

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building
Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes September 28, 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, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Guest(s)

Jenny Dorman, Legal Counsel, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Ian Levis, DVM, Seaboard Foods
Chris Sievers, DVM, Swine Vet Center
Pat McGonegle, Iowa Pork Producers Assoc.
David D. Schmitt, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Pete Thomas, DVM, Iowa Select Farms
Noel Williams, DVM, Iowa Select Farms

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the amended agenda for the September 28, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Mr. McGonegle stated he would like to address the Board Members during their discussion of agenda Item 7.

Dr. Schmitt thanked the Board Members for rescheduling the Board Meeting from September 30th to September 28th. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting is September 29 – October 1, 2021, and this would accommodate any Board Members that may be able to attend the annual meeting.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the Special Teleconference Open Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Werner moved to approve the Special Teleconference Open Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand stated he participated in a Meat Packer and Processing Tabletop exercise this month relating to Foreign Animal Disease training.

Dr. Kaisand reported the USDA continues to work with the Dominican Republic regarding the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak in that country. The USDA is still waiting for test results from Haiti regarding ASF and whether Haiti will accept the offer for assistance from the USDA. Concern was expressed

regarding the migration of the Haitians and if they would be carrying the disease on their person. Dr. Kaisand stated the migrants have been away from their home country long enough that should not be a problem. Individuals that carry meats products could potentially be an issue since the disease can last for a longer length of time in food. The Border Inspectors confiscate food items from individuals trying to conceal food items. There is always a risk of diseases and bugs brought into the United States by food sources.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Rahe reported he testified at the House Legislative Rules Committee Meeting on September 14, 2021, and thought the meeting went very well.

Dr. Rahe stated he read an article regarding feral swine roaming the streets in Rome, Italy. The article reported there is an estimated 3 million feral swine in Italy.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson stated the amended proposed ethic rules would be ready for the October Board Meeting.

Board Member Report

No report.

Correspondence

Veterinary Technician National Examination scores for the testing windows of July 15 – 31, 2021, and August 1 – 20, 2021, were presented. The Board Members discussed the report and noted there was a higher passing rate for this testing window.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Administrative Rules Chapter 12 and ARC 5848C Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship is being discussed by guests at the meeting today.

Dr. Thomas spoke to the Board Members about the Iowa Select Farms scope of practice, site visits, and frequency of the site visits. There are five veterinarians on staff and one contract veterinarian for the biosecurity well-being conduct site visits at the sow farms 5-10 times per year and nurseries 6-12 times per year. The nursery-to-finisher site visits are for overseeing the health of the hogs, vaccinations, follow-ups, and using their best judgment for monitoring the sites. The staff veterinarians are in constant contact with the site manager and staff for monitoring the hogs. A historical flow chart of site visits is provided to the staff veterinarians, and they will use their best judgment of when to schedule a site visit for that particular farm.

Dr. Sievers stated he covers herds in Iowa and other Midwest states for the Swine Vet Center based out of St. Peter, Minnesota. The staff/owner veterinarians provide consulting to clients; health checks; filtration; ventilation; and research farm production with evidence-based population medicine that is similar to the Iowa Select Farms.

Dr. Levis stated he is a staff veterinarian for Seaboard Foods and agrees with Dr. Thomas and Dr. Sievers regarding the weekly diagnostics. The Seaboard Food sites are spread out and telemedicine has helped with their practice and timely visits.

Mr. McGonegle stated the smaller independent producers have concerns regarding this rule and why put this into a rule they must live by every day.

Ms. Dorman spoke to the Board Members and guests that the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association is in favor of this new rule. Some individuals wanted a six-month visit, some wanting a longer time between visits. The majority did support the Board's decision. Dr. Schmitt stated the FDA came out with the new rule, which left it up to the individual states to place the rule into effect.

The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine could make it more stringent for swine practices to make their visits every three month, six months, etc. or do the minimum of one-year site visit. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine has the duty to protect the public and the citizens of Iowa. What percentage of the finisher sites use prescription products? The response was 100% of the sites do use prescription products. The Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship is to help control the issuing of prescription products. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine is trying to provide clarity and the veterinary practices need to review their operation procedures.

Dr. Sato stated the poultry industry aligns with the swine industry in that the veterinarians may not be on site, but they are directing producers to send the samples for diagnostics and for treatment. One veterinarian may oversee 600 poultry sites.

Mr. McGonegle stated the Iowa Pork Producers Association places the veterinarians as point on the farms for swine health. The solo practices are having difficulty covering the clients that are distant from the clinic. The pork industry has the same goal and that is to protect the citizens in Iowa and worldwide. There are 20,000 individuals certified in the Pork Quality Assurance Program.

Ms. Gruenhagen spoke to the Board regarding the techno standpoint of how the proposed rules are drafted and they talk about the premises; the veterinarian; the client, and the patient but doesn't answer questions that it created. What happens when a practice has for example six veterinarians? Does every single veterinarian have to be on site within the past 12 months for there to be a Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship? The proposed language doesn't account for veterinary practices. The proposed rule doesn't mention the terminology "recently seen". If the veterinarian saw the pigs at the nursery before they are shipped to the finishing site that doesn't count because it says at each premises the way the rule is drafted. Would another veterinarian in the practice be able to review the records to have a Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship or does each single veterinarian have to visit the premise independently? Does the veterinarian need to visit each premises as the animal in reproduction work? That is not clear in the rule. Does the veterinarian need to physically observe each animal? The rule doesn't address herds or flocks. Normally the veterinarian is looking at herds and flocks and not at individual animals. The way rule is written and structured it is for individual animals and not herds and flocks.

Dr. Rahe explained if a complaint is filed with the Board, then the Board would review the medical records to see if the veterinarian had been on the premises within the past 12 months. Mrs. Gruenhagen stated for the veterinarian to know what the expectation is required of them, then those types of questions need to be answered by the Board. Dr. Burkgren stated if a complaint is filed regarding a Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship the Board must go by what is currently in rule and the veterinarian has recently seen or is personally acquainted with the care of the patient by virtue of an examination of the patient or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises.

The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine appreciates the discussions today and taking the time from the guest's busy schedule to meet with the Board Members. Discussion will continue at the next Board Meeting held in October.

Miscellaneous

Telemedicine – No new updates.

Virtual Meetings – No new updates.

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 Dr. Sato.

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 11:10 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:07 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Mrs. Werner moved to close cases 21-009, 21-012, and 21.015. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

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

Requester Hours	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total
Tom Hansen, DVM	Eastern Iowa Fall Meeting (10.20- 21.2021 Riverside, IA)	12		12
Brent Henningson	Necropsy Insights Wet Lab (9.28.2021 Cedar Rapids, IA)	5		5
Amy Tremain	Ultrasound Basics (10.20.2021 Ames, IA)	1		1

The DripVet.com communication was provided to the Board Members for review.

Dr. Burkgren moved to approve the amended letter as written, striking Dear Sirs and inserting “To whom it may concern”. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Vladimir Bassis, Health Occupation Licensing Awareness Project was to provide information to the Board Members by teleconference regarding the Iowa Health Care Licensure Workforce Project. Mr. Bassis did not call in for the meeting. This will be rescheduled for October 2021.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary