterinarian position and will start the recruitment process shortly. Steve informed the board on interim topics. Management Audit has requested review of Law Enforcement efficiency. The meetings will be held June 18 and August 20 in Casper. To date we are not sure what type of information they want to discuss. Select Tribal has not offered any detailed topics but will deal with emerging issues, which include wildlife. Their first meeting is June 15-16 in Riverton. Joint Agriculture has a couple of items that we are interested in: Non-Certified Pregnancy Testing of Cattle and Proactive Herd Management, Update on Electronic Identification of Cattle, and Fence-Out Laws for Livestock. Their first meeting will be June 11-12 in Riverton and the second meeting July 28-29 in Casper.

Rules:

Chapter 2 Brucellosis Management and Mitigation Rules: The board reviewed the updates to Chapter 2 rules, particularly regarding brucellosis vaccination requirements and identification procedures in Wyoming. The key changes were the new board approved metal tag (Wyoming OCV tag) for official calfhooed vaccination and also the vaccination requirements for specific counties in eastern Wyoming, making brucellosis vaccination voluntary rather than mandatory in those areas. JD Sater advised the board on the next steps for Chapter 2 rules, with three options: maintain the current version, moving forward with the updated version, or sending it back out for public comment.

Hugh Hageman moved to accept the rules as presented and send them out for public comment. Lexie Painter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 8 Livestock Board Import Rules: Dr. Hasel discussed the changes in Chapter 8 rules adding in Section 7 Requirements for Importing Bovinae (c)(i) Brucellosis vaccination requirements adding the counties and the map, and changes in Section 13. Requirements for Importing Sheep or Goats.

Weston Jones moved to accept the rules as presented and to move forward with the rule making process. Lindsay Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 13 Scrapie Prevention and Management: Dr. Digianantonio explained that the changes are to align with the updated Federal Scrapie Program standards.

Lindsay Wood moved to accept the rules as presented and to move forward with the rule making process. Lexie Painter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter 25 Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement: Dr. Hasel discussed the updates to the rule on the reimbursement procedures for producers under quarantine. The maximum reimbursement was \$25,000.00 and has increased up to \$50,000.00 per quarantine, with new requirements for pre-approval for equipment purchases and detailed documentation of expenses.

Lexie Painter moved to accept the rules as presented and to move forward with the rule making process. Lindsay Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Animal Health updates:

Dr. Hasel provided updates on animal health activities, including upcoming travel and vaccination clinics. Dr. Webb outlined upcoming webinars in April and May to introduce metal tags and explain their use. Veterinarians can start ordering metal tags June 1st, 2026. Dr. Digianantonio explained EID tags for exhibition animals and clarified that animals crossing state lines must use 840 tags rather than 900 series tags.

Brand Inspection/Recording updates:

Brand Recording: Lee Romsa updated the board that this fall will be the start of the 2027 brand renewal. Currently 8,109 brands will be up for renewal

Staff recently completed an address verification process through the National Change of Address registry for the brands that are due for renewal. The purpose was to see if our brand recording records matched the addresses the registry had on file. This is done electronically with a third-party vendor for a minimal cost. The staff followed up on this with mailings to 492 brand owners to try to confirm the correct address.

The next step in the renewal process is to send out a final notice to people who have a delinquent brand. This happens at least six months prior to the brands becoming abandoned at the end of this year.

Brand Inspection: Lee announced that after decades of dedicated service, District 1 Brand Inspection Supervisor Gary Zakotnik is planning to retire at the end of June. Gary and his wife Joann have provided the Livestock Board with invaluable service and we thank them for all their effort and wisdom. Lee will be looking to replace Gary's position within the district.

Lee stated that he has hired 2 full time brand inspectors for one in Hot Springs County and one in Goshen County. Since then, we have had one full time brand inspector resign in Laramie County, a full-time position will be vacant in June in Carbon County and two part time inspectors resigned in Campbell County. We also have several part time vacancies to fill in Fremont County and Goshen County. We are looking to fill those positions soon.

District Brand Inspector trainings are set for May. There will be a meeting in each district. As the agenda is finalized the information will be sent out to Board Members.

Hugh Hageman stated that he has been getting calls from producers on the livestock board getting information out on missing livestock. Director True stated that he and staff are working on a plan to better share information about missing livestock.

Board Business:

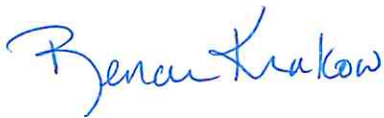
The board will hold the next meeting virtually on July 13, 2026 at 7:30am.

Adjournment:

The board adjourned the public meeting at 9:25am and went into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

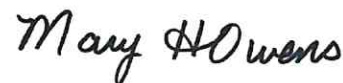
**Lindsay Wood moved to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Renae Krakow
WLSB Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Mary Owens
WLSB President