



# MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

## MEETING AGENDA

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Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/301 N Roberts/Helena, MT  
December 14, 2023

**(This meeting is open to the public and is also available by ZOOM)**

*Agenda items may vary as much as one hour earlier or later. Items may be added or deleted up to 48 hours prior to the meeting. Look for changes at [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov)*

**8:00 AM      CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**8:10 AM      BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**  
**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**  
• November 14, 2023 BOL Meeting

**8:15 AM      OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Governor's OGSM Strategic Management and Executive Officer Strategic Goals**

**9:00 AM      NEW BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATES**

**Human Resources Updates**

- Staff Openings, Recruitment and General Updates
- End-of-Year Performance Evaluations

**Yellowstone Bison EIS Update/IBMP Operations Update**

**Preparation for EO Annual Review**

**Discuss DOL Long-Range Goal Setting**

**Update on BLM Activities and Processes (Sage Grouse and Grazing Rule)**

**Legislative Interim Activities Update**

**10:00 AM      RECESS**



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### **10:15 PM CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

#### **10:15 PM Fiscal Bureau**

- November 30, 2023 State Special Revenue Report
- December 2023 Through June 2024 Budget Projections Report
- November 30, 2023 Budget Comparison Report
- Update on DOL IT Infrastructure
  - Internet Service Providers, Methods & Speed for External Offices
  - DOL IT Hardware Inventory & Replacement Schedule
  - Potential Future Costs for Hardware Upgrades Not Already Planned in Approved Budgets
  - Contingencies for Unplanned Outages of Internet Service
- Milk Inspection Fees Discussion

### **11:30 AM PREDATOR CONTROL**

**Update on Activities of USDA Wildlife Services (Presented by Dalin Tidwell, Montana State Director)**

**LLB Predation Claims Report and General Updates**

### **12:00 PM LUNCH**

### **12:45 AM BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

#### **Requests for Hire**

- District Investigator – District 16 (Blaine, Hill & Phillips Counties)
- District Investigator – District 25 (Deer Lodge, Granite, Jefferson, Southern Lewis & Clark, Powell and Silver Bow Counties)
- Market Inspector – Miles City

#### **Out-of-State Travel Request**

- Western States Livestock Rural Enforcement Association Conference

#### **Brands Enforcement Update**

- GlideFast/Service Now – System Demonstration
- Google AI
- Staffing



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**1:45 PM**      **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS**

**1:45 PM**      **Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau**

- General Updates
  - New Establishments Expressing Interest in State Inspection
- Request to Hire
  - Inspector for the NW Circuit/Kalispell Area

**2:00 PM**      **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

**MVDL Operational Update**

- MALDI Installation and Training
- Brucella Testing Season Update
- NAHLN Subaward from Colorado State University
- Incinerator Purchase
- New Lab Construction Update (Planning for Ground-Breaking/Kickoff Event)

**New Porcine Diagnostic Test Offerings Request**

**2:45 PM**      **RECESS**

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**3:00 PM**      **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS (Continued)**

**3:00 PM**      **Animal Health Bureau**

- Indemnity Request – Park County Reactor
- Animal Health Updates
  - Brucellosis Testing and Active Investigations in Southwest and South-Central Montana
  - Recent HPAI Cases in Montana: Backyard Poultry and Domestic Cat
  - Atypical Canine Respiratory Disease



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- 4:00 PM**      **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS**
- 4:30 PM**      **SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- 5:00 PM**      **ADJOURN**