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Predatory Animal & Rodent Control Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024, 11:30 A.M.

Division of Animal Industry

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# Nevada Department of Agriculture

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**AGENDA**

# Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Cody Krenka

* 1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Roll call

Committee members: Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Bernard Petersen, Jim Puryear, Cody Krenka, Darrell Pursel.

Sparks staff: Doug Farris, Julia Ketcham, Will Dawson, Dr. J.J. Goicoechea, Chad Sestanovich, Ciara Ressel

Guests: Pat Jackson (NDOW), Shawn Espinosa (NDOW), Richard Yien (DAG), Mark Ono (USDA)

# Public Comment

None.

# Minutes

* 1. \*Approval of February 2, 2023 committee meeting minutes ***(for possible action)***

Bernard Petersen moved to approve the February 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Jim Puryear seconded this motion. The motion passed.

# Committee Business

* 1. \*Committee selection of new Chair for 2024, per NRS 567.040 ***(for possible action)***

Cody Krenka motioned to have Darrell Pursel take Chair position. Bernard Petersen seconded this motion. The motion passed. Darrell Pursel asked that Cody Krenka run remainder of meeting.

* 1. \*Committee selection of new Vice Chair for 2024, per NRS 567.040

***(for possible action)***

Darrell Pursel nominated Cody Krenka as Vice Chair. Bernard Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

* 1. \*Nevada Department of Wildlife FY2025 Predator Control Plan presentation and coordination of submission of comments – Pat Jackson, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) ***(for possible action)***

No notable changes made.

Jim Puryear had questions regarding the management of mountain lions on the Sheldon. Pat Jackson, staff specialist for NDOW, answered that, when able to capture lions, NDOW will use project 46 to capture and deploy GPS transmitters on mountain lions to increase understanding. Due to the ridged requirements for capture techniques, there have been no mountain lions captured.

Bernard Petersen asked if the area surveys of mule deer population is showing positive impacts and growth. Pat Jackson notes in various public meetings that NDOW is not always set up to make inferences on whether control is really working or not making those findings muddy.

Bernard Petersen made a motion to accept the plan as written and to be forwarded to Wildlife Commission. Darrell Pursel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

* 1. \*NDA Program Update: Doug Farris – now NDA Deputy Director; appointment of Chad Sestanovich, Administrator, Division of Animal Industry; appointment of Will Dawson, Deputy Administrator, Division of Animal Industry.

Budget account 4470 Dairy fund update of bird nuisance control. At the request of the industry, producers and cooperating partners to streamline practices and response times. In December, Director Goicochea allocated $10,000 in funding to purchase DRC-1339 through the assistance of USDA Wildlife Services acceptance and storage of product at their facility. An additional $10,000 has been requested for purchase of DRC-1339 and assistance from USDA Wildlife Services acceptance and storage of product at their facility.

No comments or questions.

* 1. \*Progress update on Predatory Animal and Rodent Control program by USDA Wildlife Services, Mark Ono. ***(for information)***

Fallon position for NDA / Wildlife Services is open for recruitment.

Grazing boards have provided $102,100 to the Wildlife Services Program which is a significant contribution to aviation program.

Warmish winters have increased Starlings and they are being eradicated with assistance from NDA’s purchase of DRC-1339.

* 1. **\***Meeting schedule discussion ***(for information)***

Committee discussed holding 2025 meeting as soon as possible after the NDOW Board meeting being held January 2025 – dates for this meeting have not been announced yet.

# Public Comment

No comments submitted

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm