

**ADMB Meeting  
January 18, 2022  
Zoom Teleconference**

**Members Present:** Doug Miyamoto (Co-Chair), Mike Foster, Ron Cunningham, Bob Harlan, Garrett Falkenburg, Gay Lynn Byrd, Bob Phillips, Jeff Boner, Amanda Hulett, Tyler Abbot,

**Board Members Absent:** Brian Nesvik (Co-Chair), Brett Belden, Russ Bacon, Lori Armstrong,

**WDA Staff:** Jerald Johnson, J.D. Sater

**Public in Attendance:** Alex Hargrave(Buffalo Bulletin)

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am

Doug entertained a motion to approve agenda Amanda moved, Gay Lynn second, Motion passed

Doug entertained a motion to approve November 4th minutes as amended. Jeff moved, Gay Lynn seconded, Motion carried.

**Update on Wolf compensation program**

Jerry gave update that he had only received 1 application for compensation to date and had helped 3 other landowners with the application.

Jerry also gave update that the counties were completing their trappers' reports for 2021.

Doug updated the board on the Contract service agreement between WDA, ADMB, and USDA/WS and that USDA/WS will include the county trapper's reports in the WS agreements with the BLM. Doug informed the board that the reports are being compiled by Jerry, and that the ADMB would be providing guidance to the WDA and that WDA will be paying the cost to WS. Jeff made motion was made that the board should sign the agreement and the county reports supplied to WS. Amanda second. Motion carried.

Mike Foster gave update on their aerial program, they will now have 2 full time pilots 2 part time pilots and 1 helicopter pilot. They are working on contracting with more pilots to help cover the State.

**Public Comments**

No comments from public

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Harlan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

**Animal Damage Management Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 17, 2022 & Wednesday, May 18, 2022**  
**Casper Regional Game & Fish Office**  
**Casper, Wyoming**

Call to order 9:05 a.m. – Co-chair

**Board Members Present:**

Co-Chair Representative Kent Drake

Co-chair Brian Nesvik

Amanda Hulet

Brett Belden

Mike Foster

Aaron Voos Forest service

Ron Cunningham

Bob Philips

Garret Falkenburg

Bob Harlan

Jeff Boner

Bob Philips

**Board Members Absent:** Gay Lynn Byrd, Tyler Abbot, Valori Armstrong

**WDA Support Staff:** Ashley Endress, JD Sater

**Public Attendees:** various County Board members

Garret Falkenburg moved to approve minutes from the January meeting, Jeff Boner seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry Johnson discussed wolf funding, rabies funding, and PMD funding.

Brian Nesvik moved to approve \$160,000 (\$80,000/year) allocation to USDA/Wildlife Services contract, and \$20,000 for the biennium to the Wyoming State Vet lab for the rabies contract, Garret Falkenburg seconded. Motion carried.

**Presentations**

*Goshen County: Jim Angel and Brady Smith USDA Wildlife Services (WS), Stan Smith, Board*  
*Request: \$30,000*

They have one person on the ground in the area for predator control. Seven WS employees worked in the county last year. Turkey vultures are an increasing nuisance species. The district would like to add a part time employee to help in busier times and with special projects. Thermal imaging will be a heavier focus this year.

*Carbon County: Josh Peterson, , Sharon O'Tolle, Board and Luke Spanbauer* *Request: \$218,150*

70% traditional work, 30% non-traditional, ravens, magpies, crows, skunks, feral cats, raccoons, disease surveillance. Dan Bragg retired last year and Ben Acres is a new replacement. Ben is working through the summer. Carbon County has completed 7 wildlife projects and will be submitting a new project application. Three wolf sightings and Colorado collaring a wolf south of Encampment. Livestock producers have concerns with the trend in Colorado and seeing more wolves along I-80. County wide antelope numbers are down. Difficulty getting plane due to weather and competition from other county boards.

*Weston County: Carson Keeline, Allen Slagle, Board and Kassie Swartz (bookkeeper), and Brad Troftgruben, WS* **Request: \$115,000**

Coyote numbers are steady and small prey base is very limited. 95% traditional program, and the balance is non-traditional, raccoon, turkey vultures, very few skunks. Hard to get a plane when they need one.

*Albany County: Joel Moody, WS, Todd Slagel, Board* **Request: \$135,000**

Coyote numbers are up and losses have been steady, approximately \$45,000 loss to livestock and \$30,000 loss to ravens at lime plant and in the city. No current wildlife projects with Game and Fish. More producers have been added with agreements. Have had three golden eagles removed. Fixed wing competitive to get with fewer planes available. Working hard to keep cooperators happy with service as they depend upon the service provided. Wolves may become an issue due to Colorado's proximity and control.

*Campbell County: Kevin Geis, Board, Calvin Taylor (trapper), Kenda Ford (bookkeeper)* **Request: \$165,000**  
**Rabies: \$15,000**

Coyote numbers are steady, program working well and would like to continue as we are. They have three trappers who also do rabies work. They have limited their trapper days to balance the budget. 41 skunks tested with 12 positive, two human contact cases. Crows and ravens are more of an issue. They use mainly private pilots so they have been ok getting aerial help.

*Uinta County: Steve Sims, Wade Larsen, Board* **Request: \$205,000**

Private contract trapper program seems to be working well with quicker response time. Eagle problems are worse than in the past. Some trapping of eagles for relocation has occurred. They currently have a new trapper and a part time denner. They also use private contractors for aerial hunting.

*Big Horn County: Randall Jones, Kay Neves, Board, and Mike Burrell, WS* **Request: \$173,461**

Currently, they have one and a half full time trapper and the half time is shared with Washakie County PMD. The half time trapper spends more than one half of the time in Big Horn County. Livestock protection is primary focus on coyote. Dry conditions have pushed coyotes down to water sources. A little raven work has been done when time allows. They do have eagles but have not had depredation issues.

*Park County: Regan Smith, Breanne Theil, Board and Mike Burrell, Monty Nicholson, WS*

**Request: \$86,925**

Park County has one and ½ trappers with the half time trapper, primarily working as a gunner. They are seeing wolf depredation earlier this year than normal. With more people on the landscape, predator management gets to be more challenging. They have been working on a Clarks Fork mule deer winter project that was not funded by ADMB but has been successful.

*Crook County: Fonzy Haskel* **Request: \$150,000**

Currently have three private contract trappers that address traditional and non-traditional predator work. They are getting more people getting into the sheep business in the county. They also use two private contract pilots/gunners for aerial work. Livestock and preventative control are their primary focus.

*Sheridan County: John Auzqui, Kellen Little, Board*

*Request: \$173,053*

*Rabies: \$20,000*

They provided some population numbers in the county for eagles, pronghorn and mule deer shared by Game and Fish. For rabies mitigation they hired two trappers to remove skunks. Thirty-nine skunks were sent to the vet lab for testing and 21% came back positive for rabies. They have one trapper now. City of Sheridan is helping with funding. They are also asking the smaller towns to help with funding.

*Fremont County: Rob Croft, Beth Evans, Allen Sinner, Gloria Philp, Tracy Frye WS*

*Request: \$190,000*

Seventy-two percent of county acreage is covered with agreements. 116 private landowner agreements in the county. They have a large county and could use more money. 41 individuals inside the reservation also have agreements. They have a large population of cow calf operations. They also do some human health and safety. Wolf depredation has been pretty quiet as of late. They also do a seasonal bounty program.

### **Open to Public Comment.**

No public comment from Zoom participants

Amy Hendrickson provided comment on PMD presentations and zoom participation.

Meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Garrett Falkenburg moved to adjourn, Jeff Boner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

Called to order– 8:01 a.m. by Co-Chair Representative Kent drake, WDA

### **Presentations continued.**

*Natrona County: T.K. Atkinson, Board, Brian Olsen (G&F)*

*Request: \$195000*

The plan is the same as in the past. Currently have 3 trappers. The challenge this year was to complete the mule deer projects and not able to get aerial help on BLM ground. The projects include the Bates Hole project and another project in the north end of the county. They will be requesting continuation of these projects.

*Converse County: Tim Pexton, Casey Tillard, Board and Bradley Netz, Gene Heckel, trappers*

*Request: \$251,411*

They have 2 full time trappers and one part-time trapper and a bookkeeper. One of the largest sheep producing counties in the state. They estimate they lost 5,000 lambs last year. Hard to get WS aerial help due to BLM situation and other county demand. Trappers work hard and have been dealing with challenges managing coyotes in a lot of sheep flocks with limited rodent and rabbit populations. Ravens have not been a large problem since the Glenrock animal dump has been closed.

*Johnson County: Pete Camino, Dave Hall, TJ Tavegie, Board*

*Request: \$170,000  
Rabies: \$15,000*

Currently have two trappers, and two rabies mitigation trappers, private and WS aerial use. Mountain lions and bears are worse than in the past. Ravens have been a problem in the south end of the county and they have been working with WS on control efforts. Rabies – one trapper in Kaycee and one in Buffalo. Buffalo had an influx of skunks this fall so they did work in the town rather than just working on the outskirts. Request is the same as it has been for the last three years. They have worked to be efficient over time with 4% in administrative costs, they use contract trappers, and about \$1700 in inventory. They make decisions on data that they have collected over the years. Have had an outfitter/producer fund for the last three years. This year is the largest contribution with \$11,000. Also, working with the conservation district, working groups, and weed and pest in mapping sage grouse areas.

*Hot Springs County: Jack Baird, Josh Longwell, Board, Mike Burrell, WS*

*Request: \$203,983*

Currently have two specialists, and a plane based in Worland. Majority of the work is in livestock protection. Owl Creek drainage is a challenge with wolf and bear influx. One board member has provided thermal scopes to the two specialists.

*Niobrara County: Arlene York Kitson Boldon, Board*

*Request: \$165,000*

Nothing has changed in the program. They have 2 trappers. They take care of the entire county and some across other county borders. Not many sheep in the county and seeing more losses by cattle producers. They have been spending down their surplus. Their trappers have never received a raise but are very dedicated to the county and the program. Only 4.4% of the budget goes to administration and they do not carry any inventory items. They have a balanced program with both aerial and ground work, however would like to have more availability on air time (fixed wing).

*Washakie County: Rolly Redland, Kent Lamm Board and Mike Burrell, WS*

*Request: \$156,000*

They have one and ½ specialists. They also work on raccoon and skunk work as well. The county has decrease aerial work to save funds. They have continued with deer project with coyote removal on south end of Big Horns. They have submitted another mule deer project in Washakie County for consideration. Due to budget cuts, have submitted a lower budget to the ADMB

*Sweetwater County: Eric Berg, Jim Burnett, Gary Zakotnik, Board*

*Request: \$145,000*

Sweetwater County has been wintering sheep, therefore not receiving much from predator fees. Currently have a couple contract part-time trappers. They have not done much aerial due to funding. A large area of public land and not much buy-in of private land/producers that winter their livestock in Sweetwater County.

*Lincoln County: Jon Child, Board and Steve Moyles, WS*

*Request: \$171,000*

Work in Lincoln County is traditional work for livestock protection, with 25 herds of sheep (27,500 head). Some work in the fall and winter in Sweetwater County for the protection of sheep of Lincoln County producers. Coyote numbers were up mainly due to lack of helicopter and not much snow this winter. Lincoln County is in migratory corridors for deer and antelope and these are in cattle and sheep

wintering areas. Work relationships with Game and Fish, Forest Service, and private trappers and pilots is good. They have one WS specialist and two part time private contract trappers

Jerry Johnson presented funds available for this year's allocations. \$2,738,000 is available for allocations. The board discussed funding allocations.

**Rabies: \$36,000 to allocate.**

Mike Foster moved to allocate \$12,000 to each county, Brett Belden 2<sup>nd</sup>, after discussion Jeff Boner made an amendment to allocate \$10,000 to Campbell, \$14,000 to Sheridan, and \$12,000 to Johnson. Garrett Falkenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PMD: \$2,738,000 to allocate.**

Mike Foster moved the following allocation. Jeff Boner seconded. Motion Failed.

Albany \$105,000  
Big Horn \$135,000  
Campbell \$165,000  
Carbon \$165,000  
Converse \$180,000  
Crook \$146,000  
Fremont \$180,000  
Goshen \$30,000  
Hot Springs \$175,000  
Johnson \$170,000  
Lincoln \$165,000  
Natrona \$185,000  
Niobrara \$155,000  
Park \$86,925  
Sheridan \$125,000  
Sweetwater \$145,000  
Uinta \$180,000  
Washakie \$135,000  
Weston \$105,000

It was suggested to obtain livestock numbers by county, and to consider implement a scoring matrix.

It was suggested to implement a 3.54% increase due to inflation based on 2021 allocation and put into column F.

Jeff Boner moved to allocate funds based on column F. Garrett Falkenburg seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Harlan moved to reallocate \$30,000 to Goshen County and \$86,925 to Park County. Jeff Boner seconded. Motion carried.

Jeff Boner moved to reallocate \$171,000 to Lincoln County. Bob Harlan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Harlan moved to reallocate \$124,894 to Sweetwater County. Ron Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Harlan moved to reallocate \$10,000 from Lincoln County and Uinta County to give Carbon County an additional \$20,000. Mike Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Question called to vote on main motion to approve column F as amended Motion carried.  
The final allocation in column F is shown below:

Albany \$103,540  
Big Horn \$139,779  
Campbell \$160,487  
Carbon \$170,133  
Converse \$186,372  
Crook \$139,779  
Fremont \$186,372  
Goshen \$30,000  
Hot Springs \$191,549  
Johnson \$155,310  
Lincoln \$161,000  
Natrona \$186,372  
Niobrara \$158,416  
Park \$86,925  
Sheridan \$129,425  
Sweetwater \$124,894  
Uinta \$181,549  
Washakie \$139,779  
Weston \$103,540

Public Comment: No public comment

Meeting Adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

**ADMB Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**8:00 AM**  
**G&F Office at 3030 Energy Ln**  
**Casper, WY 82604**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug Miyamoto, Brian Nesvik, Brett Belden, Gay Lynn Byrd, Mike Foster, Tyler Abbott, Ron Cunningham, Bob Phillips, Garrett Falkenburg, Bob Harlan, Jeff Boner

**WDA Staff in Attendance:** Kent Drake, JD Sater, Ashley Endress, Jerry Johnson

**Public in Attendance:** Amy Hendrickson

Public on Zoom in Attendance: Greg Hiatt, Phil Damm, Aly Courtemanch, Clint Atkinson, Sean Yancey; other PMD members online

The meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Doug Miyamoto.

Brian Nesvick moved to approve the minutes from May 17-18th, 2022. Mike Foster seconded. Motion carried.

An update on wildlife service contract agreement was provided.

An update on Vet lab agreement was provided.

**Project Proposals (w/ Updates)**

**Gros Ventre Elk and Wolf Interaction Project Final presentation** – *A. Courtemanch*

The Jackson elk herd is essential to the local community. The elk herd has decreased from trends in 1995, but has since stabilized over the last five years. Other trends were presented such as mortality rates and locations where elk winterize. The goal is to keep the elk population around 11,000.

**Wyoming Stewardship Project, Educator Workshops 22-23** – *J. Dafoe, R. West*

A brief overview was given on the stewardship project and educator workshops.

**Natrona County. Raven Removal** – *T.K. Atkinson and B. Harlan*

A presentation was given on the raven issue in Natrona County.

**Coyote Removal to Enhance Bates Hole Mule Deer Fawn Survival** – *T.K. Atkinson and B. Harlan*

A presentation was given on methods used to remove coyotes and control their populations.

**Converse County. Sand and Sage Cr. Mule Deer** – *C. Tillard, B.*

A presentation was given on mule deer and the effects on the habit in Converse County.

**Carbon County Coyote Removal to Enhance South Ferris Antelope Survival** – *J. Peterson*

A presentation was given on methods of coyote removal in Carbon County and how their removal affects South Ferris antelope.

**Carbon County Coyote Removal to Enhance Baggs Mule Deer Fawn Survival** – *K. Olson, P. Damm, J. Peterson*

A presentation was given on coyote removal in Carbon County and how it has helped the Baggs mule deer fawn population.

**Large Carnivore-Livestock Depredation Prevention and Control** – *D. Smith, B. Debolt*

A presentation was given on patterns for grizzly bear and wolf depredation. Four different hypotheses were discussed along with the test results.

**Upper Green River Large Carnivore Monitoring Study – C. Atkinson**

A presentation was given on the Upper Green River Cattle monitoring project.

**Evaluating Best Practices for Relocating Golden Eagles - N.Bickford, K. Amicarelle**

A presentation was given on best practices for relocating Golden Eagles. Successful relocation practices will have the potential to alleviate human/wildlife conflict.

**Fremont County Sweetwater Rocks Mule Deer Project – R. Crofts**

A presentation was given on the Sweetwater Rocks mule deer project.

**Wahakie County Coyote Removal on Mule Deer Fawning Grounds to Protect Basin Mule Deer Herd (units 125-127)**

A presentation was given on the mule deer fawning grounds in Washakie County. Tactics to control and remove coyotes in the area were discussed.

**Sweetwater County Enhanced Predator Control Sheep and Wildlife Application – J.**

*Burnett*

A presentation was given on the sheep in Sweetwater County and how control of coyotes after the sheep leave for the winter would be beneficial to wildlife.

**Johnson County Predator/Sage Grouse Study Project – P. Camino**

A presentation was given on the Predator Sage Grouse study project.

**Uinta County Mule Deer Predator Control – J. Short**

A presentation was given on the mule deer predator control project. Mule deer population is still below the WGFD objectives. Multiple factors have contributed to this low number.

**Wyoming Range Project Request for Extension Due to Lack of Equipment Availability –  
*K. Monteith***

A presentation was given on the Wyoming range project. An extension was requested due to a lack of equipment availability. Brian Nesvick moved to approve a one-year extension for this project. Mike Foster seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment / Board Comment**

Doug recognized the service of Amy Hendrickson, as the Executive Director of the Wyoming Wool Growers and her upcoming retirement.

**Discussion and Determination of Grant Awards**

**Governor Emergency Funds** – It was moved to approve the allocation to the 19 participating county PMDs as presented. Seconded. Motion carried.

Doug Miyamoto moved to approve the \$188,000 in allocations as presented on the spreadsheet. Bob Harlan seconded..

Bob Harlan moved to amend the main motion to reduce the Converse County project to \$17,500 and provide \$2,500 of Department of Agriculture Funds to the Wyoming Stewardship project.. Brian seconded the motion. The Amendment carried.

Bob Phillips moved to amend the main motion to reduce the Golden Eagles project to \$20,000 and provide \$20,000 to the Fremont County project. Doug seconded the motion. The Amendment carried.

Jeff Boner moved to amend the main motion and provide \$21,000 of funding for the Sweetwater County project. Ron Cunningham seconded the motion. The Amendment carried.

The main motion was then carried.

Doug recognized the service of Kent Drake, WDA Technical Services Manager to the ADMB and his upcoming retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM.

**ADMB Meeting  
November 9, 2022  
Zoom Teleconference**

**Members Present:** Doug Miyamoto (Co-Chair), Amanda Hulet, Brady Smith (WS), Ron Cunningham, Bob Harlan, Bob Phillips, Garret Falkenburg, Gay Lynn Byrd, Jeff Boner, Brett Belden Tyler Abbot (USFWS), Phil Osterli (USFS)

**Board Members Absent:** Brian Nesvik (Co-Chair), Doug Mayes (BLM)

**WDA Staff:** Jerry Johnson, J D Sater

**Public in Attendance:** Myrna Miller, Trevor Walch Predator corp., Marc Cooke (wolves of the rockies)

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Doug Miyamoto

Amanda moved to approve June 2022 minutes as provided, Garrett second, Motion carries

### **Rabies Testing Update**

Dr. Myrna Miller shared there is no cost for anyone submitting samples and gave the progress of recent rabies cases across the state for 2022, there were 423 animals tested with 12 positive results, with most cases were in the northern part of the State. There was a positive case for a Bull in Sheridan County and a Cow in Campbell county in 2022 with both having human exposure. There was also a child exposure case with a bat in Lincoln County; the Department of Health was notified for the contact tracing for human exposure. Dr. Miller shared the importance of keeping the brain intact of all samples sent in to the vet lab.

Jerry shared that the department had printed 10,000 brochures and that Sheridan and Johnson County had distributed around 4500 brochures during their rabies education event at their county fairs.

### **Wolf Management Update**

Mike Foster has retired and Director Miyamoto thanked him for his service. Brady Smith was sitting in for Mike and reported for the period between October, 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 Wildlife Service's wolf control consisted of the following: 12 wolves were removed in the predator zone having caused verified livestock damage as follows: 36 lambs, 8 ewes, 11 calves, 3 cows. The total cost of this control was \$85,964 and in the \$14,240 in the Trophy zone where 3 cows were killed and 6 wolves were removed. WS had a total of 131 aerial hours of wolf control.

## **Program Updates**

Grants and Special projects: The WDA has had issues with the grants not being delivered and has decided that all grants going forward will be tracked to ensure that the Districts receive their funding as quickly as possible.

Wolf Compensation Update: Jerry Johnson shared that the compensation program received 4 claims totaling \$22,270.42, and he then stated that there been a few inquiries on filling out the application and that most did not send in an application even after a reminder of funding still being available.

### **Set meeting dates for 2023:**

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 10am Zoom

May 17<sup>th</sup> 9am - 18th 8am 2023 Casper live and Zoom

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 9am Casper live and Zoom

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 10am Zoom

Bob made motion to accept the dates as changed by discussion, Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

## **Public Comments**

Marc Cooke with Wolves of the Rockies introduced himself and his organizations willingness to work with all parties for wolf control in Wyoming.

No further business

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 by Doug Miyamoto