MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman
Ty E. Gray
Stephen Clark
Sarahmarge Crigler
Mark Killian - Phone
Jim O'Haco - Phone

Monday, September 16, 2019

(Staff)
Kevin Kinsall
Jim Odenkirk - Phone
Nancy Cline
Jim deVos
Jon Cooley

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1. Welcome and introductions

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

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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; Mark Killian, Director of Arizona Department of Agriculture and Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry.

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3. Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2019

The members individually reviewed the drafted minutes.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019, as written. Mark Killian moved, and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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4. Call to the Public

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

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Director Mark Killian gave an update on the Guardian Dog seminar that took place at the Round Valley High School Auditorium on August 2, 2019. Chairman Van DeGraaff and Sarahmarge Crigler attended the seminar and thought it was a positive experience.

5. Depredation Claims

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

Claim Number: AZLLB19.065

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1998.40. Ty Gray moved and Mark Killian seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.066

The Resource Owner, Lance Knight, provided documentation that the value of the animals in Claim Number 19.066 and 19.067 were registered Angus cattle, which typically sell for a greater amount than the standard payment rate allows. He requested $4,617.00 for the Angus Bull calf and $2050.00 for the Angus Heifer calf.

MOTION: To approve claim AZLLB19.066 in the amount of $4,617.00. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.067

MOTION: To approve claim AZLLB19.067 in the amount of $2050.00. Sarshmarge Crigler moved and Mark Killian seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.068

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1589.28. Ty Gray moved and Steve Clark seconded..

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.069

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1480.57 Sarahmarge Crigler moved and Mark Killian seconded..

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.070

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1480.57 Ty Gray moved and Mark Killian seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.071

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1985.84 Steve Clark moved and Ty Gray seconded..

VOTE: Unanimous.

Claim Number: AZLLB19.072

MOTION: To approve the claim in the amount of $1480.57. Ty Gray moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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6. Discuss sending a letter regarding insufficient funding and staffing at Wildlife Services

Wildlife Management Assistant Director, Jim deVos and Board member Sarahmarge Crigler, made the board aware of the personnel limitations at Wildlife Services and suggested sending a letter to Secretary Sonny Perdue, US Department of Agriculture and Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt.

USDA Wildlife Services Investigator, Sterling Simpson, even working on his days off, is unable to keep up with all of the depredations in a timely fashion. Mark Killian is willing to get someone from the Department of Agriculture trained in order to assist in the work.

It was requested that Kevin Kinsall draft a letter for the Board to review.

Steve Clark reminded the Board that Dr. George Ruyle was looking into grants to get a second person to help out in areas that are further South that Mr. Simpson cannot get to. He mentioned that Dr. Ruyle "came up empty" on the grant, but he wants that mentioned in the letter.

MOTION: Kevin Kinsall will draft a letter to Secretary Sonny Perdue and Secretary David Bernhardt. Mark Killian moved and Steve Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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7. Budget Update by Staff

Mr. Kinsall gave a budget update on the Depredation and Avoidance Grants. He will send a copy of the update to all the members.

MOTION: To accept the Budget Report. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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MOTION: Meeting to adjourn. Ty Gray moved and Steve Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Van De Graaff adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on the 16 day of Oct., 2019.

Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman