

CROOK COUNTY PREDATOR ANIMAL DISTRICT

Monday, December 14, 2015
Hulett Town Hall, 6:00 PM

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, and Mike Idler. Guests: Paul Kokes (APHIS) John D. Davis WY G&F. Trappers Present: George Ridinger, Mike Hooper, Nick Smith. Mark Huseby and Kelly Huseby absent. There were 18 (eighteen) local land owner/operators and interested parties present and Darla West, Contract Sec.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: JW motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business after the next chairperson named: 1) the designation of Summit National Bank being the "Designated Financial Institution" for checking account, savings account, and the organizational/refund account. 2) the designation of Sundance State Bank being the "Designated Financial Institution" to hold PAB CD's through the 2015 CY. 3) Annual Predator Fee Assessed to be established. John Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
- 4) Minutes to the last meeting:
Jerry asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Sept. meeting. None voiced. Jerry declared that the minutes be approved as written and read.
- 5) Treasurer's Report:
Business checking 150,946.81 Business Savings: \$23520.92 Org: \$500.37
CD's: \$50,729.83 \$204,444.58 (Int. .4 / .6 respectfully)
Expended funds to date for this FY under grant - spreadsheet provided and discussed.
Mike Smith moved to approve the Treasurer's report and accept the vouchers as presented.
Motion Seconded by Jim Dacar. Motion Carried.

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

The Board, along with 28 interested individuals from the community, took a moment to present Jerry Ista with a gift and show their appreciation for just short of 10 years of service to the Board; six years serving as Chair. Jerry not seeking re-election; thanked everyone for their support and left the meeting.

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 Bill Dirks were appointed by Jerry Ista, Chair, to serve during election process; Chairman and Secretary respectfully. Darla West was asked by Mike Smith to address the crowd with the rules for nominating and voting in the election according to State Statutes.

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) Jerry Ista

(Sheep) Dennis Williams

Appointments from County Commissioners:

Dallas Rolf (Sportsman)

Appointment to County Commissioners to fill position vacated by Bob Gilbert

(Resignation letter provided)

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 Ridinger nominated Mike Dirks. Seconded by Bill Dirks. Jim Dacar nominated Alan Ista. Seconded by John Moline. JW moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Terry Goodvin. Ballots were cast and Mike Dirks was elected.

2. Sheep Position:

Nominations were open to fill the Sheep position. Terry Goodvin nominated Dennis Williams; seconded by Jim Dacar. JW moved that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast. Motion Seconded by John Moline. Motion Carried. Dennis was elected to another three year term.

County Appointment to Board Representing Sportsman Interests:

Dallas Rolf was appointed by Crook County Commissioners to serve his second three year term.

3. County Appointment to Board Representing Sportsman Interests:

Position is open. Dan Redding was recommended from the floor. The Board agreed to make recommendation to the County Commissioners for Dan Redding to fill position vacancy of Bob Gilbert. Bob Gilbert had presented the Board with a letter of resignation due to illness and planned move to Platte County.

C) All Directors: Oath of Office:

Mike Smith led all officers took the 'Oath of Office' according to State Statutes.

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

1. President:

Mike Smith nominated Jim Dacar to serve as Chairperson. Dennis Williams nominated John Moline. Both nominations were seconded by Dallas Rolf. With no further nominations, nominations ceased. Ballot was cast. Jim Dacar was elected. Motion Carried.

2. Vice President:

John Moline was nominated by JW Nuckolls. Motion Seconded by Dennis Williams. Nominations ceased. Unanimous vote was cast.

3. Treasurer:

Jim Dacar appointed JW Nuckolls to serve as Treasurer.

4. Secretary:

Jim Dacar 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 2016 FY.

Dennis Williams seconded. Motion Carried.

The meeting was turned over to Jim Dacar as Chair:

7) New Business:

A) Discussion with Game & Fish

John D. Davis, representing WY Game and Fish held open discussion with the crowd regarding deer numbers, licenses in 2016; mountain lion numbers and areas filled; schedule and plans for the next three years with mt lion quotas; bears, wolves and elk numbers.

B) Trapper Reports: Aphis

Paul shared numbers from APHIS records for 2015: 8 people worked 101 landowner contract agreements with 122.5 flight hours with 154 coyotes taken by air. Total air/ground hours were 3172 hours, resulting in 360 coyotes taken on the ground, 22 coyote dens and 2 fox dens. This compares to 543 coyotes taken in 2009. 2015 Livestock losses that were verified on the ground was \$1404 including 2 adult sheep taken by bear. A small fraction of presumed actual numbers due to the verification processes. Paul mentioned the on-going effort for new land-owner/operator trespass agreements.

Jim Dacar introduced to the crowd Nick Smith. Nick Smith was primarily hired as a gunner/air position and ground trapping secondary. Jim explained this was different from our previous two trappers and thus was the reason for the hire of the additional private contractor.

C) Trapper Reports: Mike Hooper

Jim Dacar introduced to the crowd, Mike Hooper. It was noted that landowner trespass agreements were being sought on properties Mike Hooper was working; similar to but different and separate from APHIS agreements. It was also noted for the crowd that properties in which Mike Hooper (private contractor) works; for the CCPAB; could not be served by the Federal trappers.

8) Treasurer's Report - Vouchers

JW Nuckolls and Darla West presented the annual Treasurer's Report for the public. After review and no discussion, John Moline moved 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.

9) Old Business

A) Contract with Mike Hooper for 1-year was reviewed again, and approved. John Moline motioned for the contract to be signed as written, with verification from Mike Hooper had said insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Larry Fowlkes. Motion Carried.

B) Dennis Williams moved that Mike Hooper needed training on certain uses of trapper equipment/tools. There is an annual training offered in WY through APHIS. Motion for Mike to attend this training and for his expenses to be covered was Seconded by Mike Idler. Motion Carried.

C) JW Nuckolls, John Moline and Darla West attended a meeting by the Association of Predator Boards, held in Casper in November. All three reported to the Board their respective account of that meeting.

10) Calendar – Tentative Next Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Monday in March. Official 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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Darla West, Executive Secretary

Jim Dacar, Chairman