



Predatory Animal & Rodent Control Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture

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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: Darrell Pursel, Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Pete Paris, Tom Barnes, Cody Krenka.

NDA Sparks staff: Doug Farris, Julia Ketcham.

Guests: Pat Jackson (NDOW), Mike Scott (NDOW), Brandee Mooneyhan (Nevada Deputy Attorney General), Mark Ono (USDA/WS)

2. **Public Comment**

None.

3. **Minutes**
 - a. *Approval of February 28, 2020 committee meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Tom Barnes moved to approve the February 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Cody Krenka seconded this motion. The motion passed.



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4. Committee Business

- a. *Committee selection of new Chair for 2021 and 2022, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Pete Paris motioned to keep Darrell Pursel. Tom Barnes seconded this motion. The motion passed. Tom Barnes made motion to close nominations and Pete Paris seconded this motion. The motion passed.

- b. *Committee selection of new Vice Chair for 2021 and 2022, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Pete Paris nominated retaining Tom Barnes as Vice Chair. Darrel Pursel seconded the motion. The motion passed. Pete Paris made motion to close nominations and Dr. Ihasan Azzam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Chair Pursel designated Cody Krenka, who accepted the position for Sportsman. The Guide position was recently vacated by Walt Gardner and has not been filled yet. The Committee will look within the Guides Association for a candidate to fill the position.

- d. *Nevada Department of Wildlife FY2020 Predator Control Plan presentation and coordination of submission of comments – Pat Jackson, Nevada Department of Wildlife (*for possible action*)

No notable changes made – no questions or comments on the plan as nothing has changed.

Pete Paris made a motion to accept the plan as written and to be forwarded to Wildlife Commission. Tom Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- e. *NDA Program Update, Doug Farris, Administrator for Animal Industry (*for information*)

Chairman's request for update as far as the partnership between USDA/WS and NDA. Seven (7) NDA staff members work for the Department of Agriculture. These staff members are employed through the Department of Agriculture but are supervised by USDA/WS under an MOU and financial plan with USDA/Wildlife Services. The program and plan will begin again in Spring 2021. The MOU and financial plan cover the salary for USDA/WS Ely District Supervisor who oversees a portion of the state employees and 8 leased federal vehicles that the state employees and USDA/WS District Supervisor drive in performance of their duties. It covers their travel and the tools for dog hires and ATV hires for performance of their duties. USDA and staff are responsible for



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supervising the NDA Employees. Mark Ono's update will encompass that specific data.

Budget account 4600 update: During the pandemic / COVID we were asked for budget cuts for FY22: 25% of travel and cuts to uniforms that could be done without. 12% was the directed percentage from the Governor's Office reduction to general funded accounts.

This budget account has approximately \$900,000.00 in general funds per fiscal year. That means that a little over \$100,000 budget reductions needed to be presented. While working closely with Director Ott and Mark Ono, we focused on the items like uniforms, travel, hires etc. with a focus of saving the 7 staff positions and cutting primarily operational costs.

No comments or questions.

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

Pete Paris commented that the interactions with USDA and Mark Ono has been a great asset to the program and wanted to thank Mark.

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

Committee discussed holding 2022 meeting as soon as possible after the NDOW Board meeting being held January 2022. Dates for this meeting have not been announced yet.

5. Public Comment

No comments submitted

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm with Pete Paris motioning and Tom Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed.