

CROOK COUNTY PREDATOR ANIMAL DISTRICT

Hulett Town Hall, Hulett WY

Tues. March 10, 2015
6:00 PM

Minutes

I. Call to Order –

Jerry Ista called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Roll Call -

Present: Jerry Ista, JW Nuckolls, Mike Smith, Mike Idler, Dallas Rolf, Jim Dacar, Larry Fowlkes, Bob Gilbert, and John Moline. Absent: Dennis Williams. Paul Kokes, Kelly Huseby, George Ridinger, Aaron Freund, Mike Hooper were present; Mark Huseby was absent. Darla West also present.

Bob Gilbert, newly appointed by County Commissioners to fill a sportsman position took the Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Board Members.

III. Minutes -

A motion was made by Jim Dacar and seconded by John Moline to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report –

Mike Smith Moved to Approve the Treasurer's report, vouchers and expenditures. Seconded by John Moline. Motion Carried.

CD's - \$50,578.35 / \$203,529.84 Checking - \$156,106.65 (ck # 1680 outstanding \$224.93) Savings - \$23,519.13.

FY to date funds used by Grant – July 1 to Present - presented. Is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof.

Predator Refund Requests – Livestock fees collected and returned to Crook County since March 2014 – totals \$60,210.05. Five percent for predator requests = \$3010.50. Refund requests total less than that amount, for a total of \$1119.00; \$1063.05 to be refunded.

Vouchers – Bills, paid and to-be paid, were presented for Review. Motion made by Mike Smith and Seconded by Larry Fowlkes to accept. Motion Carried.

Public Funds Affidavit – Summit National Bank - Document presented and signed by Jerry Ista, Chair.

Bond – Western - This document had been lost in the mail. A copy of the original was provided to JW Nuckolls to take to the County Courthouse.

V. Trapper's Reports -

Each trapper gave their reports on takes since the December meeting.

VI. Old Business -

New Flight Contracts – Tabled since Mark was not present to sign.

VII. New Business -

a. Wildlife Services MOU

Motion was made by Bob Gilbert and Seconded by Jim Dacar to not sign the contract with APHIS for the 2015 FY. After discussion the Board voted to discontinue contracting with APHIS for their ground crew while agreeing to keep the portion of the contract for flight time at 225 hours. The Motion Carried by majority vote with JW Nuckolls voting not-in-favor of the change.

b. Personnel

Jerry announced that Aaron Freund (APHIS Trapper) had accepted a job in ND and March 20th would be his last day. Aaron was asked to share with Kelly and George the locations of any traps left in order that they would not be left unattended. The Board thanked Aaron for his service and hard work. The Board will meet again to interview possible trappers.

C. Denning Crew Contracts

The Board tabled signing a contract with Mike Hooper until the following Monday when interviews would be held.

d. Grant Application, Contracts AND Budget – 2015/2016

The Board reviewed last year's application. Changes for this year were noted as the document was reviewed. A budget was drafted. Mike Smith made the motion to submit the grant and budget by April 1st, accordingly. Any budget adjustments that need to be made due to funding actually received through the grant process being less than requested will be adjusted on the line item showing more monies being pulled from savings. Contracted hours with Mark Huseby for airtime will remain at an approximate 115 hours at \$160/hr. Ground time for Mark Huseby and denning crew time (presumably with Mike Hooper) will remain as was budgeted last year. Administrative costs and contract/appointment with Darla West as Executive Secretary remains unchanged. Motion seconded by JW Nuckolls. Motion Carried.

e. Inventory

The Board reviewed inventory and made necessary adjustments.

f. State Pool Insurance

Motion was made by JW Nuckolls, Seconded by John Moline to purchase into the State Pool for Liability Insurance for the 2015 FY. Motion Carried.

VIII. The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2015 at the same location. This will be a special meeting for job interviews.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Jerry Ista, Chair

Darla West, Ex. Sec.

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Tues. March 16, 2015
5:00 PM

Special Meeting Minutes

- I. Jerry Ista called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Members present were Mike Smith, Dennis Williams, Dallas Rolf, Jerry Ista, Bob Gilbert, JW Nuckolls, Mike Idler, Larry Fowlkes, and John Moline.
- II. A Motion of Reconsideration was made by Bob Gilbert and Seconded by JW Nuckolls relative to the change in current ties with Wildlife Services (APHIS). Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the possible limitations that would be imposed upon them for privately contracting with trappers rather than signing the standard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with APHIS.

Their primary concern is keeping the airplane in Crook County that is currently manned by Kelly Huseby.

After consideration Bob Gilbert Moved to Table the final decision for contract/MOU terms until a new Director is hired and put in place at the State Office for Wildlife Services (APHIS) and a meeting can be held with that person to discuss issues that the Crook County Predatory Management Board feels needs to be addressed. The approximate time frame for this meeting is mid-May. Motion Seconded by JW Nuckolls. Motion Carried.

- III. Interviews: Executive Session
Due to previous action, the Board was unable to conduct interviews as they had planned after the March 10th meeting. They took the time to visit with potential candidates and explained their actions. In Executive Session the Board met with Mike Hooper and Tim Reed.
- IV. Dallas Rolf Moved to sign the Denning Contract as has been signed the two previous years, with Mike Hooper. The contract establishes limits on time and finances. 2015 FY will be the same as established in 2014. The start date for the contract will be April 1st for 2015. For additional information please refer. Signs will be provided for his automobile showing he is under contract with Crook County Predatory Management Board. Motion Seconded by JW Nuckolls. Motion Carried.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with the next meeting being a Special Meeting to meet with APHIS Director approximately mid-May. Motion made by John Moline, Seconded by Dallas Rolf. Carried.

Jerry Ista

Mike Smith, acting Secretary

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