



Predatory Animal & Rodent Control Committee Meeting Minutes

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AGENDA

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Darrell Pursel

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll call

Committee members: Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Pete Paris, Tom Barnes, Cody Krenka, Darrell Pursel, Casey Kiel, Jim Puryear

Sparks staff: Doug Farris, Julia Ketcham

Guests: Pat Jackson (NDOW), Mike Scott (NDOW), Richard Yien (DAG), Mark Ono (USDA), Doug Busselman (Nevada Farm Bureau)

2. Public Comment

Doug Busselman – one of the things we’re hoping will come this year is maybe a better understanding of what programs this committee is engaged with. We are very interested in engaging more efforts in rodent control as well as more effort in the area of general predator control. One of the things we are not clear on is what funding is available towards this program to being carried out as well as not just the overall program we need to understand where the federal program and their budgets are to include where their limitations or opportunities areas well as the State Department of Agriculture what their role is and how they fit into the over all program. So we would hope that information would come from the committee and what we are already doing.

Jim Puryear – We’re interested as the Guides Association and the Nevada Big Horns Unlimited. We have all that money set aside in NDOW for Predator Control and all they have been doing so far is studying predators. For anyone that has been around it for more than four or five years that grew up with it – ranching, hunting or anything knows we really need some of this. We can study it to death but it doesn’t help our herds and we would like to see if we could have the wildlife commission get more involved and spend some money harvesting predators. Whether its through Wildlife funding or whatever and that’s what we would like to see.

End of public comment

3. Minutes

- a. *Approval of February 18, 2021, committee meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Cody Krenka motioned to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Tom Barnes seconded this motion. The motion passed.



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4. Committee Business

- a. *Committee selection of new Chair for 2022, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Pete Paris nominated Cody Krenka. Tom Barnes seconded this motion. The motion passed. Doug Farris had a question for DAG – Richard Yien in that Cody filled the Sportsman representation and committee member as appointed by Chair Darrel Pursel and can also serve as a Chair and a Sportsman position. Richard Yien would need to read NRS to give better direction. Chairman Pursel noted that he not only is Chairman of the Committee but he also is representative for Farm Bureau. Noted need to complete this meeting. Richard Yien noted to complete

Motion by Jim Puryear to close nomination – Tom Barnes seconded the motion. Cody Krenka was then noted as becoming Chair of the Committee.

- b. *Committee selection of new Vice Chair for 2022, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Pete Paris nominated Dr. Azzam. Dr. Azzam rejected nomination as during the pandemic he was already working 72 hours a week. Cody is allowed to appoint the Vice Chair per NRS. Cody then requested Pete Paris – Pete rejected. Cody asked Jim Puryear who inquired about the time needed per week and it was noted that there would only be one meeting per year. Jim then agreed and committee passed the motion passed.

- c. *Chair designation of 2 members, per NRS 567.030 (*for possible action*)

Chair and Vice Chair are those designation – no objections and unless Richard Yien sees a conflict in NRS.

- d. *Nevada Department of Wildlife FY2023 Predator Control Plan presentation and coordination of submission of comments – Pat Jackson, Nevada Department of Wildlife (*for possible action*)

Presentation of additional information regarding new goals and focus. Question and answer session between the committee and NDOW staff.

Cody Krenka – Mule Deer enhancement committees reached out to NDOW? 5 proposed predator and oversight committee initially approved all 5 and sent them to wildlife damage management committee who will meet in March. Have not heard from particular mule deer enhancement committee. On the Raven \$170,000 waiting for permit and should be discuss where to allocate those funds. Could put a rider that if NDOW take was not increased that the funds be spent somewhere else. Opinions as to what to do with funds – Tom Barnes



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wants to see funds spent on the enhancement projects. Pete also agrees with Cody and Tom in keeping projects moving.

Motion of recommendation for diversion of funds – Committee can accept with Recommended today will be shared with Wildlife Damage committee and then Wildlife commission

Jim Puryear suggest they fund all projects within Mule Deer Management – Seconded by Pete Paris – Motion passed

Pat Jackson will verbally share recommendations and minutes with Wildlife Commission.

Motion to approve as is – Tom Barnes moved and Pete Paris seconded – motion passed

e. NDA program update – Doug Farris, NDA Administrator (*for information*)

7 State EE's work for Dept of Agriculture, employed through Dept of Agriculture but with a MOU and financial plan with USDA – Wildlife Services. There are 4 vacant positions; one acceptance in the Gardnerville Area in April; a position in Ely that has been offered to a successful candidate; another retiring out Fallon and an Ely position will be moved to Elko. Attachments go over what we do in conjunction with USDA – Wildlife Services.

No questions.

f. Progress update on Predatory Animal and Rodent Control program by USDA Wildlife Services – Mark Ono, State Director, Nevada USDA-APHIS-WS (*for information*)

Nevada Wildlife Collaboration been this way for almost 80yrs. Budget cuts, etc have reduced the number of employees down to 7. Background on federal program collaboration with Dept of Agriculture and Dept of Wildlife. Slides to describe where funding is allocated for rodent controls and predator controls with pesticides and aviation and limitations. Supervisors and Staff needing to be increased and due to funding is looking at getting direction from the Committee as to what is important for augmentations. What does committee find important to Agriculture and Wildlife?

Darrel Pursel – Northern part of State has problem with rodents / squirrels. Timing seems to be significant.

Darrel Pursel wanted to thank both Doug Farris and Mark Ono for the presentations and



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information.

Jim Puryear inquired as to helicopter or planes and how Big Horns Unlimited could assist in that purchase. Thanked everyone for their guidance and information being given.

g. *Meeting schedule 2023 discussion (*for information*)

Meet as needed as normal – probably in February of next year.

5. Public Comment

Doug Busselman – Appreciates the information given during meeting. Also sees that there is a huge issue if state staffing is 7 and 4 vacancies and 3 people currently on payroll. Some discussion could be a strategy to encourage full employment back to all 7 employees authorized. Need more people and something that outside organizations could work a strategy they'd be happy to help.

Mark Ono – when state has a vacancy or federal government gets out to associations when announced. Uses social media that can be shared and that has brought good candidates.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm with Darrel Pursel motioning and Jim Puryear seconded the motion. The motion passed.