



OHIO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD

Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2011

Chairman Zehringer called the meeting to order in Auditorium C of the Bromfield Administration Building at 10:00 a.m.

Board members present: Chairman Jim Zehringer, Dr. Jerry Lahmers, Harold Dates, Jeff Wuebker, Bill Moody, Stacey Atherton, Dr. Tony Forshey, Dr. Bobby Moser

Board members absent: Dr. Jeff LeJeune, Robert Cole, Dr. Leon Weaver, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Dominic Marchese

Following the welcoming comments by Chairman Zehringer, the first item on the agenda was the approval of the Jan. 18 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0, with an amendment to add the following language to the first paragraph on page 1 of the draft minutes: “March 1st.”

Next, Mike Bailey provided the board with a subcommittee update. Since the Jan. 18 board meeting, the Equine Subcommittee met on Jan. 19 and on Feb. 3; the Alpaca & Llama Subcommittee met on Jan. 27; the TRAC met with the Dairy Subcommittee on Jan. 21; the TRAC met with the Sheep Subcommittee and Goat Subcommittee on Feb. 4. Before the next board meeting, the following meetings are scheduled to take place: TRAC and Beef Subcommittee on Feb. 18.

In his opening comments, Dr. Glauer reviewed how the livestock care standards, through the various sections being drafted for every species, are addressing the animal welfare principles known as the “five freedoms” (i.e., freedom from hunger & thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury and disease; freedom to express normal behavior; and freedom from fear and distress).

Next, Dr. Glauer led a review of draft Livestock Care Standards document, last revised on Feb. 7, beginning with section 901:12-3 “General Considerations.” In section of 901:12-3-01 (P), the board considered a proposed definition of “Housing,” as the suggestion came up at the Feb. 4 meeting between the TRAC and the Sheep and Goat Subcommittees. After 901:12-3 was reviewed by both the Equine Subcommittee and the Alpaca & Llama Subcommittee, the board was provided with recommended revisions to 901:12-3-03 (B), 901:12-3-03 (D), and 901:12-3-06 (E).

Following the review of 901:12-3, Dr. Glauer next led a review of section 901:12-4 in rule form.

Following the discussions, the board voted 8-0 to move both sections 901:12-3 and 901:12-4, as amended, to filing with JCARR.



Next, Dr. Glauer led a review of section 901:12-8 in rule form. As chair of the Swine Subcommittee, Mr. Bryan Black took part in the board's discussions. During this period, significant board discussion focused on the definitions of "pen" and "breeding/gestation stall" in 901:12-8-01. By a vote of 8-0, the board requested that section 901:12-8, as amended, move forward to the e-notification process to solicit public comment.

Members of the board next reviewed section 901:12-9 in rule form. During this period, significant board discussion focused on the provisions of 901:12-9-03(F) (5) and (6). Mr. Jerry Knapke, on behalf of the Layer Subcommittee, took part in the board's discussions.

At 11:30 a.m. the board held its public comment period

Mr. Chuck Wildman, a swine producer and member of the Swine Subcommittee, thanked the board for its effort and deliberations on developing the swine standards. He also announced that the 2011 Ohio Pork Congress is currently taking place, and invited the board and public to attend the show and learn more about the pork industry.

Ms. Karen Squires thanked the board for allowing its meetings to be open to the consumer. She expressed concern over the space considerations of 901:12-3-06, as animals need enough room to lie down. She also encouraged the board to identify alternative sow housing by looking at what other states have adopted, including recommendations from Mr. Wayne Pacelle. Regarding gestation stalls, she encouraged the board to find something else to use, and not look for a way around what the public asked for.

No other public comment was provided.

Upon completion of the public comment period, the board continued its review of the proposed layer standards in section 901:12-9-03 (E) (2). By a vote of 8-0, the board requested that section 901:12-9, as amended, move forward to the e-notification process to solicit public comment.

Following this vote, the board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. Chairman Zehringer called the board back to order at 12:30 p.m.

After the lunch break, the board then deliberated upon section 901:12-10 and 901:12-11 in rule form. The Chairman of the board's Turkey & Broiler Subcommittee, Dr. Tim Barman, took part in the board's discussions. By a vote of 7-0, the board requested that section 901:12-10 and 901:12-11, as both were amended, move forward to the e-notification process to solicit public comment. This vote occurred with one board member absent from the room.

As the next agenda item, Mike Bailey updated the board that the next scheduled meeting will occur on Feb. 22. The agenda will focus on reviewing the e-notification comments that come in on sections 901:12-8, 901:12-9, 901:12-10 and 901:12-11. Also, the board will be reviewing the recommended standards in rule form in the veal (901:12-5), dairy (901:12-6), sheep (901:12-12) and goat (901:12-13) sections. Additionally, depending upon the outcome of TRAC & Beef Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Feb. 18, the board may also be reviewing the draft beef standards in rule form (901:12-7).



During members' minute, Jeff Wuebker clarified that the Ohio Pork Congress meeting referenced during the public comment period is being held at the Crown Plaza.

The board meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

