



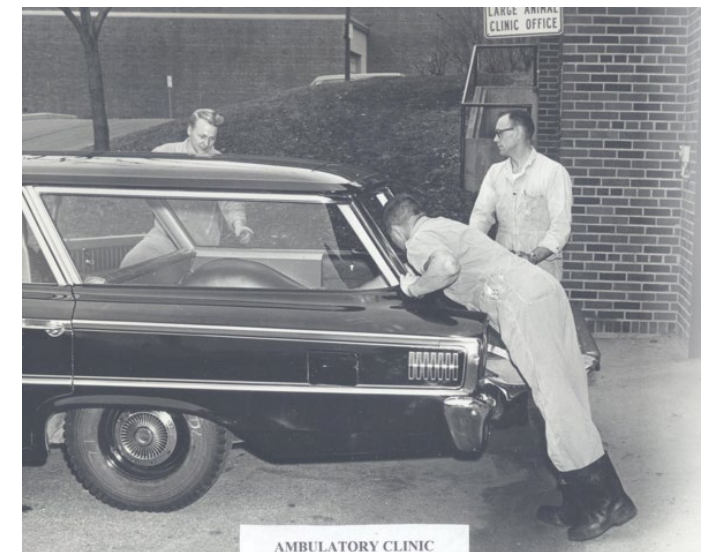
Overview: Board of Animal Health

Beth Thompson | State Veterinarian

Board History

- 1903 Livestock Sanitary Board
- Local Boards of health required to cooperate with Livestock Sanitary Board
- Chief of Veterinary Division of the UMN was included as a member

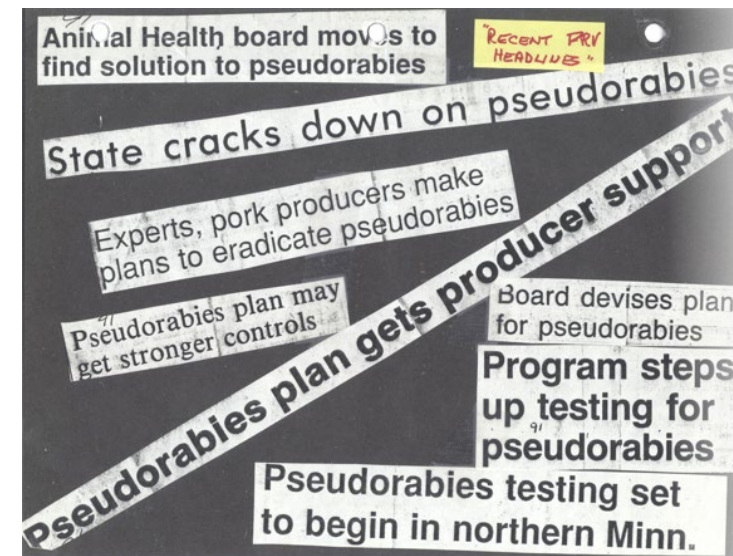
State Veterinarian and Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board. In its history, seven have served in this position.



Board History

Initial salaries: \$2400 for state vet, \$21 for field vets

Appropriation from general fund: \$19,000 + \$2500 to operate UMN Vet Department



Cooperating state agencies and others

- UMN-VDL, UMN-CVM, DNR, USDA and other agencies, colleges and individuals
- Dept of Ag is a key partner
 - Transboundary and foreign animal disease response
- Dept of Health continued to be integral
 - Diagnostics for animal diseases were carried out at MDH
 - Continued work together – zoonotic and other diseases of concern



2022 Board work

- Six member citizen Board
- 40 staff
- Two locations, with field staff throughout the state

Work includes: Exhibitions, equine programs, markets, foreign and transboundary disease, swine programs, carcass disposal, companion animal programs, biosecurity assistance, Cervidae programs, emergency planning, veterinarian training, inspections, poultry programs, sheep and goats, community engagement on animal health, traceability, state and federal partnerships, cattle programs, secure food supply planning

