

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building
Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2021

Dr. Dewayne Rahe called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members in attendance: Dr. Tom Burkgren; Dr. Dewayne Rahe; Dr. Yuko Sato; Mrs. Ann Werner, and Mr. Will Yoder. Also present were Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General; Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary; Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Guest(s)

Cody Branstad, DVM, private practice veterinarian
Jenny Dorman, Legal Counsel, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association – attended by telephone
Kiera Leddy, Iowa Farm Bureau
Pat McGonegle, Iowa Pork Producers Association
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers Association
Logan Murray, Iowa Cattlemen's Association
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the agenda for the December 30, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment (Public comment period is open and limited to two minutes)

None

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report.

Dr. Kaisand provided an update that a small group of individuals from the USDA met with the Dominican Republic government approximately three weeks ago and conducted a review of the next step of the plan is regarding the African Swine Fever situation. Dr. Jack Shere, USDA-APHIS, Chief Veterinary Officer reported the USDA agreed to set up a permanent command team in the Dominican Republic in 2022. The USDA will take another group to Dominican Republic later in January 2022 for approximately 30 days to set up the Incident Command structure and the staff. The USDA is currently searching to hire term employees who will work for a certain period of time and they are also searching for employees who speak Spanish that have Incident Command training. This is how the USDA will staff the Incident Command and the Dominican Republic did not want the employees to rotate in and out during this time so the owners of the swine will be able to continue working with the same USDA employee(s). When the USDA returns to the Dominican Republic in January the two governments will start to work on developing the plans and will finalize these plans. The USDA is going to let the Dominican Republic determine the approach on how to depopulate the animals and what they will do with the animals. The Dominican Republic is attempting to control the disease with the Army checkpoints on the roads from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The swine moving to slaughter must

move on a permit. There are concerns there may be movement of swine after the checkpoint shift has ended at 6 p.m. The USDA commented there are some good farms with very good biosecurity and then some farms that need assistance.

Dr. Kaisand reported that Haiti is still an unknown regarding their swine and disease control. Dr. Kaisand reported the USDA is working to develop a regional lab in Puerto Rico and will be used in the Caribbean Islands. The USDA have been working to depopulate the pot belly pigs in Puerto Rico. The pigs are running loose across the island due to the hurricane several years ago. The USDA is going to the areas in Puerto Rico where illegal boats arrive and making sure any food items brought on the illegal boats is confiscated and destroyed. Dr. Kaisand reported the Federal Order that was issued several months ago has not been updated allowing canned goods and fully shelf-stable foods to be exported.

Dr. Kaisand provided an update on Foreign Animal Disease. In early December a recent HPAI H5N1 was detected on the eastern coast of Canada in the eastern fly way. It is concerning that HPAI H5N1 has been detected. The poultry producers continue to keep their biosecurity in the forefront. Dr. Kaisand stated High Path Influenza continues to be found around the world and everyone should be prepared to act if detected in the United States.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Rahe stated he read an ~~peer reviewed~~ article in the Drovers Journal titled “Hippos are People Too”. Dr. Rahe stated the article was about a drug king-pin from Columbia that imported wild animals for a zoo located on his property. The individual was killed, and the Columbian authorities took the animals to another zoo except for four hippopotamus (hippo). The authorities were not sure how to transport the hippos and the Columbian government had left them with the thinking they would be fine. Three decades later there are now 120 hippos running around. The Columbian government stated they were going to euthanize the hippos and an attorney from Columbia filed a brief on behalf of the hippos suggesting they be sterilized instead of being euthanized. Two individuals from Ohio, who are wildlife experts testified on behalf of the plaintiffs (hippopotamus) that sterilization is defective. For this to happen, the US District Court in Ohio stated that the hippopotamus are recognized as people or interested persons. The article stated this is the first time in U.S. history that a court has recognized animals that have legal purposes. The American Farm Bureau and the National Pork Producers Council are fighting this brief. The Animal Legal Defense Fund is backing this action for the protection of the hippos. The Board Members briefly discussed the article.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

No report.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

ARC 6058C – Veterinary Ethics – Dean Dan Grooms, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine submitted a comment regarding making language consistent in the Ethics document under 3.f.4 by including “physical” in the language as stated in Iowa Code 169.13(1)h. Mr. Larson stated he would draft proposed language for the January 27, 2022, Board Meeting for review and approval.

ARC 5848C – Amended Standards of Practice 12.1(1)b – the proposed rules have gone through public comment and have been published. Dr. Burkgren moved to approve ARC 5848C - Amended Standards of Practice 12.1(1)b. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Correspondence

The letter to Taylor Veterinary Hospital was inadvertently mailed. Dr. Rahe stated the document is informational and no action is required.

The letter to Ms. Lauren Saehler regarding her inquiry about obtaining an Iowa limited veterinary license to practice physical therapy on animals was reviewed. Ms. Saehler was referred to Iowa Code Section 169.8 (1)(a). The letter is approved to mail to Ms. Saehler.

Nilson Ribas, DVM, Order on Petition for Waiver was reviewed. Dr. Ribas has had three temporary permits allowed by Iowa Code Chapter 169 and Iowa Administrative Rules Chapter 811. Dr. Ribas petitioned the Board for an additional Temporary Permit to teach an employee of Dr. Charles Abraham a hands-on procedure. Dr. Ribas provided the required application and documents for the Board and has fulfilled the requirements as outline in Chapter 14 for a waiver. When Dr. Ribas obtains his diplomate status then he would be able to make application to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for a regular license. Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the Order on Petition for Waiver. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards mailed the Veterinary Technician National Examination scores for Testing Window November 15-30, 2021, to the Board office for review by the Board Members. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous

Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationships Policy Guidance, no changes

Telemedicine, no changes to the current policy

Virtual Meetings, no changes to the current policy

Mrs. Werner moved to go into Closed Meeting Session (closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings if the governmental body is a licensing or examining board). Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Rahe, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Mrs. Werner, aye; Mr. Yoder, aye. nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:32 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:10 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 21-018; 21-022; 21-023; 21-027, and 21-024. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval.

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hour
Amy Tremain	Dystocias and Equine Neonatal Resuscitation (12.8.2021 Ames, IA)	1		1
Amelia Dohlman	Protocol for the Management of Aggressive and Fearful Dogs (12.13.2021 Ames, IA)	1		1
Debbie Coleman	Troubleshooting Your Anesthesia Machine (1.27.2022 Ames, IA)	1		1
Sue Hatmann, DVM	VMG-65 Fall 2021 Meeting (10.20-23.2021 Atlanta, GA)		7.5	7.5
Elle Terhaar	Practical Bovine Reproductive Ultrasound Course and Wet-Lab (1.21-22.2022; mid-September, TBA October 2022 Osceola and Winterset, IA)	9		9
Linda Kahler, DVM	WAVD Foundation Course in Veterinary Dermatology (Webinars)	4.5		4.5
Leah Braas, DVM	Chronic Enteropathies (1.12.2022 Des Moines, IA)	1		1
Lisa Sebring	Mental Health First Aid Training (1.12.2022 and 1.14.2022 Ames, IA)		4 hrs each day	8
Carrie Schwake	ISU LVMC Veterinary Technician Professional Development Day (4.9.2022 Ames, IA)	7		7
Randy Wheeler, DVM	Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference (2.8-10.2022	63.5	2	65.5

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Mrs. Werner moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary