

Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board Meeting - Amended 7 July 2005
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
Cheyenne, WY
January 20, 2005

Board Members Present: John Etchepare, Terry Cleveland, Helen Jones, Gene Hardy, Brad Boner, Dave Roberts, Dan McCarron, Dick Staiger, Jane Darnell, Rod Krischke, Dick Staiger, Ben Lamb.

Board Members Absent: Linda Moberg, Niels Hansen, Dominic Dominici

Board Administrators Present: Roy Reichenbach, Hank Uhden, Diane Walker Tompkins.

Public and Guests: Tom Jones, Johnson County PAB; Jamie Snow, Wyoming Department of Health; Craig Acres, APHIS/WS; John Dahlke, Upper Green River Basin Sage Grouse Working Group; Peter Camino, Johnson County PAB; Chuck Graf, Wildlife Services/Weston County; Bob Wharff, Sportsman for Fishing and Wildlife Wyoming; Steve Horn, University of Wyoming; Tracy Frye, APHIS/WS; Rod Merrill, APHIS/WS; Will Radsevich, University of Wyoming; Bryce Reece, Wyoming Woolgrowers Association

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by co-chair Terry Cleveland. B Boner moved and R Krischke seconded to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2004 meeting in Casper. Motion passed. H Uhden asked for the update portion of the agenda be moved to before the Sage Grouse Application Review. It was pointed out that the Sage Grouse preview is a scheduled conference call. Uhden said the update could be interrupted for the conference call. D McCarron moved and G Hardy moved to approve the agenda with changes. Motion passed.

Rabies:

Wyoming Department of Health: Dr. Jamie Snow gave a brief overview of her project, "Serosurvey in Coyotes in Northeastern Wyoming for Plague". H Uhden mentioned that while rabies has been statutorily defined and plague has not, the information collected from these two projects would dovetail with other rabies information being collected and fit with one of the Board's duties for rabies and public health and safety. Uhden also noted that stomach contents of some of the animals could be done at the same time the plague survey was being done.

This was followed by her presentation for a project entitled, "Wyoming Department of Health: Rabies Education." Peter Camino and Bruce Hepp talked about the need for rabies monitoring and education in Johnson County.

K Powers moved to fund: \$19,306 for the CDC Coyote Plague Study
1,050 additional to above for gut content and rabies sampling
10,519 for WY Dept of Health Rabies Education
22,500 for ½ of the Johnson CO Rabies Mitigation Pilot Project
25,000 for a budget item to be held in reserve for rabies sampling
for a total of: \$78,375

Motion seconded by B Lamb. Powers said he would listen to an amendment to his motion. D McCarron moved to separate out each project for individual discussion. Second by R Staiger. Amendment to Motion failed. Motion passed.

Niobrara County - Rawhide Project Update & Request: H Uhden briefed the Board on the request from the Niobrara County Predatory Board's request to have returned to them the unused portion of the original \$30,000 funding. This amounts to \$1,839.25 which has already been returned and deposited into the ADMB account. The PAB is requesting to use this amount for re-entry into the project area in the late winter and early spring 05. Motion to return the money was made by H Jones and second by K Powers. Motion failed.

Sheridan County - Cost Share Request: Uhden briefed the Board on the Sheridan County PAB's request for a 10% cost share for the direct trapper expense. This amount would be up to \$2,700 and would be billed to the ADMB. H Jones moved to approve the funding *up to* \$2,700. Second by D McCarron. Motion passed.

Big Horn County - Funding Request: Uhden reviewed the Big Horn County request for funding for \$15,000 to pay for aerial hunting. Park County submitted a similar request for \$65,000 in funding. These funding requests were tabled until the next meeting. In the meantime, co-chairs Etchepare and Cleveland will have the Attorney General review these requests and recommend how to proceed .

Goshen County Projects: None

Sheridan County - Badger Creek/Hanging Woman Project: The Sheridan County PAB requested the Board table their project for one year because they were unable to complete it due to the weather. R Staiger moved and B Lamb seconded a motion to send the Sheridan PAB a letter to request the funding be sent back to the ADMB. Motion passed.

Carbon County: A letter from Board member N Hanson was read and discussed. No formal action needed or taken.

Sage Grouse Project Application Review:

Sage Grouse Nest Predation Validation Study - Dean Clause presented this project entitled, Amount requested was \$10,000.

Evaluating Relationships between Raptor Productivity and Sage-grouse Populations in Northeast Wyoming - This project was presented by Amount requested was \$6920.

Fremont County Sage Grouse and Mule Deer Project - presented this 3 year proposal. First year funding request was for \$3,080.

After discussion of all three projects, R Krischke moved the Fremont County project be revisited for further consideration. Second by B Boner. Motion failed. R Staiger moved and B Lamb seconded a motion to fund; **\$10,000** for the “Sage Grouse Nest Predation Validation Study”
6,920 for “Evaluating Relationships Between Raptor productivity and Sage-grouse Populations in Northeast Wyoming”
3,080 for “Fremont County Sage Grouse and Mule Deer Project”
(Fremont County will be requested to re-apply for additional funding the next round of application review. Motion passed.

B Boner proposed that in the future, the Board vote on each project individually. It was also suggested that Hank provide the Board with a sheet showing the amounts requested for each project.

Center for Wildlife Information: This item agenda was removed because the presenter did not show.

Updates: H Uhden provided updates on the 2004 Annual report, project summaries and the “Living with Wolves - Conflict Resolution and Management Strategies” wolf symposium. Co-chairs Etchepare and Cleveland provided a legislative overview and summary of bills that hold and interest the Board.

The next Board meeting was set for March 14 to coincide the wolf symposium.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.