

**ANIMAL DAMAGE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Wyoming Game and Fish conference room, Casper, Wyoming**  
**April 28, 2004**

**Board Administrators and Members Present:** John Etchepare, Terry Cleveland, Hank Uhden, Dick Staiger, Niels Hansen, Raymon Turk, Rod Krischke, Kerry Powers, Brad Boner, Ben Lamb, Dan McCarron, Dave Roberts, Helen Jones, Linda Moberg, and Dominic Domenici.

**Members Absent:** Jane Darnell

**Public and Guests:** Gene Hardy B Converse County PAB, Tom Jones B Johnson County PAB, Jason Marsden B WY Conservation Voters Education Fund, Amber Travsky B Real West, Bob Wharff B Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife, Cole Benton B Sheridan County PAB, Jim Kintz B K-Tech Labs, Sonny Porter B K-Tech Labs, Ralph Foster B Sheridan County PAB, Scott Talbott - Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by co-chair J Etchepare at 10:10. D Domenici asked to be moved up on the agenda to speak before lunch. The agenda with the change was approved. B Boner moved and seconded by D McCarron to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2004, meeting.

*Survey Proposal:* H Uhden presented discussion for the Wyoming Agricultural Statistics Service to continue to conduct a cattle predator loss survey and report in conjunction with the sheep loss survey and report every year. The Business Council contract total amount is \$26,000. The cost of the cattle survey is \$8,000 and the sheep survey is \$2,000. The Business Council requests that ADMB supplement \$4,000 for the cattle survey. D Staiger moved and H Jones seconded a motion for ADMB to sponsor up to \$4,000 annually to fund the cattle survey. Motion amended by D Staiger to fund in the month of July annually. Motion as amended was approved.

*K-Tech Labs/University of WY B Jim Kintz/Steve Horn:* In the absence of S Horn, J Kintz presented the use of a predation device called RM2 Persuader, which is a beta unit. The use of the unit for 30-60 days at a site produces valuable information for S Horn to compile a report to bring back to the Board. RM2 Persuader would use a minimum of ten coyotes from July through September. It is a non-lethal, humane and acceptable method and does not require hearing protection. The projected cost is \$580.00 per unit. S Horn will submit a proposal for the Board's review at the July 2004 meeting in Casper. D Staiger proposed that an avenue where somehow the Board's money to K-Tech gets back to the Board. Also L Moberg asked about a unit for municipalities.

*Sheridan County Predatory Animal Board B Cole Benton:* Would like to propose an antelope and deer classification study - 160,000 - 240,000 acre study for \$6,000 per year. C Benton has received permission from the landowners involved in the test area already. Also

said that Terry Cram from the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. in Sheridan will volunteer his services to assist in the study. C Benton will bring this proposal to the Board in July.

*Contract Retention (1 additional year) Real West Natural Resource Consulting:* H Uhden introduced Amber Travsky. She requests a 4<sup>th</sup> year for monitoring work in Carbon, Weston, Niobrara counties. Questions followed. D Staiger asked her to look at other species in those areas and she stated that she has been looking at sage grouse numbers declining. T Cleveland stated that West Nile Virus was a large factor in those numbers declining. A Travsky will present the final report to the Board in April 2005. N Hansen moved and seconded by B Lamb to renew contract for 1 year. Motion carried.

*Wolf Trespass situation:* D Domenici presented the situation on the Mike Jimenez trespass case. M Jimenez has been charged by the County Attorney with trespass and littering. Jimenez darted the wolves believing he was on public land, the helicopter landed on a public road. The wolves were then dragged off the public road onto private land a few feet from the road. Jimenez was contacted by one of the land owners and was not asked to leave.

*Lunch.*

*ADMB Stamp Discussion:*

*Design:* D Staiger presented pictures of the Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep and R Krischke presented a print of Bighorn Sheep. The Stamp Committee (B Boner, R Krischke, B Lamb, L Moberg and D Staiger) will present the design at the July meeting. Consensus was for the committee to proceed.

*Terminology:* By statute the name of the stamp must stay the same.

*Continuance:* By statute the stamp must continue to be sold. The Board felt that the public is not aware of the stamp and more publicity needs to be done. At this time the cost is \$2,500 per year with a net loss of \$2,000 per year. The stamp is voluntary and this is probably the major concern for the stamp not selling. License selling agents have not in the past promoted the stamp but now with the Legislative action for selling agents to receive 0.50 cents on the each stamp sold, this may increase the number of stamps sold. N Hansen moved and seconded by H Jones to establish a budget of \$6,000 to the Stamp Committee for advertising. After discussion, motion amended by D Staiger and seconded by B Lamb to budget \$15,000. After discussion amended motion withdrawn. R Krischke moved to amend motion back to \$6,000 seconded by N Hansen. Motion carried.

N Hansen moved and seconded by L Moberg to approach the Legislature to give ADMB authority to give license selling agents \$2.00 on every stamp. After discussion, motion amended by N Hansen and seconded by H Jones to give 0.50 cents more to the license selling agents. Discussion followed. Motion called for vote B 2 yes, the rest no. Motion failed. Discussion followed. In summary, since the Legislature approved 0.50 cents to license selling agents effective January 1, 2005, the Board will not proceed to increase this amount and also the Board will fund \$6,000 to the Stamp Committee for advertising.

2:10 p.m. Channel 13 News appeared for a short time. T Cleveland was interviewed.

*2004 Legislative Session:* H Uhden reviewed the ADMB budget. 18 counties are participating in PAB cost share program.

Rabies - \$5,000 went to Wildlife Services for surveillance work.

\$23,381.00 in the budget will revert back to the General Fund by July 1. Discussion followed for the use of these funds. T Cleveland moved and seconded by Linda Moberg to encumber \$23,381.00 and use the money in such a manner that is beneficial to the rabies program.

Motion carried.

ADMB must approach the legislature each fiscal year for the \$180,000 rabies funds.

Wolf legislation B T Cleveland stated there were 2 bills before the legislature and both failed.

*Wrap Up B Student Intern Articles:* Student intern, Kyla Cochran, contract reviewed by L. Moberg. Five articles by June 30 and a 6<sup>th</sup> article will be published contingent on the Board's approval. Discussion followed with suggestions that a 6<sup>th</sup> article be done and do a 7<sup>th</sup> article on the new design of the stamp. H Jones agreed to work on the 4<sup>th</sup> article with K Cochran. Also T Cleveland suggested that K Cochran contact John Emmerich and Tom Christiansen of the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. for information for the 4<sup>th</sup> article. The issue with the Casper Star Tribune was discussed. L Moberg moved and seconded by D McCarron to approve a 6<sup>th</sup> article by K Cochran. Motion carried.

*Wolverines:* D Staiger presented pictures of wolverines on the Teton project.

*ADMB money to buy stamps:* H Uhden will investigate if the ADMB has authority to fund money to purchase the ADMB stamp for resell.

**Next Meeting:** July 7, 2004, Wednesday at the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. Casper Regional Office at 8:00 a.m.

*Public Comment:* none.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.