

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Livestock Loss Board
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix AZ 85086

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman
Ty E. Gray
Stephen Clark (via telephone)
Sarahmarge Crigler
Mark Killian
Jim O'Haco (via telephone)
Dr. George Ruyle (via telephone)
Charles Kelly

(Staff)
Kevin Kinsall
Jim Odenkirk
Nancy Cline

1. Welcome and introductions

Chairman Van De Graaff welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting began at 1:35pm.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Van De Graaff led the roll call and noted attendance of the Board members. Board members present were: Stephen Clark from Glendale, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; Ty E. Gray from Phoenix, Director of Arizona Game and Fish Department; Jim F. O'Haco from Winslow, representing Livestock Industry; Dr. George Ruyle from Tucson, representing Faculty Member at the University; Mark Killian, Director of Arizona Department of Agriculture; Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry; and Charles Kelly from Phoenix, representing Wildlife Conservation and knowledge of Livestock.

Charles Kelly introduced himself as it was his first meeting. Other Board members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting

The members individually reviewed the drafted minutes.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 as written. Ty Gray moved, and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Approval of Corrected Minutes from February 5, 2019

Kevin Kinsall reviewed the correction that Sarahmarge Crigler abstained from voting on Grant 19.001.

MOTION: Approve the corrected Minutes from February 5, 2019. Steve Clark moved, and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Call to the Public

Chairman Van De Graaff invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards.

6. Depredation Claims

Mr. Kinsall gave two updates from the April 10, 2019 meeting:

AZLLB 19.036 confirmed the depredation occurred in Apache County not Catron County, NM. Payment was made to the applicant.

AZLLB19.035 The applicant will provide an invoice for the bull. The claim will be reset in the future.

Mr. Kinsall reviewed the following as stated in the handouts received:

Claim Number: AZLLB19.049

There is no policy for injured animals. The Board discussed how injuries to livestock should be added to the policy. Mark Killian volunteered to draft a rule for the members to review. Mr. Kinsall reminded the board of the dollar for dollar match requirement. Jim Odenkirk expressed his need to review the draft rule prior to distributing to the board members.

MOTION: To defer the claim at this time and send a letter to the claimant. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.050

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of \$1518.16. Ty Gray moved and Mark Killian seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.051

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of \$1916.56. Mark Killian moved and Ty Gray seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.052

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of \$1408.33. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Depredation Prevention Research Proposals

Mr. Kinsall advised that three applications are resubmittals from the last meeting.

Grant 19.006 is a new application for a ranger rider requesting \$5000.00. If approved, the applicant should agree to the research component: a report assessing the Range Riders effectiveness and recommendations for modifications in the future of how they might be used. Mr. Kinsall further explained the timeline and process for project completion.

MOTION: To approve AZLLBGRANT19.006. Mark Killian moved and Ty Gray seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Grant 19.007 is a repeat and is the most complicated. A Range Rider is requested in the amount of \$9000.00 and hay in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Mr. Kinsall explained the annual budget for the Grant requests. Two Grants received annually. Depredations receive approximately \$60,000.00 and that requires the match, which we are coming up with and Avoidance Grants get approximately \$120,000.00 which requires the applicant to come up with the match.

Mark Killian offered to have his department help the applicants write their grants in the future. Ken Van de Graaff told the members that empirical data is needed to determine if the Range Rider programs are working.

Mark Killian requested that the remaining three applications be approved on the condition that the Department of Agriculture and AZ Game and Fish work with the U of A in assisting applicants to gather the proper criteria. Each applicant must establish a baseline on wolf activity and use the baseline to measure what's happened as a result of the range rider. The metrics for success shall be defined in each request.

MOTION: To approve Grant 19.007. Mark Killian moved and Ty Gray seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To approve Grant 19.008. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To approve Grant 19.009. Mark Killian moved and Ty Gray seconded

VOTE: Unanimous

8. Livestock Guard Dog Forum

Mark Killian provided information on a Livestock Guardian Dog Forum for Ranchers on August 2, 2019 at the Round Valley High School Auditorium.

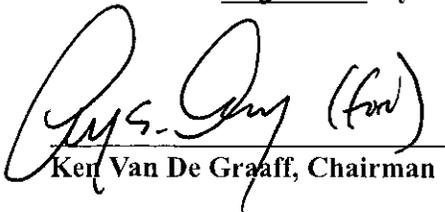
Chairman Van de Graaff will attend the Forum.

MOTION: Meeting to adjourn. Ty Gray moved and Charles Kelly seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Van De Graaff adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on the 24th day of July, 2019.



Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman