

Name of Organization: Nevada PARC Committee Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: April 9, 2014

Place of Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 So. 21st St
Sparks, NV 89431
775-353-3601

Minutes

April 9, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Grant Wallace – Esmeralda (Dyer)
Reappointed Wildlife Commission 2011
Bevan Lister – Lincoln (Pioche)
NV Farm Bureau VP
Pete Paris – Elko (Jiggs)
Current Ag Board Term 1/13/14-10/31/16
Boyd Spratling – Elko (Deeth)
Current Ag Board Term - 1/31/12-10/31/14

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Ihsan Azzam – State Epidemiologist
Appointed Board of Health 2005

Staff Members Present:

Lynn Hettrick, Deputy Director
Dennis Belcourt, Deputy A.G
Flint Wright, Animal Service
Gina Breslow, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Mark Jensen-USDA-WS
Sam Saunders
Trevor Walch

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- 1. Open meeting-call to order, Deputy Director Lynn Hettrick, Secretary Designee
08:30 am**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Public Comment**
 - 4. Review from March 3, 2014 Information Meeting (no Minutes Taken)**
Explanation of Open Meeting Law, necessity of Action Items to be tabled to Open Meeting, and corrective actions immediately taken for this current Open Meeting to take place.
 - 5. *Nominations and Election of PARC Committee Chairperson (for possible action)**

*Boyd Spratling nominates Pete Paris, Bevan Lister Seconds, no other nominations.
Motion passes unanimously.*

Pete Paris, newly Elected Chairman of the PARC Committee, defers to Deputy Director Hettrick to continue running this meeting.

6. Agriculture and Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreements – USDA State Director Jensen (for discussion only)

Question is asked from public: Who has “Authority to sign these agreements?”

Answer: NDA Director is signature for Authority – all are 5 year agreements.

7. Review of NDOW Policy 23 (for discussion only)

Mark Jensen: Between the USDA & Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding “Predation Management Plan”. Grant Wallace: Just approved in Dec. 2013.

Mark Jensen requests a 10 minute break-Deputy Director recesses. As meeting reconvenes, it is discovered that video recording device had not been activated at the start of the meeting. IT is called into Sparks Conference room to activate. When the recording device is activated, discussion takes place on record that the Video Recording device was inadvertently inactivated. DAG, Dennis Belcourt, gives legal opinion that only passage of **ACTION item of Number Five, *Nomination and Election of Chairman, must be repeated aloud for the record.** Executive Assistant, reads motion, second and unanimous passage aloud. DAG directs Deputy Director to proceed from there and meeting resumes on Video Record.

8. *PARC NRS Financial Review (for possible action)

- How PARC is funded, ie: head tax etc

Pete Paris, for the record, “NV Woolgrowers doesn’t touch this money”.

- How its budget can be improved for the future of the program

There is a proposal to allow flexibility to raise head tax on sheep from .18 up to 1.50 in the future. This is a long way off, as it would have to be a Legislative Action. (*no action taken*)

9. *Upcoming Sunset Committee April 13th-14th (for possible action)

Administrator Wright states that he and Director Barbee plan to attend. (*no action taken*)

10. Discussion of Elko re-direct of sheep head tax issue (for discussion only)

Current system is redundant – new process would cut out unnecessary paperwork/mailings

11. Public Comment

12. Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2014 3:00 pm, Sparks NDA

13. Adjournment: Deputy Director Hettrick, 10:10 am