

ANIMAL DAMAGE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

Mary Mead Wing, University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

October 23, 2003

Board Members Present: John Etchepare, Greg Arthur, Dominic Dominici, Rod Krischke, Ben Lamb, Helen Jones, Dave Roberts, Linda Moberg, Niels Hansen, Brad Boner, and Jane Darnell.

Board Members Absent: Dan McCarron, Dick Staiger, Raymon Turk, and Jerry Sanders.

Board Administrators Present: Hank Uhden and Diane Walker Tompkins

Public Present: Ken Mills - UW State Veterinarian Laboratory

Jim Wangberg - UW College of Agriculture

Steve Horn - UW Animal Sciences

Bill Taliafero - Sweetwater Predatory Animal Board

Marvin Applequist, Wyoming Farm Bureau

Larry Baesler, Wildlife Federation

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by John Etchepare, Co-Chair ADMB. An introduction and welcome to the Mary Mead Wing was provided by Dr. Steve Horn. Introductions were given by all attendees. Wolverines was added as a discussion topic to the agenda. Approval of the agenda was moved by D Dominici and seconded by G Arthur. Motion passed. Minutes from the July 8 meeting in Casper were moved to be approved by L Moberg and seconded by G Arthur. Motion passed.

Rabies: A rabies update was given by H Uhden. Both comments received during the public comment period were for the adoption of the Rule and there were no requests for a public comment meeting. They will now go to the Legislative Services Office and then to the Governor for signature. Uhden noted it was still about 60 days out until signature. He added that the rabies brochure is ready to be mailed and there was about 3,000 mailings to be done and will be through this month. The State vet lab, State livestock board, the Wyoming Department of Health were all sent a quantity of brochures to include in their next newsletter. K Mills continued the rabies update with the 2003 rabies report. Uhden said the proposed budget for rabies was \$180,000 for the biennium. At the request of the legislature, a budget was created for the rabies program. R Krischke provided an update on Wildlife Services oral baiting program for skunks.

Wolverines: An update on wolverines was given by H Uhden for D Staiger who was unable to attend the meeting. Staiger wanted to know if the board wanted him to continue to gather information given that the Fish and Wildlife Services announced the wolverine did not warrant listing at this time. \$5400 remains in his budget that could be returned to the board if it is decided to discontinue the project. It was moved by N Hanson and seconded by H Jones for Staiger to continue gather data on the wolverine as his project was originally designed and approved.

Newspaper Releases: H Uhden reviewed the request by the board from the July meeting for a person to write newspaper articles about the ADMB. Jim Wanberg from the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture talked about the student interns with his program who expressed an interest in writing for the ADMB. H Jones moved to interview for a student intern with a budget to be adopted by the board at a later date.. It was seconded by B Lamb. Motion passed. B Lamb moved that \$2,000 be budgeted for the I & E Committee to target 5 articles with some advertisement to promote the ADMB with the first article, an overview, to be completed before the Legislative session begins (approximately February 10, 2004). G Arthur seconded. Motion passed.

State Fair and Game and Fish Expo Updates: H Uhden gave a brief update of public attendance to the booths for the ADMB at both the State Fair and Game and Fish Expo.

Symposium Update: H Uhden updated the board on the funds donated and funds expended for the symposium. Uhden noted more was spent this year mostly in the administrative area for the symposium than last. The actual attendance this year was 78. The feedback was mostly positive. Uhden thanked board members Rod Krischke, Helen Jones, and Jerry Sanders for setting both the agenda and tone for a successful symposium.

ADMB Website: Uhden said there was a question as to whether the board wanted a separate rabies website. N Hanson moved to have the rabies website separate from the ADMB website and was seconded by B Lamb. Motion passed. R Krischke wanted the ADMB to get credit for sponsoring the website. Uhden said he would look around for a catchy web domain name and pass that information on to the board.

ADMB/PAB Funding Concept: H Uhden briefed the board on the support for the concept by various county PABs throughout the state. N Hansen moved to adopt the funding concept as presented. L Moberg seconded. Motion passed.

Sage Grouse Project Update: Bryce Reece was unable to attend the meeting today. He faxed his report and H Uhden made copies to distribute to the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The remainder of the meeting included the 2004 - 2009 Strategic Planning Session.