



State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023, 2:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Cody Krenka

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll call

Committee members in attendance: Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Cody Krenka, Darrell Pursel, Jim Puryear, Bernard Peterson

Sparks staff in attendance: Doug Farris, Julia Ketcham, Samantha Bellwood, Dr. J.J. Goicoechea

Guests: Pat Jackson (Nevada Department of Wildlife), Mike Scott (Nevada Department of Wildlife), Richard Yien (Nevada Deputy Attorney General), Mark Ono (United States Department of Agriculture), Fauna Tomlinson (Wildlife Management Damage Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Public Comment

Chairman Cody Krenka provided comment thanking those in attendance. Chairman Krenka believes attendance is important for the information provided during the meeting.

3. Minutes

- a. *Approval of February 10, 2022, committee meeting minutes (*for possible action*)

Jim Puryear motioned to approve the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes. Darrell Pursel seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Business

- a. *Committee selection of new Chair for 2023, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Chairman Krenka requested nominations for Chair and understood the current Chair could not be selected for consecutive years. Doug Farris and Richard Yien clarified that the rule in place was applied after two consecutive years and, therefore, Chairman Krenka can serve for one more year. Chairman Krenka agreed to remain in his current position. Darrell Pursel moved that Chairman Krenka retain position as Chair. Jim Puryear seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. *Committee selection of new Vice Chair for 2023, per NRS 567.040 (*for possible action*)

Jim Puryear was asked by Chairman Krenka if he was willing to remain Vice Chair for an additional year. Jim Puryear agreed. Chairman Krenka motioned to retain Jim



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Puryear as Vice Chair. Darrell Pursel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Two positions are currently available: Licensed Guides and Sportsmen. Chair Krenka and Vice Chair Puryear currently hold those positions and will remain in both positions for 2023.

- d. *Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) FY2024 Predation Management Plan presentation and coordination of submission of comments – Pat Jackson, Nevada Department of Wildlife (*for possible action*)

Any suggestions and input Pat Jackson receives from his presentation of the draft, from Wildlife Damage Management Committee and State Predatory Animal and Rodent Control Committee will be presented to Wildlife Board of Commissioners meeting in March.

Bernard Petersen motioned to approve the Predation Management Plan and coordination of comments as presented, Darrell Pursel seconded the motion. Split vote in favor to recommend the report as is.

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

Dr. Goicoechea was appointed Director of the NDA on January 12, 2023, and will serve as Executive Secretary for this Board. State Predatory Animal and Rodent Control staff vacancies have been filled since last meeting in 2022 and one position in Ely was moved to Elko position. Recommended budget is same as last Biennium. Increase in number of sheep reported to livestock tax assessment system.

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

Wildlife Services has been allotted increased funding compared to the previous fiscal year. The funds are very specific increases that include \$5 million to the National Feral Swine Program and \$2 million for the non-lethal initiative. Nevada's federal funding is identical to FY22. In addition to the seven state-filled positions, the Federal side of the program is fully staffed. The fixed wing pilot position will be vacant and will be advertised, soon. Assembly Bill (AB) 70, in Nevada's 82nd Legislative Session, is regards predatory fee expenditures and may focus funds on big game species. New staff have been hired and will be hired to assist with NDOW projects. Wildlife Services is planning to do an aviation operation to assist Nevada Woolgrowers and fulfill the



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agreement with them. This operation will happen during lambing season. Improvements have been made to State Predatory Animal and Rodent Control program by using proper coding within the time keeping system regarding NDA employees assisting with NDOW projects to include travel.

Mike Scott referred to AB70 language and to the \$14,000 that NDOW gives each year to the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control program each year. What the \$14,000 is for and where the direction for the funds came from? What is the history behind it? While there has been a thorough search, the NDA and NDOW is not sure of the history of the funding. Dr. Goicoechea will meet with NDOW Director Jeanne to discuss further..

g. *Meeting schedule 2024 discussion (*for information*)

Meetings will be scheduled as usual. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adjournment

Bernard Petersen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Darrel Pursel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.