

# CROOK COUNTY PREDATOR ANIMAL DISTRICT

Monday, December 15, 2015  
Hulett Town Hall, 6:00 PM

## Public Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: The Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Jerry Ista at 6:00 PM.
  
- 2) Roll Call: Jerry Ista, Dennis Williams, John Moline, JW Nuckolls, Larry Fowlkes, Mike Smith, Jim Dacar, Dallas Rolf. Absent: Mike Idler and Miles Shoun. Guests: Paul Kokes (APHIS) and Kent Drake, WDA; Chris Teeter and John D. Davis WY G&F. Trappers Present: George Ridinger, Mike Hooper, Kelly Huseby, Aaron Freund. Mark Huseby absent. There were 3 (three) local land owner/operators and interested parties present and Darla West, Contract Sec. Present.
  
- 3) Open Discussion with Wyoming Game and Fish Department.  
John D. Davis and Chris Teeter with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department discussed current hunt seasons and harvest numbers for Crook County/NE Wyoming lions, deer (white-tail and mule), elk, turkey, grouse and bear. Relative to lion quotas which has impacted trapper time with substantial increases over the past year; the G&F noted that we were currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3 year regulations. This year Area 1 closed mid Nov. This area has closed with 6 days time for the last 4 years. Chris Teeter encouraged responses from the Board and others they may speak with on the annual landowner coupon surveys. Relative to deer season changes and license changes for deer several suggestions were made. G&F will be holding public meetings for comments in Hulett and in Sundance the end of March. They are also asking for comments in their annual hunter surveys along with comments that can be made on line at their web site prior to March 1, 2015. Relative to elk numbers the targeted number of kills this year in area 116 were rough, according to John D. Davis.

4) PUBLIC MEETING Called to Order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Jim Dacar moved to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding Annual Predator Fee Set. Motion Seconded by Larry Fowlkes. Motion Carried.

5) Elect a Chairman and a Secretary who shall elect as election judges:

In order to vote – a self certification list was presented for signatures. (On file.) Mike Smith and Darla West were unanimously elected to serve during election process; Chairman and Secretary respectfully.

A) Nominations to Board and Election to the Board (Livestock Directors pursuant to WS 11-6-202 (a)(i)(ii)(iii):

Terms expiring were currently held by:

(Cattle) John Moline

(Sheep) Larry Fowlkes

Appointments from County Commissioners:

Mike Smith (At-Large)

B) Nominations to Board, Appointments to Board and Election of Officers:

(Livestock Directors pursuant to WS 11-6-202 (a)(i)(ii)(iii):

1. Cattle Position:

Nominations were open to fill the Cattle position. John Moline was singularly nominated by JW Nuckolls and seconded by Dennis Williams and will retain this position by unanimous vote.

2. Sheep Position:

Nominations were open to fill the Sheep position. Larry Fowlkes was singularly nominated by John Moline; seconded by Jim Dacar and will retain this position by unanimous vote.

3. County Appointment to Board Representing At-Large Interests:

Mike Smith was Appointed by Crook County Commissioners to represent At-Large.

4. County Appointment to Board Representing Sportsman Interests:

Position is still open. The Board suggested contacting Arlyn Anderson and Ralph Dampman.

C) All Directors: Oath of Office:

All officers took the Oath of Office according to State Statutes.

D) Vote to Elect President, Vice-President, and Treasurer:

1. President:

Jim Dacar nominated Jerry Ista to serve as Chairperson. Motion Seconded by John Moline. With no further nominations, nominations ceased. Unanimous vote was cast.

2. Vice President:

Dennis Williams nominated Larry Fowlkes. Motion Seconded by John Moline. Nominations ceased. Unanimous vote was cast.

3. Treasurer:

Jerry Ista appointed JW Nuckolls to serve as Treasurer.

4. Secretary:

Jerry Ista appointed Darla West to continue to serve as Contracted Executive Secretary.

E) Annual Predator Fee Assessed

John Moline motioned to assess \$1.00 per head for sheep and cattle for the 2015 FY. Jim Dacar seconded. Motion Carried.

**The meeting was turned back over to Jerry Ista as Chair:**

6) Reading and Approval Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes for the previous meeting (March 2013) were presented and read. JW Nuckolls moved to approve as read. Motion Seconded by Jim Dacar. Motion Carried.

7) Treasurer's Report - Vouchers

JW Nuckolls and Darla West presented the annual Treasurer's Reports. After review and discussion, Jim Dacar motioned for acceptance of Treasurer's Report, Seconded by Dallas Rolf. Motion Carried. A summary of that report is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. Vouchers presented for signatures were moved to the end of the meeting.

## 8) Old Business

### Action Between Meetings:

Jerry Ista, on behalf of the Board signed the contract with WDA for the FY 2014-2015 Grant. The budget was adjusted showing additionally needed funds to be pulled from savings in order to balance the budget for shortfall. The Annual contract/MOU with APHIS was also signed for the FY. Audit reports were completed and signed for the 2013-2014 FY.

## 9) New Business

- A) The Board was informed of Board Training being offered by the Crook County Commissioners in January. Anyone interested in participating was encouraged to RSVP directly. Pertinent information was provided.
- B) New Flight Contracts were given provided to the trappers/gunners for signature. The new agreements were required under the WDA / APHIS because wolves are no longer allowed due to the State's Wolf Management Plan changes.

## 10) Kent Drake, WDA

Kent Drake, Wyoming Department of Agriculture discussed with the Board legislative issues, changes in the Wolf Management Plan for the State, and budget concerns over the next biennium.

## 11) Trappers Report

Paul Kokes gave a brief report to the group. FY numbers were provided. There were questions and answers from the floor addressed to the trappers. George reported 347 coyotes and 18 dens taken in CY 2014 covering 686,880 acres; 1200+ man days; 120+ active agreements in the county. Mark took 34 coyotes 3 fox. Mike Hooper reported 15 coyotes/dens on approximately 30 landowners as ground crew. APHIS totals show 2 badgers, 8 beavers, 2 bobcats, 340 coyotes, 19 dens, 34 fox, 2 porcupine, 10 raccoons, 10 skunks. Livestock loss verified includes chickens, goats and sheep for financial \$1582.00. The trappers were all in agreement that the litters were larger this year than last.

## 12) Executive Session 8:20 PM – 9:30 PM

The Board adjourned the Public Meeting and convened into Executive Session to speak to each of the trappers individually.

13) Administrative: Vouchers

The Board reconvened to regular business at 9:30 PM to sign vouchers as submitted.

14) Calendar – Tentative Next Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of March. Official date and time to be announced. Purpose for the meeting will be Refund Requests, Budget and Grant Application for next FY.

15) Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Darla West, Executive Secretary

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Jerry Ista, Chairman