

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Kent A. Leonhardt, Commissioner
Joseph L. Hatton, Deputy Commissioner



Livestock Care Standards Board

May 7, 2025

Meeting Minutes

WVDA Moorefield Office

Attendees: Bruce Sloan, Dr. John Wilson, John Pitsenbarger, Greg Mitchell, Michael Morris, Dr. Robert Stenger, Mary Mikowski, Philip Gregg, Chairman Joe Hatton, Samantha Ledden

Public attendees: Duane Bishoff, Dr. Vanessa Harper, Brittaney Bragg

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hatton at 10:01 a.m.

Old business:

- Chairman Hatton requested approval of meeting minutes from October 30, 2024. Mr. Mike Morris moved to approve; Mr. Phillip Gregg seconded. No opposition.
- Legislative update
 - Senate Bill 174

New business:

- Law Enforcement training opportunities. Mr. Bruce Sloan to provide the best contact.

Member Discussion:

- Sheriff responsibilities regarding animals and livestock
- Lamb/Sheep tail docking
- Livestock welfare issues
- West Virginia State Fair 100th anniversary

Public comments:

- Duane Bishoff – Livestock auctions and tail docking in show lambs
- Brittaney Bragg – Livestock auctions and animal welfare; shared PowerPoint presentation

Other:

- Travel documents and per diem forms were provided to board members
- The following re-appointments will be sent to the Governor's office for consideration:
 - Mr. Bruce Sloan
 - Dr. John Wilson
 - Mr. Greg Mitchell
 - Dean Jorge Atilas

Next Meeting Date:

- October 15, 2025 10:00 am at WVU Davis College Agriculture and Natural Resources in Morgantown