

Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board Meeting
Sheridan Holiday Inn
Sheridan, WY
March 14, 2005

Board Members Present: John Etchepare, Rod Krischke, Linda Moberg, Dan McCarron, Dominic Domenici, Gene Hardy, Dave Roberts, Niels Hansen, Dick Staiger, Helen Jones, Kerry Powers, and Ben Lamb.

Board Members Absent: Terry Cleveland, Brad Boner, and Jane Darnell.

Board Administrators Present: Hank Uhden and Diane Walker Tompkins.

Public and Guests: Jim Knight, Montana State University Extension; Carolyn Nistler, Montana State University Extension; Arlene Brown, Wyoming Board of Agriculture; Jim Schwartz, Wyoming Department of Agriculture; Meghan Lally, Wyoming Board of Agriculture; Spencer Ellis, Wyoming Board of Agriculture; and Jim Magagna, Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by co-chair J Etchepare at 1:15pm. It was pointed out that the previous minutes contained 3 errors. Under "Board Members Present", Dick Staiger's name appears twice. Under "Public and Guests" Rodevich should be spelled Radosevich. Under "Sage Grouse Project Application Review", the first requested amount and the third requested amount should be reversed. R Krischke moved and T Powers seconded to adopt the minutes as corrected.

Cattle Stats: H Uhden passed out a Wyoming Statistical Office publication entitled, "Cattle Losses to all Causes 2004". This is the survey that the Wyoming Business Council and the ADMB co-funded.

Livestock behavior in response to localized wolf activity: Jim Knight and Carolyn Nistler from the University of Montana, Cooperative Extension gave a short presentation of their research on wolf predation on livestock. They were looking for a large ranch area in Wyoming to do a similar project.

2006 ADMB Stamp: D Staiger led the discussion about the 2006 ADMB stamp. Discussion culminated in a motion by Staiger to have the Sage Grouse be the next subject for the ADMB stamp. Second by L Moberg. Motion passed. This information will be forwarded to stamp artist, Dolores Halstead. D Staiger moved to have the stamp price remain at \$10.00. Second by D McCarron. Motion passed. The group decided against having a 2007 stamp art contest.

10% Cost Share Program details: H Uhden told the board that the information for this program are at the Attorney General's office and that we are waiting direction from that office on how to proceed.

Eagle Depredation/Falconry permits: D McCarron gave a short presentation on a federal proposal for the use of captive eagles for the sport of falconry. The comment period for this ends in May.

Data utilization from Real West Natural Resource Consulting: D Staiger moved to solicit information from other agencies that may have been conducting studies in the same areas and at the same time Amber Travsky from Real West Natural Resource Consulting was collecting data for the ADMB. L Moberg second. During the course of the discussion, B Lamb volunteered to gather the data for the Board. Motion passed.

Park and Big Horn County requests (tabled from January 20, 2005 meeting): D Staiger moved and B Lamb seconded to table the discussion on this agenda item until the next meeting and to wait for the Attorney General opinion.

Updates:

Legislative Update: Various 2005 session bills of interest were covered as an overview.

Appointments - 3 Vacancies (Boner, Staiger, Moberg): H Uhden reminded everyone to help solicit persons for these vacancies. The form for potential board members and the Governor's cover letter was passed out to the board.

Living w/ Wolves Symposium: H Uhden briefed the Board on the symposium. The preliminary numbers from the University look good.

Game and Fish Sage Grouse Project: T Powers moved and D McCarron seconded to make the payment for this project directly to the project consultant. Motion passed.

Next meeting date and place: July 12 and 13, Casper

Board Comment: N Hanson moved for the ADMB to request \$400,000.00 in permanent funding and to remove the sunset date. Second by D McCarron. After discussion, D Staiger moved to amend the dollar amount to \$500,000.00. Second by G Hardy. After more discussion, B Lamb moved to strike the request for removal of the sunset date. Second by D McCarron. Lamb's motion failed. Staiger's motion passed. The amended original motion also passed.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: H Jones moved to adjourn and D McCarron second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4pm.