

Report on Boards & Commissions

Department: Arkansas Department of Agriculture

Secretary: Wesley W. Ward

The purpose of this report is 1) prompt an analysis of the Boards & Commissions in your Department and to identify efficiency (cost savings) and effectiveness (better results) opportunities and 2) to propose and develop to deliver efficiency and effectiveness improvements.

Boards & Commissions Project Proposal

List all boards, commissions, etc. within your department.

- Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board
- Arkansas Agriculture Board
- Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Committee
- Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission
- Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas Seed Arbitration Committee
- Arkansas State Board of Registration for Foresters
- Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers
- Commission on Water Well Construction
- Litter Utilization Committee
- Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Committee
- Ouachita River Commission
- Red River Compact Commission
- State Plant Board
- Veterinary Medical Examining Board
- Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee

What state resources support each board, commission, etc.? What is the total cost associated with each board, commission, etc. broken down by general revenue and by all other sources?

Entity	Costs FY15-FY19	Revenue Sources
Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board	\$0	
Arkansas Agriculture Board	\$37,312	100% General
Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Committee	\$3,781	83% General; 17% Other
Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board	\$0	
Arkansas Forestry Commission	\$22,517	47% General, 48% Special, 5% Other
Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission	\$24,531	100% General
Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board	\$1,294	100% Other (cash in bank)
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission	\$53,371	100% General

Arkansas Seed Arbitration Committee	\$0	
Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters	\$3,307	100% Special
Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers	\$504	100% Special
Commission on Water Well Construction	\$2,841	100% General
Litter Utilization Committee	\$0	
Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Committee	\$0	
Ouachita River Commission	\$0	
Red River Compact Commission	\$9,300	100% Special
State Plant Board	\$86,365	100% Special
Veterinary Medical Examining Board	\$25,594	100% Special
Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee	\$0	

What are the key results, outcomes, performance indicators and/or success measures for each board, commission, etc.?

Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board

- Mission: Administer projects for the collection and disposal of abandoned pesticides.
- Membership: Six members consisting of one member from the Arkansas Farm Bureau, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, UA Cooperative Extension, Division of Environmental Quality, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.
- Terms of Service: no set terms of service
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A.8-7-1201 Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide Control Act
 - Advise on the issuance, evaluation, and selection of requests for proposals from contractors
 - Approve payments for collection and disposal projects
 - Identify any abandoned pesticides to be excluded from the collection and disposal program
- Key Results 2015-2019: Held 54 collection events and disposed of 2,662,993 pounds of unwanted pesticides.

Arkansas Agriculture Board

- Mission: Advise the Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture on all matters concerning agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, and kindred industries.
- Membership: 20 voting members and 8 ex officio members. Nine are appointed by various boards; 11 are appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and must represent designated agricultural sectors.
- Terms of Service: Governor appointees are limited to two, four-year terms. Those appointed by boards or commission serve at the pleasure of their respective board or commission.
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 25-38-207 Arkansas Agricultural Board
 - Submit a nomination for the Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture to the Governor for confirmation
 - Advise the Secretary on all sectors of agriculture
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Nominated Wes Ward for Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture

Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Committee

- Mission: Oversee the program budget and activities of the Arkansas Boll Weevil Foundation.
- Membership: Members of the Plant Board; no selection process established

- Terms of Service: None established
- Statutory Authorities:
 - It is a committee of the Plant Board without any statutory authority of its own.
- Key Results 2015-2019: The Boll Weevil Board voted to provide a rebate of \$1.00 per acre to growers from which assessments were collected in the 2018 growing season.

Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board

- Mission: Coordinates fire ant research efforts.
- Membership: Eight members as follows: Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas, the head of the Department of Entomology at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville or his or her representative, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or his or her representative, and the following to be appointed from an ant-infested area by the Chair of the Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board:
 - A representative of an Arkansas environmental interest group;
 - A county extension agent or a member of the general public;
 - A representative of the farm or ranch industry;
 - A representative of the horticultural or nursery industry; and
 - A representative of the Arkansas Pest Control Association.
- Terms of Service: 4-year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 2-16-701 Fire Ant Advisory Board
 - meet as much as needed to discuss research opportunities
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held one meeting

Arkansas Forestry Commission

- Mission: Promotion of forest resource health, conservation, and stewardship
- Membership: Nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Three members must be tree farmers owning 250 acres or less of timber acreage. Each congressional district must be represented.
- Terms of Service: Nine-year terms
- Statutory authority: A.C.A. 15-31-101 Creation, Membership, Organization, and Authorities
 - Rulemaking
 - Assemble and publicize information pertinent to forestry
 - Originate and conduct research in forestry matters
 - Assist private landowners and the Department of Parks and Heritage with timber management
 - Promote and furnish educational information in forestry matters to landowners, timber processors, civic organizations, schools, and other interested groups
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 20 meetings
 - Repealed six rules

Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission

- Mission: To control, suppress, and eradicate livestock and poultry diseases and pests; supervise livestock and poultry sanitary work in the state.
- Membership: Seven members who are Arkansas residents and actively engaged in the Arkansas livestock or poultry industries.
- Terms of Service: seven years
- Statutory authority:
 - Rulemaking and enforcement authority
 - A.C.A. 2-32-301 Equine monitoring
 - A.C.A. 2-32-501 Enforcement authority

- A.C.A. 2-33-101 et seq. General Provisions
 - A.C.A. 2-34-106 Brand Registration
 - A.C.A. 2-36-101 Grading of Fairs
 - A.C.A. 2-38-501 Feral Hog Management
 - A.C.A. 2-40-103 et seq. Investigation and Control of Contagious Disease; Livestock Markets, Quarantine Rules, Depopulation of Brucellosis Infected or Exposed Bovine Herds
 - A.C.A. 2-40-801 Equine Infectious Anemia
 - A.C.A. 2-40-1301 Disposal of Large Animal Carcasses
 - A.C.A. 20-58-201 Arkansas Egg Marketing Act of 1969
- Reviews and approves licensing recommendations
 - See Attachment 1
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 20 regular meetings; 6 special-called meetings
 - Promulgated five rules
 - Repealed 13 rules
 - Four enforcement actions

Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board

- Mission: Take actions to assure the continued viability of dairy farming in the state; assure consumers of an adequate, local supply of milk; encourage increased production to meet the state's need for quality milk.
- Membership: Five members; two members actively engaged in dairy farming, one Arkansas consumer, one Arkansas milk processor, and one Arkansas retailer.
- Terms of Service: Five-year terms
- Statutory authority: A.C.A. 2-10-101 Arkansas Milk Stabilization Act
 - Research other states to determine how those states support their dairy farmers;
 - Investigate methods of milk production, dairy pricing, and support of the dairy industry;
 - Create and monitor a plan to assist Arkansas dairy farmers that would be equitable to all parties in the state dairy industry.
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 10 meetings

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

- Mission: Manage and protect Arkansas's water and land resources for the sustainability, health, safety, and economic benefit of the State of Arkansas.
- Membership: Nine members appointed by the Governor. At least two members must reside in each congressional district as the districts existed in 1985.
- Terms of Service: Seven-year terms.
- Statutory Authority:
 - Rulemaking
 - A.C.A. 15-20-201 et al. Arkansas Natural Resource Commission General Provisions.
 - A.C.A. 14-125-108, 14-125-109, 14-125-201 - 14-125-209, 14-125-301 - 14-125-306, 14-125-401 - 14-125-410, 14-125-901 - 14-125-907, Conservation Districts Law.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-901 et al. Arkansas Poultry Feeding Operations Registration Act.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1002 - 15-20-1008, Arkansas Soil Nutrient Management Planner and Applicator Act.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1101 et al. Arkansas Soil Nutrient Application and Poultry Litter Utilization Act.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1201 et al. Surplus Nutrient Removal Incentives Act.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1401 et al. Premium Biosolids Marketing Incentive Act.
 - A.C.A. 4-35-101 et al. Water Authority Act.

- A.C.A. 15-5-901 et al. Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund.
- A.C.A. 15-20-1301 et al. Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2007.
- A.C.A. 15-22-501 et al. Water Development Projects Generally.
- A.C.A. 15-22-601 et al. Arkansas Water Resources Development Act of 1981.
- A.C.A. 15-22-801 et al. Arkansas Water Resources Cost Share Financing Act.
- A.C.A. 15-22-201 et al. Allocation and Use Generally (including dams and protection of water or wastewater service areas).
- A.C.A. 15-22-701 et al. Arkansas Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities Act of 1987.
- A.C.A. 15-22-901 et al. Arkansas Groundwater Protection and Management Act.
- A.C.A. 15-22-1001 et al. Arkansas Wetlands Mitigation Bank Act.
- A.C.A. 15-22-1201 et al. Sparta Aquifer Critical Groundwater Counties' Remediation Act.
- A.C.A. 15-22-1201 et al. Sparta Aquifer Critical Groundwater Counties
- A.C.A. 15-24-101 et al. Flood Control.
- A.C.A. 26-51-1001 et al. Water Resource Conservation and Development Incentives Act.
- A.C.A. 26-51-1501 et al. Arkansas Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Tax Credits Act.
- Approval authority of grants, loans, bonds, tax incentives, and other financial assistance
 - A.C.A. 8-6-804, Bonds by Regional Solid Waste Management Districts.
 - A.C.A. 2-16-801 - 2-16-802, Annual assessment, interagency cooperation (thistles).
 - A.C.A. 15-5-901 et al. Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1801 et al. Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission Pooled Loan Securitization Act of 1995.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-1301 et al. Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2007.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-501 et al. Water Development Projects Generally.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-601 et al. Arkansas Water Resources Development Act of 1981.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-701 et al. Arkansas Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities Act of 1987.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-801 et al. Arkansas Water Resources Cost Share Financing Act.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-1101 et al. Safe Drinking Water Fund.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-1301 et al. Revenue Bonds for Water Resources.
 - A.C.A. 26-51-1501 et al. Arkansas Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Tax Credits Act.
 - A.C.A. 26-51-1001 et al. Water Resource Conservation and Development Incentives Act.
- Approval authority for the creation of certain public entities, development of plans and reports, and other activities
 - A.C.A. 14-208-101 et al. Valuation of Rural Water Service Properties and Facilities Upon Annexation. Commission approval of rural water service annexations.
 - A.C.A. 4-234-108. Cities of the first class—Sale or purchase of water to other municipalities. Commission input on the sale of ANRC-financed municipal waterworks.
 - A.C.A. 14-116-101 et al. and 14-116-501. Regional Water Distribution District Act. Approval of proposed water improvement project plan.
 - A.C.A. 14-234-119 et al. Waterworks and Water Supply, audits, agreed-upon procedures, and penalty provision.
 - A.C.A. 15-20-208. Authority to seek turnback funds from borrower 90 days in arrears.
 - A.C.A. 14-268-101. Flood Loss Prevention.
 - A.C.A. 15-22-1001 et al. Arkansas Wetlands Mitigation Bank Act.

- A.C.A. 15-22-301 et al. Determination of Water Use Requirements.
 - A.C.A. 15-57-315. Duties of operator (Division of Environmental Quality may approve operator's open cut mining reclamation plan based upon advice and technical assistance of ANRC).
- Reviews and approves license applications
 - See Attachment 1
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 20 regular meetings; 3 special-called meetings
 - Promulgated six rules
 - Reviewed approximately 231 licenses
 - State funded loans: 55
 - State funded grants: 62
 - SRF - Federal funded loans and loans with principal forgiveness: 110

Arkansas Seed Arbitration Committee

- Mission: Arbitrates claims of damage due to the defective agricultural seed or the mislabeling of agricultural seed.
- Membership: Six members and six alternates appointed by the Director of the State Plant Board, with one member and alternate appointed upon the recommendation of the President of the Arkansas Seed Growers Association, President of the Arkansas Seed Dealers Association, President of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and President of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas. Ex officio members are the Director of the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Director of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.
- Terms of Service: Four-year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A.2-23-101 Arbitration of Defective Seed Claims
 - Hold arbitrations
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - No arbitrations were held

Arkansas State Board of Registration for Foresters

- Mission: Licenses and registers foresters who are qualified, experienced, and maintain their continuing education, for the protection of private forest landowners.
- Membership: Six members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five members shall be foresters engaged in forestry for at least 12 years. One member shall be a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello School of Forest Resources, and one member shall be a consumer that is not actively engaged in or retired from the forestry profession. One member shall be nominated by each of the following:
 - Arkansas Forestry Association
 - Arkansas Forestry Commission
 - Provost of the University of Arkansas at Monticello from the School of Forest Resources' faculty or staff
 - Arkansas Division of the Ouachita Society of American Foresters
 - Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, Inc.
- Terms of Service: Five -year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A.17-31-101 State Board of Registration of Foresters Act
 - Rulemaking
 - License and register qualified foresters
 - Enforcement
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 20 meetings
 - Issued 11 new licenses
 - Renewed 431 licenses

Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers

- Mission: Provides registration, regulation, and examination of soil classifiers in Arkansas.
- Membership: Five members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate and in consultation with the Arkansas Association of Professional Soil Classifiers. One member is required to be a board member of a soil conservation district, one member will be from the public at large, and three members must be registered professional soil classifiers.
- Terms of Service: Five-year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 17-47-101 General Provisions, Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers
 - Rulemaking
 - Finder of fact at enforcement hearings
 - Reviews and approves endorsements and reciprocity license applications
 - Develops and administers license examinations
 - Reviews and approves continuing education programs
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held nine regular meetings and seven special-called meetings
 - Promulgated one rule
 - Renewed 35 licenses

Commission on Water Well Construction

- Mission: Licenses contractors, certifies water well drillers and pump installers, and provides oversight of technical water well construction rules for the development of underground water in an efficient, orderly, sanitary, reasonable, and safe manner.
- Membership: Seven members: the Secretary of the Department of Health; the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture; a person recommended by the Arkansas Heat Pump Association, the EnviroEnergy Group, or another ground water source industry association; two water well drillers located southeast of the fall line in Arkansas; and two water well drillers located southwest of the fall line.
- Terms of Service: Four-year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A.17-50-101 Arkansas Water Well Construction Act;
 - Rulemaking
 - Enforcement actions
 - Prepare subject matter for examinations for water well drillers and pump installers
 - Authorize the Department of Agriculture to hold certification examinations, grade examinations, and issue licenses.
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 30 regular meetings and one special-called meeting
 - Promulgated two rules
 - Eight enforcement actions
 - Issued or renewed 695 licenses (not tracked separately)

Litter Utilization Committee

- Mission: Facilitate utilization or removal of excess litter in nutrient surplus areas.
- Membership: No set number of members appointed by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission from poultry feeding operations, Department of Agriculture staff, and other persons knowledgeable in litter management.
- Terms of Service: No terms established
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 15-20-1110 Litter Utilization Committee – Arkansas Soil Nutrient Application and Poultry Litter Utilization Act
 - Facilitate utilization of litter or removal of excess litter in nutrient surplus areas

- Consider methods of removal, valuation of the litter, avenues of litter distribution, and alternative uses.
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Committee is inactive and no meetings were held

Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Committee

- Mission: Reviews applications for wetland and riparian zone creation and restoration tax credits, and for wetland and riparian zone conservation tax credits.
- Membership: Seven members as follows: Two members of the public appointed by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the State Forester, and the directors of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Division of Arkansas Heritage, and the Division of Environmental Quality.
- Terms of Service: No stated terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A.26-51-1501 Private Wetland and Riparian Zone Creation, Restoration, and Conservation Tax Credits
 - Provides recommendations on whether proposed projects meet eligibility requirements
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held two meetings

Ouachita River Commission

- Mission: Study, plan, and implement needed improvements or projects, or both, to and along the main stem of the Ouachita River in Dallas, Hot Spring, Clark, Ouachita, Calhoun, Union, Bradley, and Ashley Counties.
- Membership: Nine members appointed by the Governor; one each from Dallas County, Hot Spring County, Clark County, Ouachita County, Calhoun County, Union County, Bradley County, and Ashley County. The ninth member is the highest-ranking official of the Ouachita River Valley Association and a resident of Arkansas.
- Terms of Service: Seven-year terms
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 15-23-801 Ouachita River Commission
 - Study, plan, and implement needed improvement and/or projects to and along the main stem of the Ouachita River in Dallas, Hot Spring, Clark, Ouachita, Calhoun, Union, Bradley, and Ashley Counties.
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Unavailable

Red River Compact Commission

Note: The transfer of the Red River Compact Commission, rather than the Arkansas Red River Commission, to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture in the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 was a technical error. The Red River Compact Commission was established by federal law and is not a state entity. The Arkansas Red River Commission is a state entity with authority to petition local circuit courts for the establishment of improvement districts along the Red River in Arkansas.

- Mission: Promote interstate comity among each of the four member states (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana) by governing use, control, and distribution of the interstate water of the Red River and its tributaries.
- Membership: Two representatives from each signatory state, designated/appointed in accordance with the laws of each state, and one Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States. Arkansas's representatives are the Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture and a second member residing within the basin of the Red River who is appointed by the Governor.
- Terms of Service: Seven-year terms
- Statutory Authority: PL 96-564 (1980), 94 Stat.3305
- Key Results:
 - Unavailable

State Plant Board

- Mission: Protect and serve citizens and agricultural and business communities by providing information and unbiased enforcement of laws and regulations.
- Membership: 16 voting members and two non-voting members. Membership includes:
 - Two (2) non-voting members designated by the Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas or his or her designee;
 - A practical cotton grower, actively engaged in the business, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Plant Food Association, actively engaged in the business, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - A practical rice grower, actively engaged in the business, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - A practical horticulturist, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas State Horticultural Society;
 - A nurseryman, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas Green Industry Association;
 - A practical seed grower, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas Seed Growers Association;
 - A pest control operator, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas Pest Management Association, Inc.;
 - A seed dealer, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas Seed Dealers' Association;
 - One (1) member representing the Arkansas Bureau of Standards to be appointed by the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association;
 - A pesticide manufacturer, actively engaged in the business, to be elected by the Arkansas Crop Protection Association Inc.;
 - One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association, to be elected by the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association;
 - One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Forestry Association, to be elected by the Arkansas Forestry Association;
 - Two (2) farmers actively and principally engaged in farming in this state, appointed by the Governor;
 - One (1) representative of the livestock industry, actively engaged in the business, to be appointed by the Governor; and
 - One (1) representative of the forage industry, actively engaged in the business, to be appointed by the Governor.
- Terms of Service: Members appointed by the Governor serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members appointed by an association serve at the pleasure of the association.
- Statutory Authority:
 - Rulemaking and enforcement authority:
 - A.C.A. 2-5-201 Commercial Bait and Ornamental Fish Act
 - A.C.A. 2-6-101 Arkansas Catfish Processor Fair Practices Act of 1987
 - A.C.A. 2-15-201 Arkansas Rice Certification Act
 - A.C.A. 2-15-401 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Act
 - A.C.A. 2-16-201 Arkansas Plant Act of 1917
 - A.C.A. 2-16-301 Arkansas Emergency Plant Act of 1921
 - A.C.A. 2-16-401 Arkansas Pesticide Control Act
 - A.C.A. 2-16-601 Arkansas Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication Act
 - A.C.A. 2-17-201 Arkansas Public Grain Warehouse Law
 - A.C.A. 2-18-101 Seed Certification
 - A.C.A. 2-19-201 Fertilizer
 - A.C.A. 2-19-301 Arkansas Agricultural Liming Materials Act
 - A.C.A. 2-19-401 Soil Amendment Act of 1977
 - A.C.A. 2-20-701 Ginseng
 - A.C.A. 2-21-101 Arkansas Nursery Fraud Act of 1919
 - A.C.A. 2-22-101 Apiary
 - A.C.A. 2-23-101 Seed arbitration

- A.C.A. 2-24-101 Arkansas Grain Dealers Act
 - A.C.A. 2-37-101 Arkansas Feed Law of 1997
 - A.C.A. 4-18-301 Weights and Measures
 - A.C.A. 4-108-201 Fuels and Lubricants
 - A.C.A. 8-7-1201 Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide Disposal Act
 - A.C.A. 17-13-101 Agricultural Consultants Licensing Act of 1987
 - A.C.A. 17-37-101 Arkansas Pest Control Law.
 - A.C.A. 20-20-201 Arkansas Pesticide Use and Application Act
 - A.C.A. 20-61-101 Foreign Fish
- Review and approve license applications
 - See Attachment 1
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 20 regular meetings and 20 special-called meetings
 - Promulgated 25 rules, including six emergency rules
 - Repealed five rules
 - Approved 1,032 enforcement actions
 - Reviewed 2,205 new licenses and 16,255 license renewals

Veterinary Medical Examining Board

- Mission: Administer the veterinary statutes with the highest degree of integrity, competency, and efficiency, commensurate with the professional standards of veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- Membership: Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - Four (4) Arkansas-licensed veterinarians who are in good standing and members of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, are graduates of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine or holders of an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certificate, and have been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine in Arkansas and have at least five (5) years of experience in the practice of veterinary medicine.
 - One (1) public member who is a resident of Arkansas and has reached the age of majority. The public member cannot be, or have ever been, a veterinarian or the spouse of a veterinarian, or a person who has ever had any material financial interest in the provision of veterinarian services, or who has engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- Terms of Service: Five-year terms
- Regulatory Authority: A.C.A. 17-101-101 Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act
 - Rulemaking
 - Finder of fact at enforcement hearings
 - Reviews and approves license applications
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Held 24 regular meetings and 19 special-called meetings
 - Promulgated two rules
 - 41 enforcement actions

Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee

- Mission: Acts as a consultant to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission in the administration of the rules related to wetlands mitigation banks.
- Membership: Five members consisting of the Directors of the Arkansas Game and Fish, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Division of Arkansas Heritage, the Division of Environmental Quality, and two public members with expertise in aquatic resources ecology appointed by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.
- Terms of Service: no stated terms of service
- Statutory Authority: A.C.A. 15-22-1001 Arkansas Wetlands Mitigation Bank Act
 - Provide review of and comment on proposed wetland mitigation sites
- Key Results 2015-2019:
 - Committee is currently inactive

After a thorough analysis of boards, commissions, etc. within your department, identify key opportunities you would propose for more effective operations, improved services, and/or efficiencies.

Further research and discussion may be needed about the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Committee, Commission on Water Well Construction, Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee, Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board, State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers, and the Litter Utilization Committee due to changed circumstances, overlapping responsibilities, and activity levels.

Identify any obstacles to the implementation of these proposals.

None identified at this time.

What would be key action steps for these proposals?

None identified at this time.

Additional thoughts/comments: