LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

July 23, 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 10:02 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE**

Dr. Lea led the board in the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Dr. Maxwell Lea, DVM.

**Members Present:**

Giles Brown, Gary Greene, DVM, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea, DVM, Law Ponder, Tom Ardoin, John Van Bennett, James Clark Cooper, DVM, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Cyd Collins, Butch Racca and Eugene Robertson.

Dr. Lea declared a quorum was met.

**Members Absent:**

Chris Tauzin, Tim Veillion, Lennie “Tim” Crawford, Bob Pitre, Thomas Early 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, Lindsey Hunter, LDAF, Mark Scurria, DVM, LDAF, Jim Miller, Blaire Bennett, Alma Roy, LADDL, Jerry Ardoin, Mike Logan, DVM, USDA and Jim LaCour, DVM, LDWF

**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 April 09, 2015 meeting with changes being made to remove Van Bennett from Members Present list. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Dr. Stacy gave a report on the Avian Health-Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Preparedness.

The current HPAI outbreak started in December 2014 with 21 states reporting positive cases. There have been 232 positive premises: 211 commercial and 21 backyards.

The infection started from wild birds migrating from Asia to North America. Birds are now in the north for breeding and nesting but will migrate back south in the fall and bring the virus with them.

Farms can be out of production for 4-6 months and HPAI could cause serious financial hardships for farmers and companies.

Commissioner Strain gave talking points for Foot and Mouth Disease. He spoke on the feral pig population. He talked about the damage to crops the feral pigs have created. He strongly recommends getting Brands for your cattle. Cattle and Timber theft are on the rise. When you get a brand make sure to get it recorded. People caught stealing will be arrested.

Dr. Stacy Talked about Animal Disease Traceability.

The SAHA 2016 will be in New Orleans.

**NEW BUSINESS**.

Kentwood will surrender their charter back to the department. The charter will operate under Amite. They will add a Saturday sale along with their Tuesday sale.

**MOTION**

Mr. Robertson made a motion to change barn locations from Kentwood to Amite and to add a Saturday sale. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Miller Livestock in DeQuincy, Louisiana, is requested changing their livestock sales back to Saturdays. Also they would like to request having a horse sale the first Monday of every month.

**MOTION**

Mr. Robertson made a motion to change Miller Livestock back to Saturday sales. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**MOTION**

Mr. Bennett made a motion for Miller Livestock to have a Monday Night horse sale the first Monday of each month. Mr. Ardoin seconded. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Barrington discussed Title 7 Revisions-Reports from working groups on Avian Health.

Dr. Myrick gave a report on Cervid.

Dr. Roberts gave a report on Equine.

Dr. Scurria gave a report on Swine and Turtles.

Dr. Jonathan and Dr. Stacy gave a report on Bovine.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Next meeting is tentatively set for September 17, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Pitre made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting dismissed at 11:49 a.m.