

# West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Kent A. Leonhardt, Commissioner

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## Livestock Care Standards Board

May 7, 2026

Meeting Minutes

WVDA Weston Office

**Attendees:** Bruce Sloan, Dr. John Wilson, John Pitsenbarger, Greg Mitchell, Michael Morris, Mary Mikowski, Philip Gregg, Dr. James Maxwell, Chairman Amie Minor-Richard, Samantha Ledden

**Public attendees:** John Kisse, Ronnie Helmondollar

Meeting called to order by Chairman Minor-Richard at 10:03 a.m.

### Old business:

- Chairman Minor-Richard requested approval of meeting minutes from October 15, 2025. Philip Gregg moved to approve; Michael Morris seconded. No opposition. Minutes from October 15, 2025 board meeting approved.
- Public Livestock Market letter was sent out on November 20, 2025, to all the West Virginia livestock markets.

### Animal Care Activity Log briefing by Dr. James Maxwell

#### New business:

- Legislative update: Regulations Governing Public Markets (61CSR11)
  - There were many additions and removals to this rule. If you have further changes to suggest, please send them to WVDA by May 18, 2026.

#### Member Discussion:

- Backyard flock salmonella outbreaks and best handling practices
- Meat Processing
- Continuation of current topics
  - Equine
    - Welfare concerns
  - Livestock Auctions
    - Well-being of livestock entering the facility and being sold.

#### Other:

- Travel documents and per diem forms were reviewed and provided to board members.

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- The following re-appointments are pending in the Governor's office for consideration:
  - Mr. Bruce Sloan
  - Dr. John Wilson
  - Mr. Greg Mitchell
  - Dean Jorge Atilas
  - Mr. Mike Morris

## Public comment:

- John Kisee, Livestock Market Association (LMA), spoke regarding Public Livestock Markets. LMA works for the markets, but they do not enforce regulations. Discussed education of their markets and representation within the industry.
  - Suggestions:
    - Add a phone for the public to call if the public would like to report an issue at a market.

Chairman Minor-Richard called for a motion to adjourn, Greg Mitchell motioned to adjourn, Philip Gregg seconded. Meeting called to close by Chairman Minor-Richard at 11:54 am.

## Next Meeting Date:

- Wednesday, October 15, 2026 10:00 am at the WVDA Weston Field Office